

MONEY IS A
GOOD SLAVE
BUT BAD IF IT
BECOMES A
MASTER



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28th Sunday Ordinary Time

Sunday Gospel

Mk 10:17-27

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus answered him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and your mother." He replied and said to him, "Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed at his words. So Jesus again said to them in reply, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!

It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves,

"Then who can be saved?"

Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God.

All things are possible for God."

Riches – Bad or Good

Fr. Alfonso Grageda



One of the richest men of all time was J. Paul Getty. He was worth between two and four billion dollars. Once he admitted that he could not take it with him when he dies. Another time he admitted that money cannot buy happiness, adding he believed money even had some connection with unhappiness.

How does this apply to us? First, consider two facts: 1. Every single one of us, no matter how much or how little we possess, will have to do what Jesus asked the young man to do; we will have to give up everything we have – at death. 2. Thousands of men and women throughout history voluntarily give up everything to become religious priests, brothers and sisters. Even some lay people do this in order to serve God more freely.

Does Jesus demand that all of us give up everything we have? Not at all. But He does demand that we use our wealth in such a way that we do not forget the heavenly Father who gave us these possession.

Is it wrong to save? Is it wrong to provide for old age or for one's family? Not at all.

What's wrong with riches is adoring and serving and trusting the almighty dollar or peso instead of the Almighty God.

When they asked Jesus: "then who can be saved?" He declared: "with men it is impossible, but not with God: For all things are possible with God."

So, it is possible for the rich man to be saved, but only with God's help. My suggestion is that we ask our heavenly Father to help us use our riches in the right way, to help us realize that material things are a blessing and a gift from Him.

Thank God that your family has enough and more than enough. Use your possessions according to His wishes. Share with those who have little or nothing. Support God's work in the world. Put your trust in God and not in your bank book. Be gracious to others as God has been generous to you.

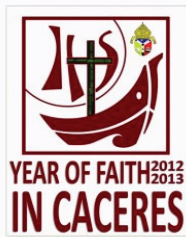
DAILY READINGS

Oct 14 Sun:	Wis 7:7-11/ Heb 4:12-13/ Mk 10:17-27
Oct 15 Mon:	Gal 4:22-24, 5:1/ Lk 11:29-32
Oct 16 Tues:	Gal 1:1-6/ Lk 11:37-41
Oct 17 Wed:	Gal 5:18-25/ Lk 11:42-46
Oct 18 Thur:	2Tm 4:10-17b/ Lk 10:1-9
Oct 19 Fri:	Eph 1:11-14/ Lk 12:1-7
Oct 20 Sat:	Eph 1:15-23/ Lk 12:8-12

"Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God"

Born in Avila, Spain, on March 28, 1515, St. Teresa was the daughter of a Toledo merchant and his second wife, who died when Teresa was 15, one of ten children. Shortly after this event, Teresa was entrusted to the care of the Augustinian nuns. After reading the letters of St. Jerome, Teresa resolved to enter a religious life. In 1535, she joined the Carmelite Order. She spent a number of relatively average years in the convent, punctuated by a severe illness that left her legs paralyzed for three years, but then experienced a vision of “the sorely wounded Christ” that changed her life forever.

From this point forward, Teresa moved into a period of increasingly ecstatic experiences in which she came to focus more and more sharply on Christ’s passion. With these visions as her impetus, she set herself to the reformation of her order, beginning with her attempt to master herself and her adherence to the rule. Gathering a group of supporters, Teresa endeavored to create a more primitive type of Carmelite. From 1560 until her death, Teresa struggled to establish and broaden the movement of Discalced or shoeless Carmelites. During the mid-1560s, she wrote the Way of Perfection and the Meditations on the Canticle. In 1567, she met St. John of the Cross, who she enlisted to extend her reform into the male side of the Carmelite Order. Teresa died in 1582.



BASIC SUGGESTIONS TO CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF FAITH

1. **Memorize the Nicene Creed.** We recite the Nicene Creed at mass every Sunday. Memorizing its 224 words should come easily to us.
2. **Take time for daily prayer.** The Year of Faith presents us with an opportunity to renew our commitment to daily prayer. Opening our heart to God in prayer paves the way for deeper faith and conversion and a more compassionate heart.
3. **Worship wholeheartedly at Mass.** Approach Mass with increased faith by participating fully in the prayers and hymns.
4. **Study the teachings of the Church.** Our faith magnifies as we respond to the Word of God. During this year we are called to immerse ourselves in the Gospels, as well as the Vatican II documents and the Catechism.
5. **Serve the Poor and the marginalized.** We put our faith in action by caring for our neighbors in need. In addition to giving money, we should also look for ways to make serving others more of a part of our daily lives.

Benedict Calls For Return To Vat. II's Documents

Pope Benedict XVI opened the Year of Faith in Rome with a call for a new evangelization rooted in an authentic interpretation of the documents of the Second Vatican Council.

"I have often insisted on the need to return, as it were, to the 'letter' of the Council - that is to its texts - also to draw from them its authentic spirit, and (it is) why I have repeated that the true legacy of Vatican II is to be found in them," the Pope said Oct. 11 to approximately 30,000 pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square for the opening Mass of the Year of Faith.

The Pope said that "reference to the documents saves us from extremes of anachronistic nostalgia and running too far ahead. Thus, 'the new' can be welcomed 'in a context of continuity."



funding for Planned Parenthood."

"It will not be part of my budget," he stated. "And also I've indicated that I will reverse the Mexico City position of the president," he added. "I will reinstate the Mexico City policy which keeps us from using foreign aid for abortions overseas."

Pro-Life US Presidential Candidate

Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney reiterated his pro-life views after he made a statement in an interview that sparked concern about his dedication to protecting the unborn.

"I think I've said time and again that I'm a pro-life candidate and I'll be a pro-life president," Romney told reporters in Ohio, according to Politico.

The former Massachusetts governor said that he would immediately "remove

Archdiocesan News

Caceres Opens the Year of Faith

The solemn liturgical opening of the Year of Faith in Caceres was held last October 11, 2012 (Thursday) at the Seat of the Archdiocese, the Pilgrim City of Naga. A eucharistic celebration at four o'clock in the afternoon officiated by Most Rev. Rolando Octavus Tria-Tirona, O.C.D. D.D. was observed at the Naga Metropolitan Cathedral. Attended by the Caceres Clergy, religious groups of the Archdiocese, students, and the lay faithful, the Archbishop-elect of Caceres amazed the people with his simple message, "Mabalos sa pagako sa sakuya. I am overwhelmed by your faith, love and joy."



Most Rev. Rolando J Tirona, OCD, DD, Presiding over the opening of the Year of Faith in Caceres last Oct. 11

Carmelite Sisters Prepares for 5th Birth Centenary of St. Teresa

On October 15, 2012 (Monday), the Feast of St. Teresa de Avila will be celebrated locally at the Carmelite Monastery in Naga City.

A solemn Eucharistic celebration at 5:15 in the afternoon will be officiated by Most Rev. Leonardo Legaspi, O.P. D.D., Archbishop Emeritus of Caceres. Prior to this, Triduum Masses held in her honor will likewise be celebrated at 5:15 PM, from October 12-14, 2012.

This launches the three-year countdown that marks the 5th Birth Centenary celebration of St. Teresa of Avila. Everyone is invited to take part in the said occasion.

Direk Marilou Diaz-Abaya, 57



Veteran director Marilou Diaz Abaya succumbed to breast cancer last Oct. 8, Monday night. She was 57.

An ardent devotee of INA, Marilou Diaz-Abaya's last project was Our Lady of Penafrancia's movie, "Ikaw Ang Pag-ibig," released by Star Cinema. A Special Mass was offered for her last October 13, 2012

May she rest in peace, Amen

BASILICA NEWS

Museum Construction Begins



The Basilica of Our Lady of Penafrancia, through the Rector, Msgr Rodel Cajot, formally started the construction of the Museum in honor of INA. The proposed design is similar to the shape of the Pagoda.

The designer of the Museum project was Architect JP Priela, son of Mr and Mrs Beda Priela. The said project is estimated to cost more than 20 Million.

Come December, a fund raising activity, Christmas Angel 2012 will be held for the first time with its proceeds going to the Museum project.

EXPLANATION OF THE COAT OF ARMS



The coat-of-arms of Archbishop Rolando Octavus Joven Tria Tirona consists of his personal arms joined to that of the Diocese of Malolos, the Prelature of Infanta, and the Archdiocese of Caceres.

The upper portion of the coat-of-arms is the rising sun against a white background. The sun represents Jesus.

The lower portion has two sections. The right section bears three cotton flowers, "Bulak" in Filipino, which stand for the province of Bulacan where the Archbishop has served as the third residential Bishop of the

Diocese of Malolos, and the image of the Infant Jesus of Prague, a devotion spread by the Carmelites and to which the Archbishop has a special devotion.

The left section bears the shield of the Order of the Discalced Carmelites, of which the new Archbishop is a member. It features a mountain crowned with the Cross and flanked with three stars of David. The mountain represents the privileged place of encounter between God and His people.

The Cross symbolizes the centrality of Jesus for Carmel and for the new Archbishop's ministry. The three stars symbolize the priorities the Archbishop has outlined: the star at the base represents intimacy and union with God; the star on the left represents collaborative ministry for the Church of the Poor; and finally for the right represents concern for the gift of creation. The mountain is colored brown, symbolizing deep solidarity for all that is human.

At the base of the mountain is the word "INA" (Mother) the endearing term used to express singular devotion and love for Our Lady of Penafrancia, the Patroness and Mother of the Archdiocese of Caceres.

The motto is "Christi Sumus" which means "We belong to the Lord" or in Filipino "Tayo'y kay Kristo" and in Bicolano: "Kita ki Kristo" This is the constant reminder of St. Paul: "Whether we live or we die, we belong to the Lord" (Romans 14,8) expressing our belongingness to Jesus Christ and the communitarian thrust which must imbue every pastor's mission in proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ.



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