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Let us give thanks to the Lord

We thank thee, Lord,

For fields of grain

Gold and ripe from summer's rain,

For hillsides bright with scarlet trees

That rustle in the autumn breeze,

For friend so dear,

For those we love,

For all things sent from

heaven above...

We thank thee,

Lord.



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Eternal Life

In this Sunday's Gospel, a rich man was searching for freedom and the joy of life. He ran up to Jesus and knelt before Him and asked: *"Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"*

Eternal life can be understood in many ways, but primarily it is a life of peace and joy, the kind of life that we can even live here on earth, so that we can have a foretaste of eternal life.

In the Gospel, the rich man told Jesus that he had done whatever he could, but he was still not satisfied. Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said: *"You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."* This man was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. He wanted to do more, but he couldn't live with less. His great wealth was also his great restriction.

We may not have great wealth, but we surely have possessions. More than just material possessions, we have our ambitions, our obsessions, our compulsions, our desires. These can be our restrictions and if we can understand this and control them, then we will have the freedom to live joyful and peacefully.

Hopefully, we will not be wasting our time thinking too much about our possessions or what we possess. Let us ask the Lord to grant us the wisdom to know what true freedom is and to let go of what is restricting us.

Our reflection is: what should we do to have eternal life?
Fr. Aegi Warsito SCJ

Mass Intentions for October 9 - 16, 2021

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Nestor F. Dantes, requested by the family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Agostinho Teixeira, requested by the family
	10:00 a.m.	In thanksgiving, the D'Mello family
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving, the Reginold family
Monday	9:00 a.m.	+Lorraine Wilkins, requested by the family
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+Edward Paboudjian, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Deceased members of the Fernandez and Lobo families, requested by E. Fernandez
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+Deceased members of the D'Almeida and Fernandes families, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Purita Hinola, requested by J. Carrillo
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	In thanksgiving, V. Fernando
	7:00 p.m.	+Dante and Rosalinda Gozun, requested by the family
		In thanksgiving, Anna Whittle
		In thanksgiving, Tricia and Colin
		+Leonardo Lobianco, requested by the family
		+Mary Margaret, requested by the family
+Claudine Goller, requested by L. Nelson		
Friday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Neil and Halina Marin
	7:00 p.m.	+David Moss, requested by L. Rodrigues
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Rizalina Abad, requested by the family

Thanksgiving Day

Monday, October 11, 2021



Mon., Oct. 11 is Thanksgiving Day. Mass will be held at 9:00 a.m. only and the parish office will be closed for the day.

Statement of Apology by the Catholic Bishops of Canada to the Indigenous Peoples of This Land



“We, the Catholic Bishops of Canada, gathered in Plenary this week, take this

opportunity to affirm to you, the Indigenous Peoples of this land, that we acknowledge the suffering experienced in Canada’s Indian Residential Schools. Many Catholic religious communities and dioceses participated in this system, which led to the suppression of Indigenous languages, culture and spirituality, failing to respect the rich history, traditions and wisdom of Indigenous Peoples. We acknowledge the grave abuses that were committed by some members of our Catholic community; physical, psychological, emotional, spiritual, cultural, and sexual. We also sorrowfully acknowledge the historical and ongoing trauma and the legacy of suffering and challenges faced by Indigenous Peoples that continue to this day. Along with those Catholic entities which were directly involved in the operation of the schools and which have already offered their own heartfelt apologies, we, the Catholic Bishops of Canada, express our profound remorse and apologize unequivocally. We are fully committed to the process of healing and reconciliation. Together with the many pastoral initiatives already underway in dioceses across the country, and as a further tangible expression of this ongoing commitment, we are pledging to undertake fundraising in each region of the country to support initiatives discerned locally with Indigenous partners. Furthermore, we invite the Indigenous Peoples to journey with us into a new era of reconciliation, helping us in each of our dioceses across the country to prioritize initiatives of healing, to listen to the experience of Indigenous Peoples, especially to the survivors of Indian Residential Schools, and to educate our clergy, consecrated men and women, and lay faithful, on Indigenous cultures and spirituality. We commit ourselves to continue the work of providing documentation or

records that will assist in the memorialization of those buried in unmarked graves. Having heard the requests to engage Pope Francis in this reconciliation process, a delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders/knowledge keepers, and youth will meet with the Holy Father in Rome in December 2021. Pope Francis will encounter and listen to the Indigenous participants, so as to discern how he can support our common desire to renew relationships and walk together along the path of hope in the coming years. We pledge to work with the Holy See and our Indigenous partners on the possibility of a pastoral visit by the Pope to Canada as part of this healing journey.

We commit ourselves to continue accompanying you, the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples of this land. Standing in respect of your resiliency, strength and wisdom, we look forward to listening to and learning from you as we walk in solidarity.

23 September 2021”

Sacramental Prep News

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

- Registration is now open in October.

CONFIRMATION

- Registration will take place in November.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

- Registrations are presently being taken.

Prayers Needed for the Sick

We are praying for the sick: Dr. Christopher Chang, Mike Madigan, Elisa Dalmacio, Gloria Paraan, Rulfino Dalmacio, Lilia Fernandes, Maritess Paraan, Mary Romadenko, Nancy Skiba, Bradley Solomonsz, Mary Lavrisa, John Difalco and those with COVID-19. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry and by the grace of God.

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