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THE 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From Father Robert

How many of us have wished to meet Jesus? Or to have been one of His followers? Or perhaps, like today's gospel, simply to have been able to ask Jesus a question? The man who does, receives a loving look from Jesus. It even sounds like Jesus admired the goodwill of this person, who desired eternal life. The questioner has followed all of the commandments. He is in right standing with the law. But he feels there is more. Jesus, in turn, gives him a challenge that he gave to no other person. Namely, Jesus tells him to sell his many possessions, give the proceeds to the poor, and then follow Him.

Now the burden falls back to the man, for he has many possessions. Will he choose to let go of the possessions and follow Jesus? We know that he did not. Instead, he clung to his possessions. He loved them more than he wanted to follow Jesus. And this is a warning shot to all who would follow Jesus. Whom

or what do we love more? Possessions? Jesus?

Upon hearing Jesus' command, our face might fall, like the man with many possessions. Somehow it might be easier to simply follow a set of rules, to carry out the dictates of the law. For us, it might be easier to attend Liturgy each week, including holy days. But Jesus demands more than that. He wants a complete and total commitment of the individual. And with this man, Jesus seems to know that for him, the one thing holding him back is his wealth. So Jesus invites him to discard it.

As mentioned above, it is critical to keep in mind that this is the only person to whom Jesus gives this invitation. And it seems the invite is directed to him precisely because he has so much wealth. Jesus goes for the jugular, as it were. He finds and knows the one thing keeping the man from following Him, and zeroes in on it. Can the man discard his possessions? What does Jesus invite us to discard?



Each of us likely has something or another holding us back from a complete and wholehearted commitment to following Jesus. For some it might be a sense of pride and social standing we receive from our position at work. What happens when that is gone? What happens when the job is lost?

Of course, in the end, at our death, we take no earthly possessions with us. What matters more is love, relationships, care, and concern we have shown to others. A desperate clinging to that which is merely passing makes one unfit to be a follower of Jesus. This week we are reminded that no earthly possession, no job title or position, and no status is anything compared to the relationship we have with Jesus as one of His followers.

What challenges does today's gospel raise for you personally?

- Has your possession of something of value ever turned out to be an unhappy, unsatisfying experience for you?
- Have you ever known anyone like the rich young man in today's gospel?
- How have our consumer-oriented culture and society's emphasis on winning at all costs diminished the human spirit?



The Floral Arrangements at the foot of the crucifix and at the Ambo are placed to the Glory of God and In Honor of the 45th Anniversary of Marriage of **Arnie and Patty Molina** and In Loving Memory of **Georgene Duarte from Betty, Gary, and Andrew Duarte.**



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The month of October each year is dedicated to our reflection on Stewardship of our Time, Talent, and Treasure. Last week, the members of our Pastoral Council reflected on the aspect of **Time**. Today, the topic is **Talent**. Our Thanks to **Steve Rojek, Mark Webster, and Oscar and Zoila Jovel** who are making the presentations at each of the liturgies. All of this leads up to **Commitment Weekend**, the last weekend of the month when everyone will come forward to bring both their offering and their Commitment Form, indicating their level of sharing their Tim, Talent, and Treasure, for the coming pastoral year.



ST IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

The Feast of St. Ignatius of Antioch

Each year, we celebrate the feast of our patron, St. Ignatius of Antioch on the weekend nearest his feast day and in conjunction with our parish festival. This year the celebration falls on the weekend of October 20th and 21st. On Saturday, the 20th, our Gala Dinner will take place, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Pittsburg Yacht Club in Pittsburg and then on Sunday, the 21st, we celebrate his feast day followed by the parish festival. Please remember to wear **RED** for the liturgies that weekend to add to the atmosphere of celebration. We wear **RED** because Ignatius of Antioch was martyred and the color **RED** symbolizes his blood that was shed for Christ and the Gospel.



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Thank you to those who attended our Oktoberfest last Saturday evening. The parish hall became our own German Bier

Garden! Parishioners and guests enjoyed the traditional Oktoberfest meal of Brats, Sauerkraut, German Potato Salad, German Green Beans and Apple Strudel for dessert. It was a delicious meal and the German beer and wine made it complete!

Thank you to those brave Oktoberfest Game contestants, young and old, who competed and gave us lots of laughs! There were lucky winners in the 50/50 raffle, the raffle baskets and door prizes.

A special thank you all of those who made this evening possible: **Brian and Vicki McCoy, Chip and Jane Sharpe, Bob and Marla Plurkowski, Will Avitabile, Catherine Vidaurri, Paul Schmidt, Emily and Marc Douville, Clem Bushman, Bobbie Woodland, Rachelle Martin, Rich Confetti, Steve Rojek, Sue Batterton, Reggia Desmond, Pat Mattern, Al Cosce, Mary Ewing, Maryann Peddicord, Lesley Eubanks, Pat Dunleavy, and Lorraine Lohmeier.**

The proceeds from the Oktoberfest Kickoff Dinner will be added to the Festival and Gala proceeds which will be used for church.

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