

OCTOBER 10, 2021

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Wisdom 7:7-11

Hebrews 4:12-13

Mark 10:17-30

"I Pleaded and the Spirit of Wisdom Came to Me."

These are the words from the Book of Wisdom that is our first reading today. I am struck by the speaker's pleading. He seems to be in some anguish with the elements that affect his life. His supplication is answered.

Remember, the Book of Wisdom confronts the problem of evil. It was written to Jews who lived among Greek people who valued their own philosophy above the Word of God that was offered by God's Chosen People. To a great extent it offers guidance and encouragement to the faithful people of God as they are confronted with challenges to their faith.

The second reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, speaks of the two-edged sword that is the Word of God. The Word of God is like a two-edged sword that cuts swinging in both directions. Hebrews itself is a treatise of great rhetorical power. It gives admonition to faithful pilgrimage under Jesus Christ's leadership. The people it addresses were becoming weary with indifference to their calling. The sword mentioned might be likened to a laser beam today. It is therapeutic. The laser points the way, cuts and cures. The Word of God, Jesus and the way He offers does this. It calls us, points us in the right direction and cures of the influences that lead us astray.

The man in the Gospel story comes pleading, like the man in the first reading pled, to Jesus. He *runs* up to Jesus and *kneels* before Him and says, "...what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

The Gospel speaks to total self-giving. Jesus tells him to get rid of all the distractions in his life. He must make total surrender to God. Jesus points out the total dependence we have on God, even if we do not recognize it that we do.

Recognizing dependence on God's love is what brings us prudence and wisdom. Inability to

surrender to the disappointment and sorrow as the man in the Gospel displays.

Being surrounded by so many material things, perceived and not necessarily real needs, competing philosophies that are not synchronous with Jesus' way and polarizing behaviors can leave any of us confused and upset. We see the sins of others as reasons to drive us away from the direction that will save us especially when we see such within the faith community, the Church. Failing to see our own personal sin we walk away from the community of faith that Jesus calls us to and blame the sins of others for driving us away. What Jesus is doing, however, is calling us to walk with Him as He chooses to walk with *all* of us sinners. You, I and all others *are* the sinners called to a divine way of life.

If I say I have knowledge of God, then that knowledge must lead to action. In the story Jesus invites the man to walk with Him among his fellow sinners. The man must take responsibility for walking and working with fellow sinners to help move in the way of salvation. Walking away only leaves the Church with a missing link that can otherwise add something positive to the community. He becomes one more challenging force that possibly impedes the rest of the faith community. He was unwilling to reform himself first.

In all of this challenge to answer the call of Christ to His Church there is HOPE. If you do surrender to the Lord and be a part of His faith community your pleading for safety from that which threatens you will be answered. You will receive prudence and wisdom.

So, if you have been away from the Church. If therefore you experience sadness, then return. Join for the first time if that be the need. Walk with the rest of us sinners, including me the pastor, and be a part of the way that brings solutions to all that challenges you.

If you have been away from God or just from His Church consider being a part of this parish community, Blessed Sacrament Parish. Speak to the pastor, Fr. Bob. You may also speak to Gregory who welcomes people to the Church.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS*Acts*10:25-26,34-35,44-48*Gal*5:16-25*Lk*:13-35

Join in Scripture Sharing every Thursday evening, 7pm
to 8pm.

STEWARDSHIP

Time, Talent, Tithing

It is our way of showing gratitude to God for life itself.
It is also your way of being part of the mission and
participating in the challenge of spreading the Good
News of Love.

Attendance last week:	248
Tithes Collected:	\$7,165.50
Online Giving:	\$340.00
Total:	\$7,505.50

Next weeks' second collection is for World
Mission Sunday.

STEWARDSHIP**Tithes and Special Donations**

Thank you to those of you who always honor the
Lord with your tithes. Your support of the parish
permits us to continue ministering to the
community that does include you.

If you have been away for some time on vacation
or due to COVID isolation please catch up with the
payment of your tithes. As we report to you each
week's income you are aware revenue is very
low. Also you have been kept up to date on
financial matters with two reports just in this year.
Moreover, we have had our audit that once again
shows Blessed Sacrament Parish outperforms all
other parishes of its size. Our management is most
trustworthy.

Over the past three years, since replacing the
main A/C in the church, we have been saving
from the Trust income and special donations some
have made. This money was slated to replace five
more A/C units. However, priorities have
changed.

The roof on the main church must be replaced.
Other roofs are in less-than-optimal condition and
will possibly have to be replaced.

Another matter is revenue is down since the
pandemic began. People have stayed home and

so has their tithes. Many have moved
out of our area and a few have died. Needless to
say their absence leaves us without their tithes.

Thus, the income we have from the Trust and the
money already saved is now being "dipped into"
to pay the normal operational costs. All
evaluations already show we keep expenses for
this parish very low. That is one reason we
outperform other parishes. Thus, weekly tithes
must be maintained.

If you are reading this at home and you have not
sent in your tithes, please do send them. We are
still here serving you and the community. Also
note, consider returning to church in person. The
Catholic Church adheres to the strictest standards
regarding safe environment *vis a vis* COVID
transmission. Our environment might be better
than any other public place.

Please consider increasing your tithe. Remember,
a tithe is a tenth of your income. As a good
Steward of this parish you are asked to follow the
following formula.

6% of your income should come to the parish.

2% to the ABCD.

2% may go to any other charity you wish or it too
may come to the parish.

*Thank you from the Pastor and the Executive
Leadership Team.*

LITURGY FOR OCTOBER 10, 2021**28th Sunday Ordinary Time: Cycle B**

- **SONG #1: BE THOU MY VISION (Slane)**

1. Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught
be all else to me, save that Thou art: Thou my
best thought, by day or by night, waking or
sleeping, Thy presence my light.
2. Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I
ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord: Thou
my great Father, I Thy true son, Thou in me
dwelling, and I with Thee one.
3. Riches I heed not, or man's empty praise, Thou
mine inheritance, now and always: Thou and
Thou only, first in my heart, High King of
heaven, my treasure Thou art.
4. High King of heaven, my victory won. May I
reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be
my vision, O Ruler of all.

- **PSALM 90: (D.Perez-Cuan)**

Fill us with your love O Lord,
and we will sing for joy!

- **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** (Mass of Peace)

**Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.**

- **SONG # 2: Come Follow Me (Berberick/Walker)**

1. **Come, follow me and live; do not be afraid. Believe and trust in me; your faith will give you strength. Leave all your fears behind you; let your heart be free, for I will be your guide. Oh, come and follow me.**

2. Come follow in these footsteps; I'll lead you gently home. No shelter, food nor money will you need upon this road.

3. Come, walk across the water; place all your faith in me. Cast all your doubts behind you to the wind and raging sea.

4. If you remain within me, my words remain in you. Whatever you may ask of me, that is what I will do.

- **SONG #3: CHANGE OUR HEARTS (R. Cooney)**

1. Change our hearts this time, your word says it can be. Change our minds this time, your life could make us free. We are the people your call set apart, Lord, this time change our hearts.

2. Brought by your hand to the edge of our dreams, one foot in paradise, one in the waste; drawn by your promises, still we are lured by the shadows and the chains we leave behind. But, Now as we watch you stretch out your hands, off'ring abundances, fullness of joy. Your milk and honey seem distant, unreal, when we have bread and water in our hands. But...

3. Show us the way that leads to your side, over the mountains and sands of the soul. Be for us manna, water from stone, light which says we never walk alone. And...

- **SONG # 4: 10.**

1. Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship his holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.
2. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing your song again. Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes.
3. You're rich in love and you're slow to anger. Your name is great and your heart is kind. For all your goodness, I will keep on singing: ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.
4. And on that day, when my strength is failing, the end draws near, and my time has come; still, my soul will sing your praise unending: ten thousand years, and then forevermore.

- **SONG # 5: WE BELONG TO YOU (T. Thomson)**

1. We belong to you, O Lord of our longing, we belong to you. In our daily living, dying and rising we belong to you.
2. In the waters of your mercy, when the old becomes the new, souls united in the myst'ry: We belong to you.
3. Filled with gifts and filled with goodness, Spirit breathing life into all who seek to find their purpose: We belong to you.
4. When we share the bread you've broken with the many and the few. We are blessed and we are broken; We belong to you.
5. We are called to share your world, Lord, in all we say and all we do. As our journey moves us onward, We belong to you.

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Opening of the Synod in local Churches

The Prayer of the Synod: Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that

we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

Once again, it is time to start our pumpkin patch!

...Last year you brought in pumpkins and gourds to place in the sanctuary. These are signs of the abundant gifts God has given us. Please feel free to bring them in again. You may leave your pumpkin or gourd in the foyer of the church. Place your name on the bottom of it. Then our decorating crew will place them in the sanctuary. Once again, our resident farmers, Diane and Gregory, will judge the pumpkins for the most round, unique, nice looking and ugly. This may bring a bit of cheer to the day!

St. Vincent de Paul Society

During the month of September, we served 563 clients who represent 1738 individuals. Our expenses were \$1,344; in addition, we gave out approximately \$600 in gift cards (McDonald's and Publix), all of which were donated to us.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society thanks you for your continuous generosity of non-perishable food and funds for our weekly food program. If you (or anyone you know) is in need, please tell them that a drive thru grocery distribution takes place every Friday from 1:30-4 PM at Blessed Sacrament Church, 1701 E Oakland Park Blvd (entrance to the parking lot is located on NE 33rd Street and will be closed at 3:45). First timers must provide proof of residency in Broward County.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Almendral, JoAnn Anderson, Michael Beard, Karen Becker, Mary Benivegna, Margarita Bogle, Tom Carver, Sean Chin, Robert Clark, Mary Collis, John Cooper, Logan Costante, Gregoria Daen, Sam DeMarco, Ines DeSalle, Roseanne DeSimone, Lisa DeStasio, John Dooney, Nelson Douaihi, Peggy Duff, Susan Fabbri, Lisa Findlay, Megan Forrester, Joshua Freeman, Richard Gossett, Ana Gilajota, Stephen Goch, Keri Greenan, Richard & Cathy Harper, Tyler Harrison, Dil Hatchett, Cindy Hogman, Tiffany Kentosh, Butch Klinger, Judith Kolo, Arnold Lakso, John LaNeve, Tamika Lee, Bernie Ligget, Gail Martin, Sean Martin, Mary McKelvey, Clare McMahan, Frank McNeil, Rylee Mertz, Dan Murphy, Teresita Nazareno, Lauren Nicole, Thomas O'Brien, Barbara Perry, Della Mae Reblin, Lucy Reitano, Coleen Riley, Paul Riley, Dee Ripple, Matilda Rivier, Charles Rousseau, Anthony Ruggiero, Theresa Schluter, Brad Schroder, Ellen Seaman, Roger Sherman, Jim Smullen, Vivian Spasiano, Rick Steffan, M. Stoufer, Richard Taylor, Antoinette Teresi, Constantino Thomas, Margarita Verano, Peggy Weiss, Ed Wisley, Nancy Zakem, Marie & Jeff, Lucas Zaky

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 9

4:00 p.m. † Mary & Louis Michel by Anthony & Rosemary
Fr. Don Tranel by Daniel Murphy

Sunday, October 10

9:00 a.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish
10:45 a.m. † Richie Hale by Joyce
† Adeline Zubkousky by Shirley

Monday, October 11

8:00 a.m. NO MASS

Tuesday, October 12

8:00 a.m. † Carmen La Vandeira Dieguez by Joyce

Wednesday, October 13

8:00 a.m. Past & Present Member & Benefactors of St. Vincent de Paul Society

Thursday, October 14

8:00 a.m. Sr. Maria Ruth Reyes by Selma Cardona

Friday, October 15

8:00 a.m. † Souls in Purgatory by Richard & Margaret Schmelz

Saturday, October 16

4:00 p.m. † John Walgenwitt by Carol Walgenwitt
Fr. Don Tranel by Daniel Murphy

Sunday, October 17

9:00 a.m. † Rudy & Pauline Crepage by Bill & Chris
10:45 a.m. † Adeline Zubkousky by Shirley
† Valentino Papaleo by Angiolina Armenti & Victoria Fiorenza