

Take Your Pick

The vast array of possibilities in today's world is both an extraordinary advantage because it can so enrich life and a bewildering encumbrance as we face weighty decisions. Many think that life in the past was less complicated. It might have seemed that way, but women and men have always had to face the same fundamental questions: What is life all about? To what shall I commit myself? And answering such questions has seldom been easy.

Today's first reading underscores the importance of discernment or wisdom as we search for answers. It insists that such discernment or wisdom outstrips riches, or even health, as the goal to which we should strive. It further assures us that in our striving for wisdom we will discover that she does not come to us alone. Rather, she brings all good things with her.

The Gospel passage tells of a young man in search of true meaning, of wisdom, of eternal life. Having valued the law and the way of life it offers a believer, he is dissatisfied. He wanted something more satisfying; something deeper. He is still struggling to discover what life is all about, to what he should commit himself. Jesus tells him that he will not find what he is looking for in his riches. Rather, he should commit himself to the welfare of others. Unfortunately, this advice was too much. He went away sad. Even knowing that he was dissatisfied with his wealth, he still would not walk away from it.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

[Jesus said,] "Go, sell what you have, and give to [the] poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

MARK 10:21

FOR *Reflection*

- ✱ Do you still cling to something that cannot fulfill your deepest desires? Why?
- ✱ Pray for the courage to commit yourself to what might make life more meaningful.

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE—MARAK

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Masses: Cyclone: Sat. 5:30PM & Sun. 8:15AM; Weekdays: Tue, Thurs & Friday: 7AM

Marak: Sundays: 10:15AM and Wednesday 5:30PM(unless otherwise stated)

The Sacraments:

Baptism: On Sundays after Mass. Please contact the pastor to schedule a meeting with him; a preparation program may be needed. Parents must be registered parishioners of St. Joseph, Cyclone or Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Marak.

Confessions: Before Mass on the weekend and anytime by appointment.

Marriage: Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor at least six months in advance before you set the date of the wedding. Completion of required paperwork and a preparation program needed.

OCTOBER 10, 2021 — TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The rich young man in today's Gospel wants to know what we all want to know—how to live in this life so that we might live forever in the world to come. He seeks what today's Psalm calls "wisdom of heart."

He learns that the wisdom he seeks is not a program of works to be performed or behaviors to be avoided. As Jesus tells him, observing the commandments is essential to walking the path of salvation—but it can only get us so far.

The Wisdom of God is not precepts, but a person—Jesus Christ. Jesus is the Wisdom whose Spirit was granted to Solomon in today's First Reading. Jesus is the Word of God spoken of in today's Epistle. And Jesus, as He reveals Himself to the rich man today, is God. In Jesus we encounter Wisdom, the living and effective Word of God. As He does with the rich man today, He looks upon each of us with love. That look of love, that loving gaze, is a personal invitation—to give up everything to follow Him.

Nothing is concealed from His gaze, as we hear in the Epistle. In His fiery eyes, the thoughts of hearts are exposed, and each of us must render an account of our lives (see *Revelation 1:14*).

We must have the attitude of Solomon, preferring Wisdom to all else, loving Him more than even life itself. This preference, this love, requires a leap of faith. We will be persecuted for this faith, Jesus tells His disciples today. But we must trust in His promise—that all good things will come to us in His company.

What, then, are the "many possessions" that keep us from giving ourselves totally to God? What are we clinging to—material things, comfort zones, relationships? What will it take for us to live fully for Christ's sake and the sake of the Gospel? Let us pray for the wisdom to enter into the kingdom of God. With the Psalmist, let us ask Him, "Teach us."



10/3: Stewardship: Sunday Offering: \$1,564.00

10/3: Building Fund: \$295.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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Bulletin deadline : Please call or e-mail info for the bulletin by Wednesday before the weekend!

Ministries for October 17, 2021

Rosary: Volunteers
Offertory: KJZT JRS.
Ushers: KJZT JRS.

Eucharistic Minister: Bernice Vrazel
Lector: KJZT JRS.
Altar Servers: Lily, Adison, Ian



Sanctuary Light: October 11th-17th: Stefina Vansa by Robert & Debbie Vansa

Prayer Chain...Please remember in your daily prayers the faithfully departed, those souls in purgatory, those of our community that are in special need of prayer, those who are homebound or in nursing homes, all those in the military and to all those who have been affected by the Covid-19 Virus and also that the vaccine for the corona virus will help to stop this pandemic & for the following: Anton Vrazel, David Minatra, Reenie Hubnik, Kathy Hubnik, Baby Townes Bush, Carolyn Klecka, Edward Brenek, Jr., Marilyn June Gonzalez, and Doris Matocha. Prayers are powerful! To be added to the prayer chain:

Please contact: **Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—Slavik@farm-market.net**

MARAK MASSES —October 10-17, 2021

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Today— 10/10	10:15am	+ Martha Tomek by Louis & Louise Straka + Stefina Vansa by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel + Joe Vansa by Tom & Julie Motyka + Valeria Kostiha by Johnny & Donna Dohnalik
10/13— Wednesday	5:30pm	+ Albert Michalka by Gene & Judy Vaculin + Annie Mae Hubnik by Zarosky Family + Albina Vrazel by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel + Martha Tomek by Robert & Debbie Vansa
10/17 — Sunday	10:15am	+ Eugene Marak by Cecilia Marak + Irene & Dan Hoelscher by Aline June + Eugene Vaculin by George & Linda Dohnalik + Louis & Delia Vansa by Richard & Barbara Vansa

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- **TODAY:** Nomination Ballots for Parish Council will be provided for all parishioners. There are 3 council members who will be going off the board—Dennis Marek, Garrey Prcin and Jeannine Dohnalik. Dennis Marek & Garrey Prcin have served their 6 years and are not eligible for re-election. Jeannine Dohnalik is eligible. Please remember to ask the parishioner if they approve of their name being placed on the nomination ballot. These ballots need to be returned by October 17th.
- **TODAY:** 114th Annual Picnic of the Church of the Visitation in Westphalia—\$12.00 per plate—Fried Chicken & Home made Sausage—See bulletin board in the church entry for more information.
- **OCTOBER** is being observed as the month of women and the purple bows that are on the pews are to remind us to pray for all victims of human trafficking and victims of abortion.
- **OCTOBER 17TH:** St. Mary's Church Fall Festival—Bremond—Dinner from 11:30am-1:30pm. \$12/plate—See Bulletin board in church entry for more information.
- **OCTOBER 17TH:** St. Monica's Catholic Church—Cameron—Drive thru Fall Fajita—\$10/plate. See bulletin board for more information.
- **INFORMATION:** Parishioners please do not park partially on the grass and new paving due to the fact that it will destroy the edges of the paving. Please park only on the paving. Thank you !
- **OCTOBER 13TH:** Altar Society meeting at the Milam County Museum in Cameron at 9am.

Dear Padre,

I've been married to a Catholic for fifty years and would like to become Catholic. My parish's Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults runs from September through Easter. That's a long time for someone in her eighties. Is there any way to accelerate the process?

RCIA was designed to meet the needs of two main groups: those who have been baptized as Catholics or in a Protestant tradition but have received no additional instruction in the Catholic faith, and those who have

not been baptized. Someone in the first group has a different starting point from someone who has little knowledge of Christ or who has never participated in a church community.

RCIA programs use an instruction process called catechumenate, in which people seeking to become Catholic (catechumens) experience a worshiping community, pray, and reflect on God's word. The catechumenate is divided into steps that are marked by liturgical rites;

some parts of the rites are optional, depending on each catechumen's pastoral situation. Catechumens can be received into the Church at any time of year.

Talk to your pastor about your closeness to Catholicism since your marriage and how it has formed your faith. Together, you can determine the amount and type of preparation that's right for you.

Fr. John Schmidt, CSSR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.

A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Clearly, in Jesus' final—immense, wonderful—invitation, there is no proposal of poverty, but of wealth, of true richness...Being able to choose between an original and a copy, who would choose the copy? Here is the challenge: finding life's original, not the copy. Jesus does not offer surrogates, but true life, true love, true richness!

GENERAL AUDIENCE, JUNE 13, 2018

Calendar

Monday

OCTOBER 11

Weekday

Rom 1:1–7

Lk 11:29–32

Tuesday

OCTOBER 12

Weekday

Rom 1:16–25

Lk 11:37–41

Wednesday

OCTOBER 13

Weekday

Rom 2:1–11

Lk 11:42–46

Thursday

OCTOBER 14

Weekday

Rom 3:21–30

Lk 11:47–54

Friday

OCTOBER 15

St. Teresa of Jesus,

Virgin and Doctor

of the Church

Rom 4:1–8

Lk 12:1–7

Saturday

OCTOBER 16

Weekday

Rom 4:13, 16–18

Lk 12:8–12

Sunday

OCTOBER 17

Twenty-ninth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Is 53:10–11

Heb 4:14–16

Mk 10:35–45

or 10:42–45

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