

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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28th Sunday Ordinary Time / 28º Domingo Tiempo Ordinario



Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, "You are lacking in one thing..."
Mark 10:20-21

Jesús lo miró con amor y le dijo: "Sólo una cosa te falta..."
Marcos 10:20-21



Mass

Schedule:

Monday – Friday

6:30 pm

Martes

7:30 pm en español

Saturday 5 pm

8 pm (Parish Hall)

Neocatechumenal Way

Sunday

9 & 11 in English

1 & 6 en español

Confessions:

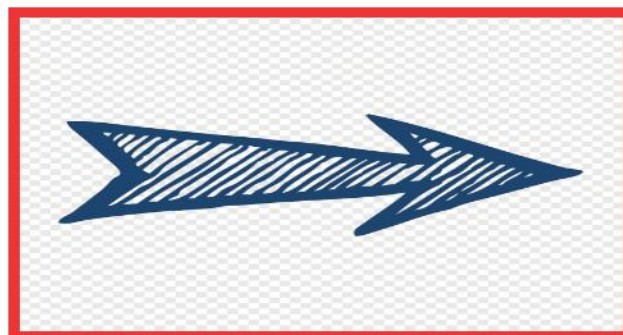
30 minutes before
each weekend mass or
call the office

Adoration:

Friday: 7:15 pm

**Your special
invitation**

**Invitación
especial para ti**



Mass Intentions / Readings of the Week
Intenciones de Misa / Lecturas de la Semana

Saturday, October 12th

Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30
 5:00 pm † Maria Elsa Moreno Fernandez

Sunday, October 13th 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30
 9:00 am St Lawrence Parish and parishioners
 11:00 am † Elizabeth Zoble,, Eneleida Romero, Luis Daud Sanchez
 1:00 pm Sebastian Salazar †
 6:00 pm † Maria Elsa Moreno, Jesucristo de las Flores

**Monday, October 14th St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr;
 Columbus Day**

Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-7/Lk 11:29-32

6:30 pm † Jose Fernando Bitar

**Tuesday, October 15th St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin,
 and Doctor of the Church**

Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41

6:30 pm †
 7:30 pm † Carla Newman

**Wednesday, October 16th St. Hedwig, Religious;
 St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin**

Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3 and 6/Lk 11:42-46

6:30 pm †

**Thursday, October 17th St. Ignatius of Antioch,
 Bishop and Martyr**

Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54

6:30 pm †

Friday, October 18th St. Luke, Evangelist

2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9

6:30 pm †

Collection 10/5 to 10/6 2024

Mass	1st Collection	2nd Collection	Census
5:00 PM	279.00	155.00	53
9:00 AM	608.00	374.00	75
11:00 AM	350.00	675.00	158
1:00 PM	804.00	374.00	210
6:00 PM	378.00	209.00	143
Subtotals (1) (2)	2,419.00	1,787.00	
2nd Collection:			
Daily Masses			
Tuesday 6:30 pm 10/1/24	14.00		27
Tuesday 7:30 pm 10/1/24	53.00		31
Wednesday 6:30 pm 10/2/24	57.00		36
Thursday 6:30 pm 10/3/24	32.00		34
Friday 6:30 pm 10/4/24	110.00		49
Monday 10/7/24	24.00		29
Subtotals (3)	290.00		
Candles	114.00		
Offertory by mail	45.00		
Parish Improvements by mail	-		
Offertory (online giving)	1,661.50		
Parish Improvements (online giving)	393.50		
Subtotals (4)	2,214.00		
Total (1)+(2)+(3)+(4)	6,710.00		

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Amendment 4: Know Before You Vote

Wednesday, Oct 16, 2024 at 7:45 PM - English



Dr. Felipe Vizcarrondo, pediatric cardiologist with a master's degree in bioethics; president of the Miami Guild of the Catholic Medical Association, will present facts and information regarding Amendment 4 and the need to Vote No on 4.

PARISH STAFF:

Clergy:

Rev. Fr. Cletus O. Omode - Pastor
 Rev, Mr. Clyde McFarland - Permanent Deacon
 Parish Manager – Ana Maria Jara

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 PreK2- 8th Grade

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Registration Open for:

**Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation
 Marriage Preparation**

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**Bautismo, Primera Comuni3n, Confirmaci3n
 Preparaci3n Matrimonial**

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 Miami, FL 33176 (Map)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION:

This is a liberating word. There is a word in the gospel that says, "Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks." In the same way, if my heart is filled with love for money, then naturally, that will be my language, my relationship with the world, and my sole purpose in life: money, because it is what I love. That is why God says, "You cannot serve God and money," because you will love one and hate the other. To serve is to love; one serves the one they love.

That's why the Lord always comes to help us. It is not that God wants us to be poor. Not at all. God accepts us as we are and desires for us to have a proper relationship with money—a Christian, holy relationship with money.

And what is a Christian relationship with money? Well, it means money doesn't dominate you, but that you dominate money. Above all, it means being generous, giving without expecting anything in return, giving generously.

This is a crucial point. The man in the Gospel was very rich, and he did many things well. He kept almost all the commandments, but one was missing—the most important one. Jesus says, "You lack one thing: to love God above all things." To love God above all things, including money, the prince of this world. What governs this world is money.

To love God above money means putting money under your feet, placing it where it belongs—not over your head, where it rules you, but under your feet.

I love how this Gospel ends: "It is impossible for men to be saved. No one can give themselves salvation. You cannot earn heaven. You cannot justify yourself. It is impossible for men, but not for God. God can do all things." This is the joy that the Lord gives us. Do you want to be saved?

To be saved is to have eternal life, to experience fullness, happiness, and to feel called by the Lord. You can be saved, you can have eternal life, and you can have heaven within you because God can do everything. In an instant, in a blink of an eye, the Lord recreates us. The Lord puts His love in you through the Holy Spirit and transforms your life. It is impressive.

This is important—to take a risk, to take a risk with the Lord and receive a hundred-fold. The rich man seemed unwilling to take that risk and left very sad. Why? Because he realized that he could not love God above all things. We don't know how it ended; maybe that sadness led him to seek Jesus Christ and give all his goods to the poor.

He didn't truly want eternal life; he wanted people to think he was good. Even though he did many things, he wasn't willing to do the one thing that would make him perfect, and in this, he was weak and unwilling to act.

God doesn't force anyone—forcing someone goes against who God is. Instead, God gives to those who seek, answers those who ask, and opens the door to those who knock. So, if you really want it and aren't fooling yourself, Jesus Christ makes up for what is lacking in you.

The rich man came to Jesus hoping to add something extra to his already good life, but he wasn't truly ready to accept what God was offering. He said, "I've done everything right since I was young." And Jesus, looking at him with love, seemed to say, "You've done all those things up until now for yourself, hence your lack of satisfaction." "I have done well. I am an excellent person and a good follower of God." Then Jesus offered him the true good, which, compared to all he possessed, was nothing. But the young man missed the chance to let that change him.

Look how rich he was, and yet so sad. The riches, goods, and everything we seek in this world—beauty, vanity, success, status, comfort—are the idols of this world. They do not give life; they bring sadness. May the Lord give us courage to enter the Kingdom of God by giving up our goods, both physical and spiritual.

The rich young man walked away, not ready to accept the love Jesus was offering, not willing to let Jesus define his life. It's like how parents feel sad when their child doesn't respond to their love. In his sadness, Jesus was already feeling the pain of the Cross that was coming. From the Cross, Jesus looks at the world and offers His love to everyone without expecting anything in return. True love—the kind that Jesus offers—is completely free; it simply wants to give itself.

But the rich young man closed his eyes and heart to this love, stuck in his own small concerns, his little religious deeds, his physical and spiritual goods, while Jesus' heart was full of boundless love. The young man's moral achievements, however great they seemed, ended up feeling empty and sad because they were not connected to love, to God. They were meant to secure his earthly life, but they left him unsatisfied.

But here is the good news: with God, anything is possible. This hope for change is what we call conversion, and it is the mission of the Church. The Church is a communion of people who follow Jesus, not because they are perfect, but because they are seeking God, even in their weakness. In this community, one finds true beauty, for it is where God makes His home with us.

This is a true word. I hope you experience it: give everything, and you will first realize that you are happy, and second, you will realize that God provides for your life. Until now, you've believed that you are the one who provides for your life. Christ is nowhere to be found. God is nowhere to be found. "I have to provide for myself."

A way to realize that God provides is to be left with nothing. May the Lord grant us the grace to see God as a good Father who loves us and provides for our lives.

MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICA:

Esta es una palabra que libera. Hay una palabra en el Evangelio que dice: "De la abundancia del corazón, habla la boca". De la misma manera, si en mi corazón hay amor por el dinero, entonces, lógicamente, ese será mi lenguaje, mi relación con el mundo, y mi única tarea en la vida: el dinero, porque es lo que amo. Por eso Dios dice: "No puedes servir a Dios y al dinero", porque amarás a uno y despreciarás al otro. Servir es amar; uno sirve a lo que ama.

Por eso el Señor siempre viene a ayudarnos. No es que Dios quiera que seamos pobres. Para nada. Dios nos acepta como somos y quiere que tengamos una relación correcta con el dinero, una relación cristiana, una relación santa con el dinero.

¿Y qué es una relación cristiana con el dinero? Pues que el dinero no te domine, sino que tú domines el dinero. Y, sobre todo, que seas generoso, que lo puedas dar sin esperar que te lo devuelvan, que lo des generosamente.

Este es un punto muy importante. El hombre en el Evangelio era muy rico y hacía muchas cosas bien. Cumplía casi todos los mandamientos, pero le faltaba uno, el más importante. Jesús le dice: "Te falta una cosa: amar a Dios sobre todas las cosas". Amar a Dios por encima de todo, incluyendo el dinero, que es el príncipe de este mundo. Lo que gobierna este mundo es el dinero.

Amar a Dios por encima del dinero significa poner el dinero bajo tus pies, colocarlo en su lugar, no sobre tu cabeza donde te gobierna, sino bajo tus pies.

Me encanta cómo termina este Evangelio: "Es imposible para los hombres salvarse. Nadie puede darse la salvación a sí mismo. No puedes ganarte el cielo. No puedes justificarte a ti mismo. Es imposible para los hombres, pero no para Dios. Dios puede hacer todas las cosas". Esta es la alegría que nos da el Señor.

¿Quieres salvarte? Ser salvo es tener vida eterna, experimentar plenitud, felicidad, y sentirte llamado por el Señor. Puedes ser salvo, puedes tener vida eterna, puedes tener el cielo dentro de ti, porque Dios puede hacerlo todo. En un instante, en un abrir y cerrar de ojos, el Señor nos recrea. El Señor pone su amor en ti a través del Espíritu Santo y transforma tu vida. Es impresionante.

Esto es importante: arriesgarse. Arriesgarse con el Señor y recibir el ciento por uno. El hombre rico parecía que no quería arriesgarse y se fue muy triste. ¿Por qué? Porque se dio cuenta de que no podía amar a Dios por encima de todo. No sabemos cómo terminó, tal vez esa tristeza lo llevó a buscar a Jesucristo y a dar todos sus bienes a los pobres. Él no quería realmente la vida eterna; quería que la gente pensara que era bueno. Aunque hizo muchas cosas, no estaba dispuesto a hacer la única cosa que lo haría perfecto, y en eso era débil y no quiso actuar.

Dios no obliga a nadie—obligar a alguien va en contra de quién es Dios. En su lugar, Dios da a los que buscan, responde a los que piden, y abre la puerta a los que llaman. Así que, si realmente lo quieres y no te engañas a ti mismo, Jesucristo completa lo que te falta.

El hombre rico vino a Jesús esperando añadir algo extra a su vida ya buena, pero no vino realmente para aceptar lo que Dios le estaba ofreciendo. Dijo: "He hecho todo bien desde joven". Y Jesús, mirándolo con amor, parecía decirle: "Has hecho todas esas cosas, pero hasta ahora lo has hecho para ti mismo, por eso te falta satisfacción." "He hecho todo bien. Soy una persona excelente y un buen seguidor de Dios." Entonces Jesús le ofreció el verdadero bien, que comparado con todo lo que poseía, no era nada. Pero el joven perdió la oportunidad de dejar que eso lo cambiara. Mira lo rico que era, y sin embargo estaba tan triste. Las riquezas, los bienes, todo lo que buscamos en este mundo—la belleza, la vanidad, el éxito, el estatus, la comodidad—los ídolos de este mundo no nos dan vida, nos traen tristeza. Que el Señor nos dé valor para entrar en el Reino de Dios renunciando a nuestros bienes, tanto físicos como espirituales. El joven rico se fue, no estaba listo para aceptar el amor que Jesús le estaba ofreciendo, no estaba dispuesto a dejar que Jesús definiera su vida. Es como cuando los padres se sienten tristes porque su hijo no responde a su amor. En esa tristeza, Jesús ya sentía el dolor de la Cruz que se acercaba. Desde la Cruz, Jesús mira al mundo y ofrece su amor a todos, sin esperar nada a cambio. El verdadero amor, el tipo de amor que Jesús ofrece, es completamente libre; solo quiere entregarse. Pero el joven rico cerró sus ojos y su corazón a este amor, atrapado en sus pequeñas preocupaciones, en sus pequeños actos religiosos, en sus bienes físicos y espirituales, mientras que el corazón de Jesús estaba lleno de amor sin límites. Los logros morales del joven, por muy grandes que parecieran, terminaron sintiéndose vacíos y tristes porque no estaban conectados al amor, a Dios. Estaban destinados a asegurar su vida terrenal, pero lo dejaron insatisfecho. Pero aquí está la buena noticia: con Dios, todo es posible. Esta esperanza de cambio es lo que llamamos conversión, y es la misión de la Iglesia. La Iglesia es la comunidad de personas que siguen a Jesús, no porque sean perfectos, sino porque están buscando a Dios, incluso en su debilidad. En esta comunidad, uno encuentra la verdadera belleza, porque es donde Dios hace su hogar con nosotros. Esta es una palabra verdadera. Espero que la experimentes: entrega todo, y primero te darás cuenta de que eres feliz, y segundo, te darás cuenta de que Dios provee para tu vida. Hasta ahora has creído que tú eres quien provee para tu vida. Cristo no aparece por ningún lado. Dios no aparece por ningún lado. "Yo tengo que proveer por mí mismo." Una manera de darte cuenta de que Dios provee es quedarte sin nada. Que el Señor nos conceda la gracia de ver a Dios como un buen Padre que nos ama y provee para nuestras vidas.

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