Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 10, 2021

ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE FOR GODD

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St. Mark's Rectory will be closed on Monday, October 11, 2021 in observance of Columbus Day

St. Mark's Catholic Church

Rev. Msgr. Sean P. Flynn, Pastor Rev. José Fernandez-Bangueses, Resident Priest Rev. Bernard N. Mohan (*Wednesday and Friday*) Deacon Michael Keary

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Lectionary: 143 Reading I

Wis 7:7-11

I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. I preferred her to scepter and throne, and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her, nor did I liken any priceless gem to her; because all gold, in view of her, is a little sand, and before her, silver is to be accounted mire.

Beyond health and comeliness I loved her, and I chose to have her rather than the light, because the splendor of her never yields to sleep. Yet all good things together came to me in her company, and countless riches at her hands.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17

R. (14) Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart. Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants!

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days. Make us glad, for the days when you afflicted us, for the years when we saw evil.

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! Let your work be seen by your servants and your glory by their children; and may the gracious care of the LORD our God be ours; prosper the work of our hands for us! Prosper the work of our hands!

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Reading II

Heb 4:12-13

Brothers and sisters: Indeed the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart. No creature is concealed from him, but everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must render an account.

Alleluia Mt 5:3

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

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Gospel <u>Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27</u>

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus answered him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You shall not kill;

you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness;

you shall not defraud;

honor your father and your mother."

He replied and said to him, "Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth."

Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!"

The disciples were amazed at his words. So Jesus again said to them in reply, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!

It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God.

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Peter began to say to him, "We have given up everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age: houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come." OR:

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Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 PM Sunday 8 AM, 10 AM, and 12 Noon 5PM in Spanish

Daily Masses Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet after Daily Masses Monday-Friday at 7:30 AM and 11 AM Saturday 7:30 AM Only (No 11 AM Mass) Tuesdays 6 PM Spanish Mass

> Saturdays 3:30 PM to 4:15 PM and Thursdays after the 7:30 AM and 11 AM Masses

Devotions and Novenas Miraculous Medal Novena after daily Masses on Wednesdays Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays after 11 AM Mass. Benediction at 1:45 PM 1st Fridays Spanish Adoration beginning at 7 PM



October 10, 2021

Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 11:37-41 **Wednesday**: Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46 **Thursday**: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7 **Saturday**: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12

Sunday: Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45



2022 Mass Book

will open on

Tuesday, November 9th!

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Sea Girt Community Appeal is seeking donations to this year's appeal which benefits local charities.

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Jim & Andrea Trischitta, Mary Jane Lorenzo, Erin Rubas, Dennis Maloney, Dr. William Burns, Robert Czech, Deacon Mike, Janet Thomas, Edward Morea, Rosalie Renda, Alice Healy, Benjamin Ohlweiler, Jeremy Pavlick, Lucy Gargano, Christine Frauenheim, Robert MacPherson, Jake Gilbert, Bill Lesniak, Jim Bogan, Bruce Bogan, Sr., Alexandra Gavilanes, Sarah Gallagher, Jimmy Azzollini, Vivian Wilson, Ken Hauck, Dorothy Waugh, Patricia Cavanaugh, Rose Courtney, Grace Philhower, Maria Valdez.

> Eternal Rest grant onto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Please remember in your prayers those of our diocese, parish, friends, and family members who have recently died.

+ Julia Buonocore,+ Michael Sullivan

May the angels lead you into paradise...

St. Mark's Bereavement Ministry

Our Bereavement Ministry helps those who are grieving the loss of a loved one during their most difficult times. They meet on Wednesdays at 11 AM in St. Mark's Church basement (Fr. Child's Hall).

Please call Sue Nolan at 718-637-1162 for more information. All are welcome!

If you are a parishioner who has not been able to attend Mass and would like to have a Eucharistic Minister bring Holy Communion to you, please contact **Donna at the** rectory, 732-449-6364 x100 or email donna@stmarkseagirt.com.

Thank You! We are so grateful to all those who financially sacrifice each week to support our parish and it's ministries!



We would especially like to thank all of those who faithfully use their weekly parish contribution envelopes and those who give online through the Parish Giving Program.

October 3, 2021 collection amount \$11,590.



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† This Week's Mass Intentions					
DATE	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY			
Monday, October 11					
7:30 AM 11:00 AM	 + Charles E. Neilan + Janet Ferrante + Timothy, Stephan and Michael Dushnick + Jean and Francis Hayes, Jr. + Michael Ring 	Clarke Family Saint Mark's Social Concerns Ministry Mom and Dad Family Bob and Monica Mylod			
Tuesday, October 12					
7:30 AM	 + Anne Macenczak + Beatrice Foley Alexandra and Rebecca White 	Estate Stan and Lorraine Ciemniecki Family			
11:00 AM	Living & Deceased Members of St. Mark's Social Concerns				
Wednesday, October 13					
7:30 AM 11:00 AM	 Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Butler Norma E'Lia Thomas Falcone Margaret and Daniel Humphries Michael Ring Michael R. Carlson 	Family Ellen Esposito and Don Sabatini Family Jerry Flynn Judy Gibson John Carroll and Family			
Thursday, October 14					
7:30 AM 11:00 AM	 [†] Dorothy Wright [†] Janet Ferrante [†] Jean and Francis Hayes, Jr. [†] Barbara Flynn [†] Pamela M. Gatta 	Family Pam Zusi and Family Family Jerry Flynn Donna Bernhardt			
Friday, October 15					
7:30 AM 11:00 AM	[†] Robert Kern [†] Masluk and Hilinski Families [†] Maureen Smith [†] James McLaughlin [†] Patricia Henry	Donatelli Family Kathleen Santella Family Paulette McCormack Monica and Robert Gobins			
Saturday, October 16		Monica and Robert Gobins			
7:30 AM 4:30 PM	† Phyllis Blaine † Anmarie Dippolt † Walter Ferguson, Sr. † Dorothy Kociolek	Estate Sullivan Family Rose Ann and Robert Ferguson Kathy and Bob Flammer			
Sunday, October 17					
8:00 AM 10:00 AM	 [†] Grace Salandra [†] Dr. Bernard Reilly [†] Carol McIntyre [†] Dr. James Boozan [†] Emily Walker 	Clarke Family Dr. and Mrs. Philip Passalaqua Dr. and Mrs. Philip Passalaqua Frances Dougherty Todd and Jamie Leonhardt			
12 Noon 5:00 PM	 * Kenneth O'Donnell People of the Parish * Cesar Ruiz * Silviano Ramirez Galvan * Benito Lito 	Richard and Regina Wright Nayeli Ruiz Ramirez Family Wife and Children			

Next Weekend's Minister Schedule October 16/17, 2021					
	Saturday 4:30 PM	Sunday 8:00 AM	Sunday 10:00 AM	Sunday 12 Noon	
Readers	Colleen Rivera	Peggy Hardiman	Mary McLaughlin	Jim Mulvihill	
Eucharistic Ministers	Lori Savino Pat Holt Linda Parisi	Pam Zusi Pat Scatuorchio	Jay Lorenzo Marianne Sheridan	Marge Loenser Nancy Schatzman	
Ushers	Joe Walsh, Walter Henry, Anthony Granato	Bob O'Neill, Leo Hurley, Pat Ahern, Glenn Skola	Rich Siderko	Jim Mulvihill Howard Flood Richard DeGroote	

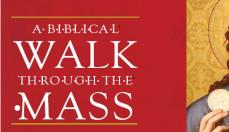


Eucharistic Devotion

The importance of Eucharistic Adoration is shown in the fact that the Church has a ritual that regulates it: the Rite of Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction. This is an extension of the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which occurs in every Mass: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who

takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament flows from the sacrifice of the Mass and serves to deepen our hunger for Communion with Christ and the rest of the Church. The Rite concludes with the ordained minister blessing the faithful with the Blessed Sacrament.

Please join us on Friday's immediately after the 11 AM Mass for Adoration. Benediction begins at 1:45PM. It will also be broadcast on livestream @ stmarkseagirt.com. Come spend some quiet time with the Lord.





The Mass is nothing short of amazing. Through it, we encounter God in the most intimate way possible as we hear him speak to us in the Liturgy of the Word and as we receive him Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist. In his video-based study *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, Dr. Edward Sri explores the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. This fascinating tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

Join us for A Biblical Walk Through the Mass at St. Margaret Church, 300 Ludlow Ave in Spring Lake, beginning, Wednesday October 13, 2021 and continuing every Wednesday for 5 weeks at 10AM, 7PM, or join us through ZOOM. For more information or to register for the study, call Pat Giles908-309-2150 or email: Legski3@aol.com. The Knights of Columbus of St. Marks and St. Denis will be holding its annual drive at all Masses on October 16th & 17th. Proceeds go to the St. Mark's Holy Innocents Society. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

If you know someone who doesn't have access to the internet and would like a copy of the bulletin, please call the Rectory at 732-449-6364.



MASS MATTERS

Fr. Bausch's book "Mass Matters" is on sale in the rectory for \$15. Please call ahead and we will have it ready for you to pick it up! 732-449-6364

Bishop O'Connell, under the recommendation of Governor Murphy, recommends that both vaccinated and unvaccinated residents wear masks in indoor settings. This is a recommendation NOT a mandate at this time. Let's pray that this pandemic ends soon!

LET US PRAY TO END THE PANDEMIC

With the Holy Innocents Rosary Group Monday through Friday 10:00am online or by phone. Please contact Kathy Lynch at 732-513-2970 or at <u>kathy.lynch65@gmail.com</u> for more details.

It is easy to join by phone or she can assist you to access the group via video teleconference.

While everyone is not yet able to participate in person at Masses, you can watch them online by visiting our parish website: <u>Saint Mark's Catholic Church – 215</u> <u>Crescent Pkwy, Sea Girt, New Jersey 08750</u> (<u>stmarkseagirt.com</u>) and click on the Livestream logo or highlight the link below then right click and click open Hyperlink <u>St. Mark Church Streaming Player</u> <u>Powered by StreamSpot.</u>





New Jersey Right to Life will be selling tickets at all Masses this weekend, October 9th and 10th. You can also purchase tickets at the Rectory if you cannot make it to Mass. Please call ahead 732-449-6364. The proceeds will benefit New Jersey Right to Life, the state's oldest and largest pro-life organization, dedicated to protecting all human life from conception to natural death.

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An old Irish proverb says, "It is in the shelter of each other that the people live." Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life's end, we may not know how best to "shelter" them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them.

1. Invite God In

Pope Francis has said that "praying in difficult situations is like opening the door to the Lord, in order that he might enter." The dying process is a sacred time—a final season to seek closure in this life and prepare for the next in the hope of sharing in Christ's Resurrection. As you enter into this season with your friend or family member, ask God to accompany both of you.

2. Listen -

Try to discover your loved one's values and how best to honor his or her wishes. This requires true empathy. It can be hard not to assume he or she wants the same thing you *think* you would want if you were in the same situation. Listen with a non-judgmental ear so your loved one feels free to speak openly.

3. Inform Yourself -

Be aware that a person's wishes for refusing ordinary or proportionate treatment²—or for pursuing assisted suicide—are usually rooted in fears of dependency, helplessness, or pain. Make yourself available to discuss these or any concerns. Know that hospice care focuses on alleviating pain and other symptoms, meeting basic needs, and providing comfort. Seek to understand the Catholic Church's teaching on end-of-life care, which can help you provide authentically loving support that respects life.*

4. Be Steadfast in Compassion

As Pope Francis reminds us, "Compassion means 'suffer with'."³ Your friend or family member will likely face ups and downs. Recognize these as part of a natural process. Surround him or her with love, support, and companionship that are "anchored in unconditional respect for their human dignity, beginning with respect for the inherent value of their lives."⁴ The patient's suffering can be alleviated by your empathy, as well as by quality hospice care by medical personnel.

5. Help Them Achieve Closure -

Help your family member or friend define the unfinished personal projects, financial concerns, unresolved relationships, or other matters that occupy his or her mind. Due to changing circumstances, some goals may need to be reframed. Creating and accomplishing this list of unfinished business can help the person discover a sense of purpose and feel more at peace.

6. Provide Opportunities for Resolution

Ira Byock, a hospice medical director, illustrates in his book *The 4 Most Important Things*** how saying "I love you," "I'm sorry," "I forgive you," and "Thank you" can promote much-needed healing during the dying process. You can help ensure a peaceful transition for your loved one by facilitating opportunities for reconciliation with others and for mutual expressions of love and gratitude. Consider offering to invite a priest to hear his or her confession and to administer the Eucharist as viaticum⁵ and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, all of which heal the soul and prepare us to meet the Lord.

7. Reminisce

Our appetites may diminish as our bodies experience a decreased need for food and fluids when we near life's end. Provide smaller amounts of your family member or friend's favorite foods. Even if unable to eat them, he or she may still enjoy the aromas and reminisce with you about special memories they evoke. Think of other small comforts you can provide that would spark meaningful memories, like special photos or mementos.

8. Provide a Peaceful Presence -

There comes a time of natural withdrawal from surroundings when dying persons may lose interest in many activities that used to be enjoyable. Your own quiet, patient presence can provide important support as your loved one prepares emotionally and spiritually for his or her passing. Hearing can become very acute, so placing the phone in another room, playing favorite music, reading a favorite passage, praying together, or simply sitting quietly with him or her can all be very soothing.

9. Show Tenderness

Those who are dying remain in need of the tenderness of personal human contact. Ask if you might gently brush your loved one's hair, apply lotion to her hands or feet, or simply hold his hand. Tell stories, laugh, and share memories to reassure the person he or she is a cherished gift, not a burden in any way.

10. Bear Their —— Transition Patiently

Transition, the time immediately preceding death, may bring rapid physical changes, such as in breathing patterns, as well as changes in mental or emotional states. Try to be patient, and allow the "how" and "when" of death to be between God and your loved one. Ask God for the wisdom to know what final words to say—if any—and when. As you are able, give your loved one permission to make the transition. For example, you might say, "I love you. It's okay to go home now."

Accompanying a loved one in his or her last days is enormously important, but we do not need to fear our own limitations. Pope Francis tells us, "[God] comes to assist us in our weakness. And his help consists in helping us accept his presence and closeness to us. Day after day, touched by his compassion, we also can become compassionate towards others."⁶

*As our bishops teach, "Respect for life does not demand that we attempt to prolong life by using medical treatments that are ineffective or unduly burdensome." At the same time, intentionally hastening death—whether through drugs or deliberate neglect of basic care—offends our God-given dignity and is never morally permissible. More information: www.usccb.org/ToLiveEachDay

**References do not indicate endorsement.

Pope Francis, Morning Meditation in the Chapel of the Domus Sanctae Marthae: Choosing the Better Part, 8 October 2013, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2013).

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³ Pope Francis, *General Audience, Wednesday, April 27, 2016,* (Vatican City: Libre Editrice Vaticana, 2016).

⁴ United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, To Live Each Day with Dignity: A Statement on Physician-Assisted Suicide, 10.

⁵ Viaticum is "the Eucharist received by a dying person. It is the spiritual food for one's 'passing over' to the Father from this world. With Penance and the Anoint of the Sick, the reception of Holy Communion as Viaticum constitute sacraments' of the Christian." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, Glo Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos.1331, 1392, 1517, 1524-25.

⁶Pope Francis, Misencordiae vultus, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2015) no. 14.

⁹ United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *To Live Each Day with Dignity:* A Statement on Physician-Assisted Suicide, 10.

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Item #1845











CYO News!



What a fantastic meeting we had last Sunday—our "Profiles in Courage Night"!

Ellen and Kelly were our facilitators and planned and ran a very exciting meeting. The CYO loved the fun games they shared with us and also the great icebreaker questions they wrote.

Speaking of courage, it takes a whole lot of courage to speak in front of a group. Everyone did this wonderfully last Sunday!!! Each took a turn talking about someone who demonstrated tremendous courage throughout his or her life. We heard about the courageous deeds of Jesus, David, St. Paul, St. Therese, St Columba, St. Catherine of Alexandria, St. Joan of Arc, St. Paul, Abraham Lincoln, Harriet Tubman, Tim Tebow, Elizabeth Smart and others. I was so amazed at how poised and articulate each speaker was. Some of our teens chose to speak about relatives who were very courageous in their fight against cancer. One CYO member spoke about his uncle who is an FBI agent and how much courage it takes to work in the FBI. We ended with improvisations all centered on the theme of courage! They were fantastic!

Earlier last Sunday I got to hear Fr. Jose talk about marriage. His homily was so beautiful. He said that every single day a husband and wife should get up and commit themselves to saying and doing everything they can to make their spouse feel totally loved. He said that that is the most important thing we do as a husband or wife. How great is this!!! He spoke of the husband and wife as being the pillars of a family and how important it is to keep Jesus at the center of every marriage because Jesus is the Fount of Love. When we draw from this Fount each day, we are able to love our spouse, our family and others with His love...which is the best love there is. I especially loved how Fr. Jose stressed that love is not about feelings. Love is a courageous choice we make each day. Thank you, Fr Jose!!!!

Don't forget to contact Mrs. Reilly if you wish to be a part of our Bible Nights. Also we have an upcoming service event on Halloween. Flyer will be sent to all CYO members. It is never too late to join CYO. If you have been away, we can't wait for you to come back!

See you this Sunday at 7:30 PM!!!!! Mrs. R.



May God grant us the wisdom and courage to lovingly protect His gift of human life at every stage, in sickness and in health; *We pray to the Lord:*

Public Square Rosary Crusade—The Holy Rosary

Saturday, October 16, 2021 at 12 Noon



Belmar-St. Rose lot at the corner of Main St. & 8th Ave. (across from "Stay Gold"). (In the event of rain, the Rally will be held St. Rose Church, 7th Ave.

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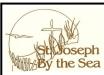
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As you may have heard from various news agencies, Afghan refugees are being housed at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ. Catholic Charities Diocese of Trenton has been asked to assist in this humanitarian crises by identifying and mobilizing legal representation for immigration, helping to coordinate wellness activities for the children and their families and assisting in the coordination of donations and volunteers. If you are interested In helping with this effort, please click on https://www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org/afghan-refuged humanitarian-crisis to learn more about volunteer and donation opportunities.

Parish Mission Statement: We, the Parish Family of St. Mark's in our quest to follow the Gospel of Jesus Christ, are building a faith-based community that assists all people in life's journey to be open to God's love and to share His joy. We are further committed to address the spiritual, physical, emotional and social needs of all people through service to individuals, families, parish and the greater community. As responsible stewards using our individual gifts, we promise to celebrate, renew and strengthen our faith, and to live our lives as a reflection of Christ's love for others. St. Mark's is designated as a Center for Hispanic Ministry in the Diocese of Trenton.

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Primera Lectura: Sab 7, 7-11.

Supliqué y se me concedió la prudencia; invoqué y vino sobre mí el espíritu de sabiduría.

La preferí a los cetros y a los tronos, y en comparación con ella tuve en nada la riqueza. No se puede comparar con la piedra más preciosa, porque todo el oro, junto a ella, es un poco de arena y la plata es como lodo en su presencia. La tuve en más que la salud y la belleza; la preferí a la luz, porque su resplandor nunca se apaga. Todos los bienes me vinieron con ella; sus manos me trajeron riquezas incontables.

Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 89, 12-13. 14-15. 16-17. Sácianos, Señor, de tu misericordia.

Enséñanos a ver lo que es la vida, y seremos sensatos. ¿Hasta cuándo, Señor, vas a temer compasión de tus siervos? ¿Hasta cuándo?

Sácianos, Señor, de tu misericordia.

Llénanos de tu amor por la mañana y júbilo será la vida toda. Alégranos ahora por los días y los años de males y congojas.

Sácianos, Señor, de tu misericordia.

Haz, Señor, que tus siervos y sus hijos puedan mirar tus obras y tu gloria. Que el Señor bondadoso nos ayude y dé prosperidad a nuestras obras.

Sácianos, Señor, de tu misericordia.

Segunda Lectura: Heb 4, 12-13.

Hermanos: La palabra de Dios es viva, eficaz y más penetrante que una espada de dos filos. Llega hasta lo más íntimo del alma, hasta la médula de los huesos y descubre los pensamientos e intenciones del corazón. Toda creatura es transparente para ella. Todo queda al desnudo y al descubierto ante los ojos de aquel a quien debemos rendir cuentas.

Aclamación antes del Evangelio: Mt 5, 3

R. Aleluya, aleluya.

Dichosos los pobres de espíritu, porque de ellos es el Reino de los cielos.

R. Aleluya.

Evangelio: Mc 10, 17-30.

En aquel tiempo, cuando salía Jesús al camino, se le acercó corriendo un hombre, se arrodilló ante él y le preguntó: "Maestro bueno, ¿qué debo hacer para alcanzar la vida eterna?" Jesús le contestó: "¿Por qué me llamas bueno? Nadie es bueno sino sólo Dios. Ya sabes los mandamientos: No matarás, no cometerás adulterio, no robarás, no levantarás falso testimonio, no cometerás fraudes, honrarás a tu padre y a tu madre". Entonces él le contestó: "Maestro, todo eso lo he cumplido desde muy joven". Jesús lo miró con amor y le dijo: "Sólo una cosa te falta: Ve y vende lo que tienes, da el dinero a los pobres y así tendrás un tesoro en los cielos. Después, ven y sígueme". Pero al oír estas palabras, el hombre se entristeció y se fue apesadumbrado, porque tenía muchos bienes. Jesús, mirando a su alrededor, dijo entonces a sus discípulos: "¡Qué difícil les va a ser a los ricos entrar en el Reino de Dios!" Los discípulos quedaron sorprendidos ante estas palabras; pero Jesús insistió: "Hijitos, ¡qué difícil es para los que confían en las riquezas, entrar en el Reino de Dios! Más fácil le es a un camello pasar por el ojo de una aguja, que a un rico entrar en el Reino de Dios". Ellos se asombraron todavía más y comentaban entre sí: "Entonces, ¿quién puede salvarse?" Jesús, mirándolos fijamente, les dijo: "Es imposible para los hombres, mas no para Dios. Para Dios todo es posible". Entonces Pedro le dijo a Jesús: "Señor, ya ves que nosotros lo hemos dejado todo para seguirte". Jesús le respondió: "Yo les aseguro: Nadie que haya dejado casa, o hermanos o hermanas, o padre o madre, o hijos o tierras, por mí y por el Evangelio, dejará de recibir, en esta vida, el ciento por uno en casas, hermanos, hermanas, madres, hijos y tierras, junto con persecuciones, y en el otro mundo, la vida eterna".



Que Dios nos conceda la sabiduría y el coraje para proteger amorosamente su don de la vida humana en cada etapa, en la enfermedad y en la salud; Oramos al Señor: