

A Reflection from Fr. Joseph

So, how are you today? Are you happy? Do you look at your life and feel it is good? In fact, that question is, in a real sense, the most important question. In the end, it is not how much money we have, how many people like us or how much work we have finished that matters; but rather how happy we are.

Although it might not seem so at first, this question is a profoundly religious question. Because, as all people of faith know, our ability to be happy, our ability to live life deeply is directly connected to our relationship with God. If we seek life and happiness, we cannot find them apart from the One who is the source of all life and happiness. We cannot answer this ultimate question apart from God. So how do we connect with God? How can we find that joy? It is, at the same time, both easier and more difficult than we imagine. On one hand connecting with God is simple and accessible, on the other hand it is challenging and elusive.

Rabbi Abraham Heschel, one of the great religious thinkers of the last century, has said that only three things are necessary for us to connect with God: God's willingness to love us, the capacity of the human soul to receive that love, and a moment in which those two realities can meet. Rabbi Heschel also insists that there is not a time in our lives when any one of those three things is missing. God always loves us. We are always capable of receiving that love, and there is always a moment in which we can connect with God.

That is what today's Gospel is about. For in this Gospel, there was a man who runs up to Jesus and tries to connect to him. All three things that are necessary are there. Jesus is willing. He loves the man and offers to him joy and discipleship. The man is open. He has kept the commandments his entire life. He seeks Jesus out and asks for his direction and advice. The moment is there, when Jesus and the man meet, where joy is offered and deeply desired. And yet—nothing happens. The man walks away grieving. How is this possible? How is it possible to have life and joy so freely offered and so deeply desired and yet have nothing happen?

The simple answer is: something else got in the way. The Gospel says that the man left because he had many possessions. We do not know what those possessions were, but whatever they were, the man put them before what Jesus was offering. Whatever they were, they distracted him from the life and the joy that Jesus was offering and that he so deeply desired.

So how are you today? Are you happy? If you are not, that could change. In this very moment, God is offering you what you desire. In this moment, there is love and joy and beauty. Take it! Do not turn and walk away. Do not place anything between yourself and what God is offering. Accept what God is giving you, and enter the kingdom of God.



A 2nd Collection will be held, at all the Masses, this weekend for our Parish Maintenance Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. Oct. 15th - ST. TERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS, memorial
Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Luke 11:29-32
Tue. Oct. 16th - ST. MARGUERITE D'YOUVILLE, memorial
Galatians 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41
Wed. Oct. 17th - ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, memorial
Galatians 5:18-25; Luke 11:42-46
Thurs. Oct. 18th - ST. LUKE, feast
2 Tim 4:9-17a; Luke 10:1-9
Fri. Oct. 19th - Ephesians 1:11-14; Luke 12:1-7
Sat. Oct. 20th - Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 12:8-12
Sun. Oct. 21st - 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Is. 53:10-11; Heb. 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45



LEGION OF MARY NEWS

Members of our Legion of Mary are holding a membership campaign, this weekend, at all the Masses at the entrance of the church. All are encouraged to sign-up either as an Active member or as an Auxiliary.

ALTAR SERVERS

Wed. Oct. 17th - 7:30 PM - Volunteers
Sat. Oct. 20th - 5:00 PM - C & C Akol. M.Cabuhayan, J.Lanuza, J.Nguyen.
Sun. Oct. 21st - 9:00 AM - N.Chao, S.Yip, J & N Yuen. 11:00 AM - R.Bottin, S.Cho, W.Pharm, J.Roque. 5:00 PM - K.Alonzo, A.Babas, P.Casanova, T.Johnson, J.Lanuza, F & T Le, E.Nguyen, J.Plata.



NEXT SUNDAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. A 2nd collection will be taken up at all the Masses for the Evangelization of the Nations.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat. Oct. 13 th	5 pm Mass for Kathleen Alison Seeley, R.I.P.
Sun. Oct. 14 th	9 am Mass for the int. of Robert & Julie Casanova 11 am Mass for the deceased members of the Yeung Fmly. 5 pm Mass for parishioners
Mon. Oct. 15 th	8 am Mass for the int. of Jacinto Tactac
Tue. Oct. 16 th	8 am Mass for Lucio Bercacio, R.I.P.
Wed. Oct. 17 th	9 am Mass for Virgilio Carina, R.I.P. 7:30 pm Novena Mass
Thur. Oct. 18 th	8:00 am Mass for Rosita Istorina, R.I.P.
Fri. Oct. 19 th	8:00 am Mass for Joseph Chun-Teh Chu, R.I.P.
Sat. Oct. 20 th	9:00 am Mass for the deceased members of the Alvarez & Soria Fmly.

CHANGE OF MASS TIME

Please Note: On Wednesday, Oct. 24th our Novena Mass will be held at 7 pm due to the Mission talk.

PROJECT ADVANCE - "Live Gratefully, Give Generously"

We are making steady progress towards our goal! To date we received \$78,368 in pledges from 267 parishioners which represents 27.1% of the congregation. Can we make it to \$80,000??? If you haven't contributed, it is not too late. You can drop off your donation marked Project Advance in the Sunday collection, at the parish office or give online at: www.rca.org/giving.

ST. JUDE'S PARISH FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

We are selling raffle tickets to raise money for our parish. Who doesn't like a raffle? Especially when the tickets are only \$2.00 each and the grand prize is \$3,000, 2nd prize is \$1,000 and the 3rd prize is \$500 cash. Did you get yours??? Our tickets are going fast, so don't miss out. Early Bird Draw is Oct. 28th, St. Jude's feast day. Get your tickets today after the Masses at the entrance of the church. The proceeds will be used for building enhancements.



PREP NEWS

Our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) for children attending public schools, grades 1 through 7, has begun. The program is held every Tuesday from 6:30 - 7:45 pm in our school. Registrations are still being accepted.

RCIA & ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Began last Thursday at St. Jude's. Interested? Know someone who might be? Come or invite them to join our parish program called RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult). The program is suitable for anyone who is interested in learning more about our faith, for Catholics who have not yet received the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion and for those who would like to deepen their faith. For more info please call (604) 434-6700.



SCHOOL NEWS

- School Mass: This Wed., Oct. 17th at 9 am. Join us!
- Walkathon: please return your walkathon pledge forms along with the money collected to the school asap.
- Parent Teacher Conferences: will be held October 25th.

st. jude's PARISH Mission

Mark your calendars and plan to attend!
The Mission will begin on Wed, Oct. 24th and end on Oct. 28th, our feast day, at the 11 am Mass.

The theme of the Mission is:

"PUTTING GOD AT THE CENTRE OF MY LIFE"

The presenter will be: **Deacon Tony Gray**, an ordained permanent Deacon in the Archdiocese of Vancouver.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Mass at 7 pm followed by the Mission talk. Confessions will also be heard. We invite all of you to come and join us during this holy time, you'll be glad you came. We also encourage you to be an evangelizer and bring a family member or a friend, whom you know to have fallen away from the practice of the Faith. During the Mission our Masses will be offered for all those enrolled in the Shrine.

Stewardship Reflections

"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." (Mk 10:25)

Jesus uses tough language that we may not want to hear. But, we are all called to be generous with all our gifts. Not just the ones we pick and choose, but all our gifts: our time in prayer to God, our talent in participating in parish ministries, and our treasure supporting our local parish and other charities. Copyright © 2018 Archdiocese of St. Louis

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, pray for us
Pope Francis has asked all Catholics to pray the Rosary daily, asking Mary and St. Michael the Archangel to intercede for the protection of the Church in a moment of "spiritual turbulence." We would like to invite all parishioners to pray the Rosary daily and end the Rosary with recitation of the prayer to St. Michael the Archangel, composed by Pope Leo XII:

Saint Michael the Archangel defend us in battle.

Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world

seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

