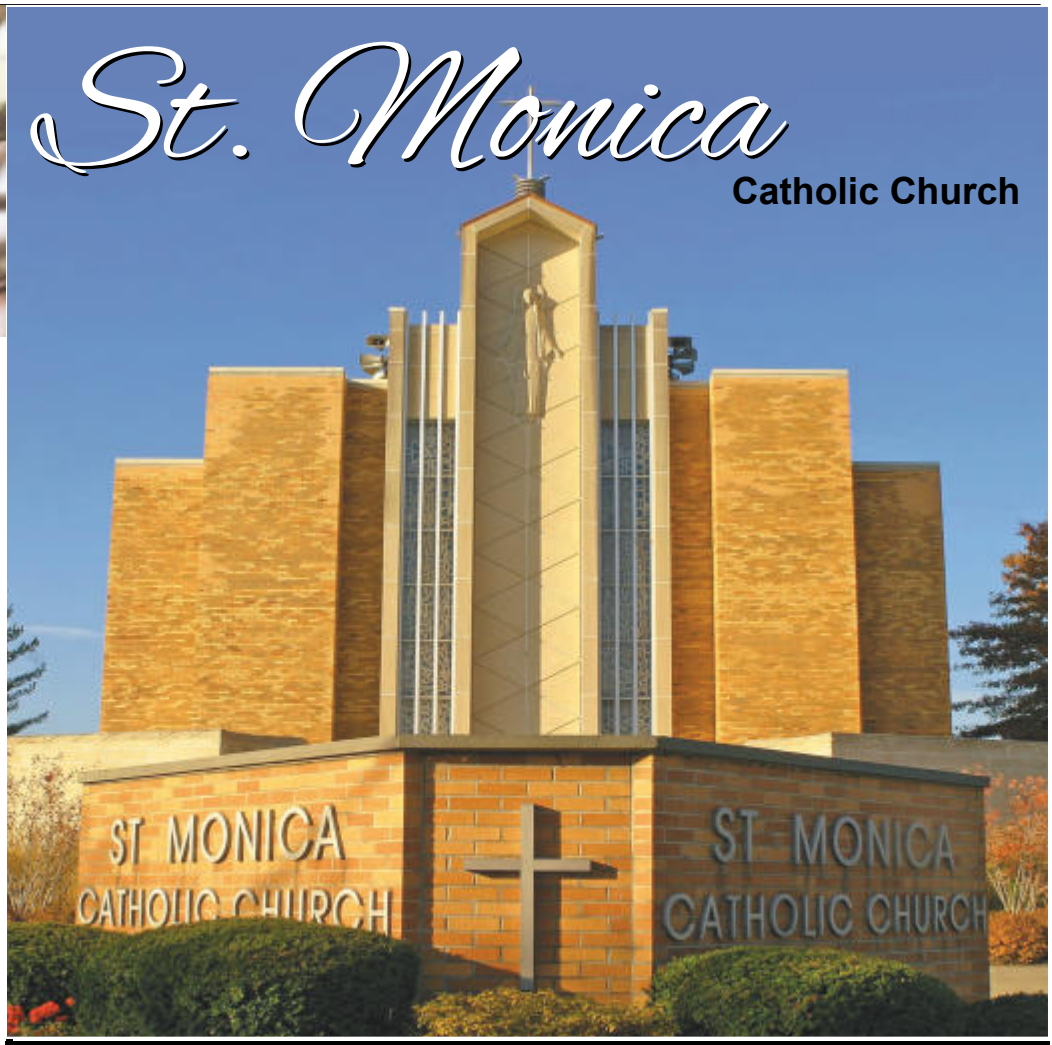
October 10, 2021

St. Monica

Catholic Church



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is open 8:00am—4:00 pm. Mon., Tues. & Thurs & 8:00 am— Noon on Wed. & Fri.

MASSES: 7 days a week
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m.
and 10:45 a.m.
Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m

Bulletin Announcements due to sshepka@saintmonicachurch.net by NOON on Friday

PARISH CLERGY

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: We, the parish of St. Monica, work to create a Christlike family, welcoming all people where one encounters a loving God, by serving the spiritual, educational and social needs of the community.

BAPTISM: Please make arrangements in advance. Baptisms are performed on Sundays, immediately following the 10:45 a.m. Mass. Pre-Baptismal instruction is required for parents. Please call the Parish Office for time of next scheduled class.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Adults and school-age children seeking full membership in the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist can make an appt. to continue their conversion process by calling the Parish Office.

RECONCILIATION: Opportunities to celebrate God's forgiveness in one's life are available on Saturday afternoons from 3:15-3:45 p.m. Individual appointments with a Priest can be arranged.

MATRIMONY: The Diocese of Cleveland requires a 6-month preparation period for marriage. Call the Parish Office to set your wedding date and plan your celebration.

CONFIRMATION: Any adult or high school student needing Confirmation, please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Celebrated upon request. Call the Parish Office to make arrangements with one of our Priests.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please call the Parish Office to register.

ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Provides Catholic education for students K-8. School hrs.: 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. *Before & After Care* available. Mrs. Lisa Oriti, *School Principal*

EUCHARIST FOR THE HOMEBOUND: Parish Team and Staff Members visit the homebound on a monthly basis. If you or someone you know is homebound and would like to receive communion, call the Parish Office.

LITURGY SCHEDULE
Monday–Friday 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 10
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 Walter & Ann Stepanik
10:45 Roberta Matousek Dilworth

Monday, October 11
Weekday
8:00 Living & deceased members of Terry & Vivian Budd family

Tuesday, October 12
Weekday
8:00 Richard Pekar

Wednesday, October 13
Weekday
8:00 Alma & William Mahoney

Thursday, October 14
Weekday
8:00 Valerie Reeve

Friday, October 15
Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
8:00 Robert Matousek

Saturday, October 16
Weekday
3:15 Confessions
4:00 Carol Ann Golembczyk Marrone & infant daughter Veronica

Sunday, October 17
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 People of the Parish
10:45 Joseph Vincent Virzi, Sr.

Please keep in your prayers the following members of our Parish Community:

Mike Wyrzykowski, Jan Angus, Steven Waltos, Alex Hervey, Vivian Budd, Larry Piechowiak, Toni Oden, Steve Carlson, Veronica Mayak, Randy Peck, Robyn Buckley, Anthony Lupica, Joanne Reddinger, Joan Kaczmarczyk, Algaheim Babies, Carol & Gerald DeLooze, Harrison Justin Shepherd. *The names will remain in the bulletin for two weeks. Please call the parish office if your name or a loved one's name needs to be added to the list.* If you have a special intention you would like remembered in **prayer, please call Lillian Neptune (216) 662-5464.**

OUR DEARLY DEPARTED

Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to the family and friends of **Fred O'Breza, Loretta Langel, Timothy Shannon and June Scholle** who were buried this past week. May they rest in peace.

Pastoral Scene

Is This the Moment?

Being in the moment is easier said than done. When someone asks me how I am, I usually reply, "I'm the best I've ever been." Believe it or not, there is a definite method to my madness. First of all, it helps to keep me in a state of mindfulness of the moment. Secondly, it helps (in the other person's mind) to reframe the conversation that's about to take place – from speculative or theoretical to real.

I rarely answer anyone's question or concern without first saying, "Good morning," (or fill in the time of day) and I expect them to return the greeting. Even in the drive-through, I always begin by saying, "Good morning. (Wait until I get a response, then continue.) May I please have…?" Why? Because it puts them and myself in the moment.

Why is the moment so important to realize? The moment is all we have to count on. I have experienced many teachers over the years who have expounded upon this principle. This may seem a little on the esoteric side, but it really makes sense if you take time to meditate upon it. Living in the past is futile. While it is true that we can learn and grow from our past victories and mistakes, we can never relive them or change them. The outcome is the outcome and we have to move on from there. The future – my Pappy used to say, "If you want to make God laugh, just tell him your plans." Preparing for upcoming events and situations is prudent. If you wish to be successful at something, you need to study and practice. However, who knows what the future will bring? While many times the near future is probable (and maybe even likely), it's not certain. Any singular event can change the whole course of the future. Think of how a beautiful, sunny September morning transformed into disaster and chaos within a few minutes. Remember Jesus' parable about the man who stored up all his grain? Check out Luke 12:16-21.

As I said before, the present moment is all we have to count on. It's here and it's real. A smile, a polite word or gesture can change the course of time. That's why, at this moment, I'm the best I've ever been.

- Bob Soeder

"My Yoke is Easy" Clarified

A few years ago, I wrote a Pastoral Scene about Jesus' statement in Mt: 30: 28-30, namely "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me." In that column I equated Jesus' statement with the usual explanation of the need to create a great fit in the construction of a yoke and the importance of ensuring both wearers could work together to make the journey successful. Unfortunately, neither my explanation nor the analogy of 'being yoked' to Jesus explained its true meaning.

This year, I found the correct interpretation in a DVD I was reviewing as a possible discussion starter in preparation for an RCIA session. It was a humbling experience to see not only how far "my arrow was from the center of the target" but also to acknowledge how important it is to look at the original meaning of a statement when dealing with Scripture. Let me present how the term 'yoke' came into being.

Jewish children began their education around five or six years of age and were taught by the rabbi of the local synagogue from the scrolls used in the liturgy. The pupils either stood or sat on the ground in a semicircle, facing their teacher. The curriculum was learning to read – actually, ***memorize***, -- the Torah – the first five books of the Bible: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy – every word. By the age of ten, most children would leave the program to work in family trades, but those who were most talented continued their studies and memorized the remaining books of the Bible – Genesis to Malachi.

Jewish children were educated in their own towns. Although the Torah did not change, the message was presented by individual rabbis who each had his own interpretation of the Old Testament Scriptures, especially the five volumes of the Torah containing the rules by which each person was to live. A common term used for these rules was "The Way." (Sound familiar?)

A rabbi's interpretation of the Torah was called "his yoke". The word "yoke" was a technical term used in the context of teaching in Judaism and defined the rabbi's own brand of teaching that was passed on to his disciples by living in community with them. Wearing the 'yoke' of your rabbi was analogous to explaining the Scriptures as your rabbi did and doing what your rabbi did.

Interpreting Scripture through the 'eyes' of your rabbi was called Midrash. Rabbis often complied their comments on scrolls for the five books of the Torah. These comments explained the contradictions and reinterpretations that the rabbi used to address the problems. If you want to see some samples of commentaries, please visit me at the office and peruse my bookcases!

Hoping this explanation makes sense ---Sister Helene

Marriage Banns

II Melissa Rimmel & Andrew Romain

Let's go nutty for our annual Nut Sale!

(sponsored by the Guild)

Twelve days are left before orders have to be turned in. There is still time to grab an order form and return it—with payment payable to the Guild by Friday, October 22. Please help support our Parish by placing an order. These items make great gifts and are nice to have for the holiday season! Pick up of the orders will take place at the Rockside Road entrance to the Church. Watch the bulletin for updates on the date and times for pick up. We thank you in advance for your support.

St. Benedict Catholic School would like to thank the parishioners of St. Monica and St. Martin of Tours for welcoming our students at Mass and supporting our World's Finest Fundraiser! We appreciate your continued prayers, partnership, and support!

Religion Question of the Week

Who succeeded Elijah as a Prophet in Israel?
(Answer on page 4)

Did You Know?

Did you know that an Abbot is the person who is responsible for a Monastery of men. An Abbess is a woman who is responsible for a community of Nuns.

One Liner

(Outdoor Sign in front of a local Church): "We are still open between Easter and Christmas".

Let your soul meet your role!

If you are looking for a career opportunity with joy and purpose, join the Jennings team! A Catholic non-profit organization, Jennings is a premier provider of care and residences for adults 55+ with locations in Brecksville, Garfield Heights and Chardon. Whether you are ready for a change or seeking a place to grow, learn why Jennings is an award-winning employer. Connect with us at jenningsohio.org or (216) 581-2900.

ActivitiesCALENDAR

MONDAY, October 11
4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g)
4:15 p.m. Walking Group (J)
7:00 p.m. Finance Council (F)

TUESDAY, October 12
2:00 p.m. Senior Meeting (J)
4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g)
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Session (c)

WEDNESDAY, October 13
4:00 p.m. Set up Rummage Sale (p)
3:00 p.m. Christmas Play Practice (g)
4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g)
7:00 p.m. G.A. (AR)

THURSDAY, October 14
4:00 p.m. Set up Rummage Sale (p)
2:30 p.m. Confirmation Sessions (F)
3:00 p.m. Christmas Play Practice (g)
4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g)
4:00 p.m. RCIA (F)
4:15 p.m. Walking Group (J)
6:00 p.m. Rosary (+)

FRIDAY, October 15
3:00 p.m. Set up Trunk or Treat (parking lot, c, g)
4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g)
4:00 p.m. Set up Rummage Sale (p)

SATURDAY, October 16
8:00 a.m. RCIA & Confirmation (F)
9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale (p)
4:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat (c/g/parking lot)
2:00 p.m. Baptist Bible Study (p)

SUNDAY, October 17
10:00 a.m. Coffee & Donut Social ©
2:30 p.m. Divine Mercy (+)
7:00 p.m. A.A. (sc1&2)

BABY SHOWER

October is "Respect Life" month. The Catholic Church holds all human life as a sacred gift from God, from conception to natural death.

After all the Masses on **Oct. 23 & 24**, we will be collecting money and items for Womankind and Zelie's Home so that they can continue their wonderful ministries of helping expectant families in need.

They need: money, diapers & wipes; new/gently used strollers & pack-n-plays; new/gently used maternity/baby clothes; new car seats & cribs (these must be brand new for safety reasons); and new/gently used maternity/baby clothes up to 24 months. Girls clothes (preemie to 3 months) are especially needed. Please note that at this time, we are NOT accepting any other used items. Thank you and may God bless you for helping expecting families in need.

Answer to This Week's Religion Question
Who succeeded Elijah as a Prophet in Israel?

Answer:
Elisha was appointed by God to succeed Him.

STEWARDSHIP

October 3, 2021

Due to Scheduling issues, these figures will be posted at a later date. We thank you for your understanding.

Please continue to mail in your donations, donate online or drop off at the office. You can also drop your donation in the baskets in church. Thank you for your continued support.

Many Thanks

Many thanks to all who contributed to the Missionary Appeal from the Community of St. Paul a few weeks ago. The missionaries who come to our parish are greatly appreciative of your generosity. The total collect from this appeal was $2,054.70 . The Society for the Propagation of the Faith Office used $228.30 to distribute to other Mission Societies who were not able to be scheduled for an Appeal this year. Thanks again for your generosity.

Mass Coordinators, Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Liturgical Ministers

Any special requests for **November, December and January schedule** needs to be turned in to the Parish Office **by Monday, October 11.** This schedule does include the Holiday Season so please specify your Mass choices. Thank you for your help with this.

Join us every Thursday at 6:00 pm in Church as we pray the Rosary. All are invited.

SENIOR GROUP

The October meeting of the Seniors Club will take place on October 12th at 2:00 pm in the St. Joseph Room located in the lower level of the Parish Office. Bingo, treats, fun for all. New members always welcome.

COFFEE & DONUT SOCIAL

Join us for our Coffee & Donut Social after the 9:00 Mass on October 17th. Hosting will be members from the Holy Name Society. The next Social will be November 7th, hosted by members of St. Vincent DePaul.

October Morning Prayer for Women. Monday, October 18 from 9:30am - 11:00am. *Presented by Sr. Mary Ann Flannery, SC*. Women from all walks of life are invited to pray together and learn more about the beauty of prayer. Led by Sr. Mary Ann Flannery, S.C., this prayer group will refresh your spirit and help you find strength in regular prayer habits. Just bring your Bible and come as you are! Price includes coffee and pastry. Registrations are encouraged, but walk-ins welcome! Cost: $10

St. Edward High School, a Catholic school in the Holy Cross tradition, educates the hearts and minds of a diverse group of young men to have the competence to see and the courage to act as men of hope for the transformation of the world.
We are looking forward to meeting with anyone who are considering St. Edward for their education. Here are some upcoming dates of Open Houses:
Monday, October 18th—5:30 pm—7:30 pm
Monday, October 25th—5:30 pm—7:30 pm
Monday, November 8—5:30 pm—7:30 pm
Pre-registration is required at sehs.net/openhouse. If you have any questions, contact Office of Admission at 216-521-2204.

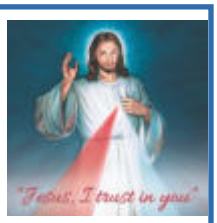
*Trinity High School invites families to its featured **Open House on October 24, 2021**, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Find out what Trinity has to offer and why we are ALL in at TrINity! More information can be found at www.ths.org/admissions/OH*

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION

From September 22 – October 31, you are invited to join with other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray anytime between 7 am to 7 pm during the 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside **Preterm** - 12000 Shaker Blvd, Cleveland, or **Planned Parenthood** - 25350 Rockside Rd, Bedford Hts, or **Family Planning** – 462 Chardon St, Painesville . Join us at the Kickoff Rally at St. John Vianney on Monday, September 20 at 7pm. For more information contact John Noall at clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com or 216-245-9744.

All Saints FCU's St. Therese Branch is hosting a Member Appreciation Day on Friday, October 15, 2021. Come visit us at 5269 East 104th Street for food, fun, and prizes! Please call 216-587-0631 or visit **www.allsaintsfcu.com** for additional information. We hope to see you there!

There will be a Divine Mercy Holy Hour **Sunday, October 17 at 2:30** pm in Saint Monica Church. All are welcome!



Blanket Sunday "Covers" Many Needs:
This weekend is Blanket Sunday, October 9th & 10th, sponsored by the St. Vincent DePaul Society. When you come to Mass, simply make a cash donation. Your money will go further through bulk purchases of blankets and other items for families, children, the elderly, homeless, and other needy individuals in our metropolitan area.

TRINITY

Trinity High School is looking for van drivers for the 2021-2022 school year. We have openings for mornings and afternoons, for a few days a week or up to 30 hours. For more information, please contact Jenn Newrones at 216-581-5753 or newronesj@ths.org.

Garfield Heights Knights of Columbus Wednesday Night Dinners: August
Reservations by Sunday, October 10....8PM

Wednesday, October 13– Chicken Paprikash
$10.00 per dinner
Prepared by Lori's Custom Catering ---
phone 216-662-2277 --- MAILBOX #3
Dinner Consists of:
Chicken Paprikash, dumplings, side salad, Roll and butter.
EVERYTHING IS PACKAGED - PRE-ORDER ONLY
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NO BAKERY-SERVING TIME 4-6 PM
Pickup at 10806 Granger Road—CLUB 4130
Please leave your complete name, phone number and number of dinners you will be picking up. Please no changes day of. Thank you for your continued patronage. If someone else is picking up - leave their name also.

CLAMBAKE 2021..Due to supply issues and the increase cost of clams, we WILL NOT HAVE A CLAMBAKE this year. We will have it in 2022. Thank you for your patronage.

Please help Families in Need

"BabyShower"

TO BENEFIT WOMANKIND AND ZELIE'S HOME

Oct. 23 & 24 after all Masses

ITEMS MOST NEEDED:

MonetaryDonations, Diapers & Wipes

BrandNew: Car Seats & Cribs

New or GentlyUsed: Strollers & Pack-n-Plays

New or GentlyUsed maternity/baby clothes<24mos.
.....(especially girls preemie to 3 mos.)

We're sorry, but we are NOT accepting any other USED items at this time.

Thank you for all your compassion and help!
May God Bless you!

You are cordially invited to our

Rosary Rally

at

Saints Peter and Paul Church
Fatima Shrine

4750 Turney Road
Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125

Located on the corner Garfield Boulevard and Turney Road

Saturday, October 16 2021
12:00 Noon

Face Masks Optional

All are Welcome
Free Parking

For more information, please call:
Iva - 216-385-1348
Therese - 216-475-5488

Transportation <u>not</u> provided

America Needs Fatima
Hosted by: Saints Peter and Paul Altar & Rosary Sodality

It's OK to have a lot of questions. We're here to answer them.

October 16, 2021
1:00 PM

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Attend our FREE seminar to learn more about the burial planning process including:

Full body, cremation, and natural burial
In-ground vs. above-ground burial
Catholic funeral tradition

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The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Chant: **Here I Am to Worship**

So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that you're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.

1. Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you,
hope of a life spent with you.

2. King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came to the earth you created,
all for love's sake became poor.

3. And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.
And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.

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Responsorial Psalm: **Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17**

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

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Offertory Chant: **In Every Age** *(Journeysongs #696)*

In ev'ry age, O God, you have been our refuge.
In ev'ry age, O God, you have been our hope.

1. Long before the mountains came to be
and the land and sea and stars of the night,
through the endless season of all time,
You have always been, you will always be.

2. Destiny is cast, and at your silent word
we return to dust and scatter to the wind.
A thousand years are like a single moment gone,
as the light that fades at the end of day.

3. Teach us to make use of the time we have.
Teach us to be patient even as we wait.
Teach us to embrace our ev'ry joy and pain.
To sleep peacefully, and to rise up strong.

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Communion Chant: **Be Not Afraid** *(Journeysongs # 673)*

Be not afraid. I go before you always. Come follow me, and I will give you rest.

1. You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wonder far in safety
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

2. If you pass through raging waters
in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all.

3. Blessed are your poor,
for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are those who weep and mourn,
for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you
all because of me,
blessed, blessed are you.

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Sending Forth: **We Are the Light of the World** *(Journeysongs #629)*

We are the light of the world, may our light shine before all,
that they may see the good that we do and give glory to God.

1. Blessed are they who are poor in spirit,
theirs is the kingdom of God.
Bless us, O Lord, make us poor in spirit,
bless us, O Lord, our God.

2. Blessed are they who are meek and humble,
they will inherit the earth.
Bless us, O Lord, make us meek and humble,
bless us, O Lord, our God.

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Reading 1 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

℟ 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! ℟

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.. ℟

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!. ℟

Reading 2 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.

Gospel Mk 10:17-30

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. All things are possible for God." 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."

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