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University Parish

Bringing all Home, to the Father's Heart, through Jesus, by the Power of the Holy Spirit.

A Kean Perspective:

In the last few weeks, we have been listening to some similar themes in Mark's gospel. If we think back to the gospels that we have heard these last few weeks, we can recall various instances of how Jesus is either being misunderstood by those around Him, doubted by those with little faith, or challenged by the authorities of His time. Thus, it is no surprise that Jesus responds to the man (who in Matthew's gospel is described as being young) with a cautious probing question Himself. However, with a second glance, Jesus realizes that this young man is presenting a sincere question from the depths of his heart. Jesus then looked at him and "loved him."

I am most encouraged in the gospels when I think of the moments of when Jesus was moved by emotions of love and in a way to be seemingly caught off guard in His ministry. I can picture Jesus being impressed by the Centurion with great faith. I can picture Jesus' face melting into a smile at the Syrophenician woman's humble response to his stern challenge. And I can picture Jesus who moved from a suspicious comment to that precious moment of looking at this young man with a heart full of love.

It is that second glance that stands out to me. In the first comment that Jesus makes to this person, there is a hint of frustration: "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone." Because he was rich and young, as Matthew tells us, his garments would have been, at first glance, similar to those of a young Pharisee. It took that second glance for Jesus to see that he wasn't of the company of Pharisees or one of their scribes, and with only one look at the young man's eyes, Jesus would have seen into his soul. That moment of pause, that mo-



ment of Jesus' softening expression; it pangs my heart to remember what follows next. Whenever, I read the passage, I begin talking to the Holy Book the way I might comment to whoever is refereeing the football game I might be watching: "What are they thinking?!" I want to say to the young man who is offered the opportunity to follow Jesus, "Go with Him! Don't walk away!"

This young rich man of many possessions had the chance to be a part of the most prestigious group in all of history. The twelve apostles became the pillar for the Church in this world and hold that position in honored glory in God's kingdom forever, yet we don't even know this guy's name! For me, it becomes symbolic for lost opportunities of passing up God's grace-filled moments. This goes for hidden moments as well as for big decisions. Even turning away from a moment of sin can be a moment for the glory of God and His kingdom, and thus have eternal value. It changes life when we think that way: any moment that is won for the Lord is a moment to be cherished for all eternity.

-Fr. Jim Kean

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MASS TIMES

Tuesday: 8:30am
Wednesday: 12:15pm
Thursday: 7:15pm
Friday: 12:15pm
Saturday: 8:30am
Sunday: 10am & 6pm

CONFESSION TIMES

First Tuesday of the Month: 9:15am
Thursday: 6pm
Saturday: 9:15am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Tuesday of the Month: 9:15am
Thursday: 6pm

PARISH ROSARY

Saturday: 8am

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Sunday, October 17, 2021

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 53 : 10-11

Psalm: 33 : 4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

Second Reading: Hebrews 4 : 14-16

Gospel: Mark 10 : 35-45

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

SUN | October 10 — (10AM) Blaise Harrington
(6PM) Mike & Nicole Jones
TUE | October 12 — +Deacon Richard Hulant
WED | October 13 — +Fr. Frank Pollie
THU | October 14 — Deborah (Healing)
FRI | October 15 — Tina (Healing)
SAT | October 16 — Andrew Hamilton

FINANCE UPDATE

Our Offertory is the primary source of funds for our day-to-day operations. The average weekly collection should be \$5,000 in order to meet our budgeted expenses.

For the week ending October 3, 2021:

Envelopes: \$1,951

Electronic: \$3,299

Total: \$5,250

For Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022:

YTD Offertory Collected: \$64,735

YTD Offertory Budgeted: \$64,521

Over/(Short) from Budget: \$214

AOD SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK



Joshua Burcroff

Theology I

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Beverly Hills

Please pray for our seminarians!

A BIGGER BOAT

BY FR. JOHN CARLIN

Last week, we saw how each of us share in the priesthood of Christ and how both the ministerial priesthood and the common priesthood of all the baptized are expressed in the presentation of the gifts. First, the offerings were brought to the priest, and now, we will consider a couple of moments as the priest presents the offerings to the Lord.

The offertory prayer is unique to every Mass, specific to whatever feast is celebrated that day. But right before this prayer, the priest prays, "Blessed are You, Lord, God of all creation, for through Your goodness we have received the bread (the wine) we offer...". This prayer comes from the Jewish "berakah" or "blessing" prayer that is more ancient than the Mass itself, going all the way back to the time of Abraham and Noah before him. It is a prayer Jesus would have learned and grown up praying as a child. The prayer blesses God, not in a sense of bestowing a blessing upon him like a priest/deacon blessing a rosary or a metal. Rather, it is a prayer thanking God and acknowledging the blessings He has bestowed on each of us. It is only because God has blessed us that we are able to offer something back to Him. By ourselves, we are poor. There is nothing that we can offer to God that was not already His. But this is how abundantly the Lord blesses us, by giving us the means to offer something of ourselves back to Him, to express our love for Him who first loved us.

Another ancient symbol in the Mass is when the priest washes his

hands. Jesus also would've been familiar with this growing up as the ritual washings and purifications in Jewish tradition would have been something He and Mary and Joseph observed. This is not a washing of the hands for sanitary purposes or cleanliness (the priest can just wash his hands before mass even starts). Rather, this symbolic washing of the hands goes back to Moses and Aaron, when God commanded that all the priests first purify themselves before approaching the altar to offer sacrifices. It was an acknowledgment of God's holiness and that the hands of the priest, which have been used for so many common, mundane actions (good or bad) must now be sanctified, that is, "set apart" to handle the sacred things dedicated and offered to God. It is a reminder, both to the priest and to the people, that the priest is about to do something outside of every day life. His hands become the holy and venerable hands of Christ; his words, the words of Christ, as he offers not only bread and wine, but himself, the Lamb of God, back to the Father for the redemption of the world. Of all the gifts God has bestowed upon us, the gift of a priest is perhaps the most precious, for it is in the priest that God again gives us the gift of His Son so that the priest, standing in the person of Christ, can again offer himself to the Father and save us all from our sins.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord, now and forever. Our help is in the Name of the Lord, who made Heaven and earth.

- Fr. John

Mass Schedule Notice

Due to the Priest's Convocation, the following changes to the Mass schedule will be made:

Tues, Oct. 19: 8:30am Communion Service

Wed, Oct. 20: 12:15pm Mass **CANCELLED**

Thur, Oct. 21: 6pm Adoration **CANCELLED**
6pm Confession **CANCELLED**
7:15pm Mass **CANCELLED**

K of C Spaghetti Dinners



When: October 14th

Where: St. John Fisher Parking Lot

How: Call ahead and carry out.
(248)-296-2853

Time: 5:00 - 7:00pm

BONFIRE ROSARY

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Wednesday, October 13, 2021

7:00 - 9:00 PM

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www.SJFChapel.org/Young-Adults

RELIGIOUS ED. NEWS

Reminder to Religious Ed. Families:

Family Catechesis Day meets **today, Sunday, October 10th**

2:00 - 3:30pm

St. John Fisher Activities Center

Wednesday, October 27
6:30-8:30pm

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RSVP Preferred by Oct. 25

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