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“All things are
possible for God.”

MARK 10:27

Sunday, October 10, 2021

WELCOME

The Gesu Parish community would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our visitors and guest. We are grateful to have friends and family that have come from near and far to witness Fr. Phil Cooke, SJ profess his final vows to the Society of Jesus. We also ask for you to pray for those that could not physically be here with us today but are with us in spirit!

Peace be with you!

Hello Gesu Parishioners,

As we enter the month of October, fall is upon us. It is indeed my favorite time of the year, especially here in Michigan where God does a tremendous job painting beauty across this land in the leaves, sunsets and the autumn blue skies.

October is also the month of missionary discipleship. Every month our Holy Father has a specific prayer intention. While last month's request was for us to prayerfully live "an environmentally sustainable lifestyle," (as we appropriately celebrated during the Season of Creation) this month's is for the evangelization for us Catholics to become missionary disciples. Pope Francis' prayer states, "We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel." In a video on missionary discipleship by Francis, he also states, "Let us remember that the mission [of discipleship] is not proselytism, the mission is based on an encounter between people, on the testimony on men and women who say, "I know Jesus, and I would like you to know him too."

Last Sunday, we discussed "missionary discipleship" with some parishioners after mass. The word "disciple" is not something in which we Catholics are accustomed. However, it is a crucial and foundational word because all of us, men and women, are called to discipleship, here and now, today. The word is used a lot, but we don't always understand its meaning. To be a disciple is to be a learner. To be a disciple of Jesus Christ is to be engaged in a lifelong process of learning from and about Jesus the master and Jesus the teacher.

I want to be a lifelong learner and follower of Jesus. I want to humble myself and ask him to continue to teach me how to live, how to love, how to enter more fully into His kingdom, not mine. Do you want to be his disciple, too? Will you follow Christ and become a lifelong learner with me? I hope you will join us. There is no better, no greater, and no more exciting journey!

Blessings in Christ,

Fr. Phil SJ



Sowers of the Seed

Fill Us with Your Love, O Lord, And We Will Sing for Joy!

David Gryniewicz



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If I'm honest, the story of the rich young man in today's Gospel has always terrified me. Many times in my life I have asked myself his question: "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" What must I do to be righteous? ...to be good enough? ...to be at peace with God and myself? Do I have to pray enough, or scrupulously avoid certain sins? Do I have to fight hard enough against injustice or make a big enough difference in the world? Perhaps I'm not the only one who struggles with these questions.

And here comes Jesus, like "a sharp, two-edged sword" to answer our question by setting a brutally high bar: you must sell everything you have and give to poor, leave everything, and follow! And we go away, sad.

But look again: Jesus looked at the man and *loved* him, penetrating the "reflections and thoughts of his heart" not like the blow of a sword, but the delicate cut of a healing scalpel. "you are lacking in one thing." Jesus didn't answer the question, because it is the wrong question. Not "what must I do?" but "what do I love?" Instead of adding one more law or command, he gently pointed to the great emptiness at the center of the man's diligent life of striving. What he really loved were his riches and security; eternal life was just the ultimate form of riches and security to be gained by his striving.

He was lacking the love that tastes and sees the goodness of the Lord, that finds the treasure hidden in the field and joyfully runs to sell all and buy the field. With this love, we will joyfully give what we have to serve God's beloved poor and gladly leave anything that holds us back from being with Jesus. We will inherit eternal life, because *this love IS eternal life*.

But how can I gain this love? "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God"

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

The mission of Sowers of the Seed is to deepen parishioners' relationship with God, the Word and the parish community. We would love to hear if you have read this Sowers of the Seed article and if it touched your spirit in any way. Please reply by text if possible to 248 225-0564. God bless .

So we can best serve all parishioners and ensure we meet publication deadlines, articles for the bulletin and Gesu Electronic Updates must be submitted at least 14 days prior to the publication date. Mass announcements should be received 7 days in advance. Request for mass announcements, electronic updates and the bulletin should be submitted via email and sent to communications@gesudetroit.org

Jesuit Examen Conversation

So far we have gathered to discuss three Jesuit Examen topics: *The Faith that Does Justice, Missionary Discipleship and Liturgy, Worship & Community.* There will be additional small group conversations that continue throughout the year along with opportunities for the community to provide written feedback in multiple ways. We want to thank everyone that has participated so far and we ask for continued prayers throughout this process.

The Parish Examen is primarily intended to help the community reflect upon how we engage and champion five essential elements of Jesuit parish ministry. We engage in prayerful reflection in order to detect God's presence and discern his direction for us. The Examen is an ancient practice in the Church that can help us see God's hand at work in our whole experience

For more information contact Christina Hall at 313.862.4400

MASS INTENTIONS

- October 11- Sara Salinas (Maria Salinas)
- October 12- Family and Friends of Fr. Phil Cooke (Gesu)
- October 13- Carl and Maureen Peters (Kamie Cicinelli)
- October 14- Hedwidge Maurer + (by Joe Maurer)
- October 15- TBD

+ Indicates Deceased

*Mass offered by Gesu for those on the prayer list

If you would like to have a mass offered for a loved one please contact the parish office. The suggested donation is \$10

Crossroads Volunteers are Needed for Oct. 24

Gesu's annual meal for Crossroads Soup Kitchen is coming up Sunday Oct. 24th. Volunteers will be needed in two shifts. The first shift is from 8:30-11:30 am and the second shift is from 11:15 am- 2:30 pm.

We are in need of 18 volunteers for each shift.

Crossroads is located at 2424 West Grand Blvd, Detroit. We will be making soup, sandwiches, and preparing to serve about 350 clients.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, clients will pick up their meals at the door and will not be seated in the dining room as in the past. All volunteers need to wear masks.

Sign up to volunteer in the back of the social area or online via the link in the Gesu electronic update.

If you have additional questions please contact Tim Renaud at 248-850-7378



Crossroads



Sign Up for the Gesu Electronic Update by scanning this code.
OR
Call the Gesu Parish Center

**Gesu Church
MISSION STATEMENT**

"We worship joyfully and serve humbly as the Spirit leads us."

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Summer Office Hours

Monday through Thursday : 9am - 4pm Closed Friday

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Celebration of the Eucharist

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| Weekday Mass: | Monday through Friday, 5:30 pm |
| Weekends: | Saturday, 5:00 pm |
| | Sunday, 8:00 am & 10:30 am |
| Secular Holidays: | Mass at 9:30 |
| Holy Days: | Mass at 5:30 pm |

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday's 4:00-4:45 pm in the church
Or by appointment with the Pastor

Emergency After Hour Number for Priest
call 313-915-0068.

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Please pray for those asking for our prayers

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