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Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am  
Vigil Mass Saturday at 5:00 pm

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ♦ OCTOBER 10, 2021

## What he did is not the issue...

— Fr. Bosco Padamattummal —

**“GOOD TEACHER, WHAT MUST I DO TO INHERIT ETERNAL LIFE?”** (Mark 10:17-30) What was going on in his life that caused him to run to Jesus, kneel down, and ask his question. It’s a restless, sleepless night kind of question. It’s the kind of question that becomes a prayer for us. It’s more than just a religious question for that man, and it is for us. It’s not about doctrine or theology. It’s about life being more alive. What must I do to have the fullness of life right now?

**On the day of Pentecost, Peter preached a wonderful sermon.** And many who heard it were “cut to the heart and cried out, ‘what shall we do?’” (Acts 2:37) A jailer in the city of Philippi asked Paul and Silas, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” (Acts 16:30) These are questions of ‘eternal life’ and ‘eternal death.’ These are ‘ultimate’ questions that deal with ‘ultimate’ issues.

**So, just what is this thing called ‘eternal life’ that this man is so eager to attain and so unsure of how to attain?** The man had it exactly right when he called “eternal life” an “inheritance,” which is never something you get by ‘doing’ something, but only because someone else, who loves you, has died and given it to you.

**First of all, it’s life.** ‘Life’ is what God gave to man when He formed him from the dust of the ground and “breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being” (Genesis 2:7). God Himself is life, who breathes Himself into men and women. And then and only then, are we truly alive with life. Apart from this breath of God there is no life in us. We may have lungs that breathe, and a brain that works, and a heart that beats. We may have all the outward signs of being alive, but apart from the breath of God in us, we’re really ‘dead.’

**Second, it’s eternal.** Eternal is that which has no end. Eternal goes on forever and ever which means that the death of — *continued on p. 2*



**THE DATE WAS OCTOBER 13, 1917.** The place was Fatima, Portugal. This “miracle of the sun” was witnessed by more than 70,000 people, an event so outstanding that it was reported in many secular newspapers of the times...

**O** Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer.

The Fatima apparitions were: “without doubt, the most prophetic of all modern apparitions.”

— Pope Benedict XVI —

For more info about Fatima, visit: [ewtn.com/catholicism/library/fatima-5457](http://ewtn.com/catholicism/library/fatima-5457) or [bluearmy.com/the-story-of-fatima/](http://bluearmy.com/the-story-of-fatima/)

**St. Mary's Parish Weekly Calendar ❖ Oct. 9-17, 2021**  
 Mass Intention [requested by], & parish activities

**SAT. OCT. 9** *Weekday (opt. mem. St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs) (opt. mem. St. John Leonard, Priest) (opt. mem. Bl. Virgin Mary)*

Jl 4:12-21  
 Lk 11:27-28  
 ☞ Pray the Rosary 20 minutes before Mass  
 ➤ **5:00pm VIGIL MASS for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time: For the People**

**SUN. OCT. 10** *28th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Wis 7:7-11  
 Heb 4:12-13  
 Mk 10:17-30 (or 10:17-27)  
 ☞ Pray the Rosary 20 minutes before both Masses  
 ➤ **8:30am MASS:** ☩ **Dick Krzyzaniak** [His loving wife Shirley Krzyzaniak]  
 ➤ **10:30am MASS:** ☩ **Tom Burch** [Brad & Julie Messing]  
 4-5:00pm "Rosary Coast-to-Coast" / church  
 4-5:30pm Confirmation Class / PC

**MON. OCT. 11** *Weekday (opt. mem. St. John XXIII, Pope)*

Rom 1:1-7  
 Lk 11:29-32  
 ➤ **12:10pm MASS:** ☩ **Russ Aiuto** [Kathy Cornell]  
 12:45pm "The Real Presence of Jesus" session 5 / FFH  
 3:30-4:45pm Rel Ed class / PC  
 5:00pm Staff meeting / FFH

**TUES. OCT. 12** *Weekday*

Rom 1:16-25  
 Lk 11:37-41  
 ➤ **8:30am MASS:** ☩ **Ann Becketl** [Ruth Burch]

**WED. OCT. 13** *Weekday*

Rom 2:1-11  
 Lk 11:42-46  
 ➤ **8:30am MASS:** ☩ **Tom Burch** [George & Liz Daubner]

**THUR. OCT. 14** *Weekday (opt. mem. St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr)*

Rom 3:21-30  
 Lk 11:47-54  
 ➤ **8:30am MASS:** ☩ **Jim Walkowe** (on his birthday) [Geneva Walkowe]  
 6:30pm "The Real Presence of Jesus" session 5 / FFH

**FRI. OCT. 15** *Memorial: Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*

Rom 4:1-8  
 Lk 12:1-7  
 ➤ **8:30am MASS:** ☩ **Leon Ball** [Marlene Lentz]

**SAT. OCT. 16** *Weekday (opt. mem. St. Hedwig, Religious) (opt. mem. St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin) (opt. mem. Bl. Virgin Mary)*

Rom 4:13, 16-18  
 Lk 12:8-12  
 ☞ Pray the Rosary 20 minutes before Mass  
 ➤ **5:00pm VIGIL MASS for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time:** ☩ **Joan Walkowe** [Her loving daughter Stacy]

**SUN. OCT. 17** *29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Is 53:10-11  
 Heb 4:14-16  
 Mk 10:35-45 (or 10:42-45)  
 ☞ Pray the Rosary 20 minutes before both Masses  
 ➤ **8:30am MASS:** ☩ **Jadвига & Boleslavs Kalvans** [Bill & Astrida Panches]  
 ➤ **10:30am MASS: For the People** ■

**FR. BOSCO'S ARTICLE FROM PAGE 1, continued:**  
*What he did is not the issue...*

body is not the end of life at all. Even when lungs stop breathing and brain stops working and we have all the outward signs of being dead, this life that God has breathed into us does not die, and we're really very much alive. This is what Jesus meant when He said to Martha regarding her brother Lazarus, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he dies, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die" (John 11:25-26).

**The question that this man came running to Jesus with is already answered when you believe this.** "For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). Jesus declares, "Truly, truly I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life" (John 5:24).

**The man in today's gospel has plenty.** He's rich with property, possessions, wealth, yet something was missing, and quantity could not fill the emptiness of quality. "You lack one thing," Jesus tells the man. He already knows that. That's why he is asking his question. What Jesus does is show him a way forward. He offers a new day and a fresh start.

**It's so easy to hear Jesus' words as a challenge, as something to be accomplished, as demanding more than we are prepared to give or do.** "Go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." Jesus' loving word to this man is no different than His loving word to us when He says, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:19-21). The great danger in all things temporal is that they have the deadly power of interfering with all things eternal, even to the point that they can cause us to lose sight of the inheritance we have.

**Knowing that we have these treasure in heaven sets us free to be outrageously generous with our earthly treasures.** Because Jesus Christ has looked at us and loved us and sold all that He had for our eternal life, we can look at our neighbor, and love him, and be generous to the poor in their needs. Sadly, this man with his burning question about his eternal life does not end well. He was "disheartened by the saying, and he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions."

**Dear brothers and sisters, which of us has not let the riches and the 'things' of this 'temporary' world which are all perishing, stand between us and Jesus' gracious and loving call to "come follow Me"?** We often hear this story as saying the man chose not to follow Jesus, but that's not what the text says. Today's gospel does not say that he refused to do what Jesus said. But neither does it say that he did what Jesus said. It says he turned away grieving.

**Maybe** he went home and immediately sold his stuff, gave the money to the poor, and chased after Jesus. **Maybe** he did it a month later or eight years later. **Or maybe** he never did it. We just don't know. And that's ok. What he did or did not do is not the issue.

**The issue is about us, what we do or do not do. †**

**ABORTION... HURTS WOMEN KILLS CHILDREN DESTROYS SOCIETY**  **October is "Respect Life Month"**

**NOTICE REGARDING CEMETERY DECORATIONS**  
 The Cemetery Board asks all parishioners to remember: It's that time of the year again! **Kindly remove all decorations on graves at St. Mary Cemetery by Oct. 15** for Fall Cleanup. Items remaining after that date will be discarded. Winter grave decorations may be placed on graves after Nov. 15. Thank you.

*Birthday Blessings!*  
 OCTOBER 10 Daniel Burch, James Sahakian, Patricia Shafer  
 OCTOBER 12 Pamela Wallace  
 OCTOBER 13 James Fielder  
 OCTOBER 14 Elaine Feldkamp  
 OCTOBER 16 Amelia Wood

**Talk on Saint Joseph at the Pious Union of St. Joseph in Grass Lake**  
**Next Sunday, Oct. 17 at 6pm. Info at PiousUnionOfStJoseph.org**

**THIS SUNDAY! Coast-to-Coast Rosary at St. Mary's**

Our parish will participate in the nationwide COAST-TO-COAST ROSARY this Sun., Oct 10 at 4pm in the church. This Rosary will be specifically for our country to return to its roots in God in these times of radical change. Join thousands nationwide! *Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us!*

**Mission Cooperative Appeal: October 17**

Each year our parish (and all the parishes in the Diocese) host a "Mission Appeal." Typically a representative of the mission comes and speaks to us at Mass, telling us about their work and need, and asking for our support – prayerful and financial. However, this year like last year, the Diocesan Office of Missions has arranged for the appeal to be virtual; that is, a mission appeal by video.

We are reminded that the impoverished people of God in countries all around the world have been deeply affected by the pandemic and continue to need our help and prayers. This message should encourage the us to pray for and offer donations to longstanding, core mission groups.

St. Mary's will have a second collection on the weekend of Oct. 17. Please open your heart. The work of the missionary can often mean poverty, hard labor, suspicion, and persecution. Yet how will people know that God loves them unless we whom God has sent love them? Please be generous in your support. We cannot know how many we ourselves are indebted to.

**The 1st Annual Michigan Catholic Women's Conference**

Women from five Dioceses – Detroit, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Lansing, and Saginaw – come together to focus on their faith and to experience the fellowship of sisterhood in Christ Jesus. Throughout the day, women will be encouraged and inspired to focus and grow their faith by hearing from Catholic speakers, engaging in praise and worship music, and celebrating holy Mass with our bishops. The conference will be held at the Lansing Center in Lansing next Sat., Oct. 16, 2021. Registration NOW OPEN! (Visit [mcwc.ticketspice.com/cwc](http://mcwc.ticketspice.com/cwc))

**State Capitol Rosary Rally (Final Rally of the Year!)**

This coming Wed., Oct. 13 is the anniversary of the "Miracle of the Sun" at Fatima, and also the 18th consecutive Rosary Rally at the Capitol in Lansing. It will be the final rally of the year – an hour of prayer, including the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Patriotic Rosary. A huge crowd would be wonderful for this anniversary and make Our Lady so happy. Please join us at 3pm in front of the steps at the Michigan State Capitol building in Lansing.

We will be praying for life, marriage, family, conversion of souls, reparation for sin, and for our state and national leaders. Please do not wear clothing with political or campaign statements. More info at [UniteOurNation.net](http://UniteOurNation.net)

**Public Square Rosary Rally in Ann Arbor & Saline**

Please join us in praying the Rosary together in the Public Square at any of three nearby locations this coming Sat., Oct. 16 from 12 noon until 1pm. Together we will pray, asking Our Blessed Mother for the conversion of sinners and peace for our nation and the world.

- **INDUSTRIAL DR. AND MICHIGAN AVENUE, SALINE, MI** (near old Ruby Tuesday's). For more info contact Suzanne Krisak at [skrisak@peoplepc.com](mailto:skrisak@peoplepc.com)
  - **NICKELS ARCADE (NEAR U OF M CAMPUS)**. Sing the Rosary in English and Latin. For more info contact Joe Lipa at [joelipa@umich.edu](mailto:joelipa@umich.edu)
  - **ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH 2250 E. STADIUM BLVD**, Ann Arbor. For more info contact Pat To at [patwto@yahoo.com](mailto:patwto@yahoo.com)
- ...recalling that this Oct. 13 is the 104th anniversary of the *Miracle of the Sun* at Fatima in 1917.

**Public Rosary & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Jackson**

...this Sun, Oct 10, from 2 to 3pm at Horace Blackman Park (next to the Hayes Bldg on the corner of South Jackson Street and West Michigan Avenue). Come to pray for a world in turmoil. Join priests and fellow Catholics in praying for our nation and for our persecuted brothers and sisters. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of rain, the Public Rosary will be held in Queen of the Miraculous Medal Church, Jackson.

**Eucharistic Miracles of the World Display**

For all those who have been attending the "Real Presence" series for the past several weeks, you may be interested in visiting St. Fabian Catholic Church in Farmington Hills. They are welcoming all to explore the display they are hosting of "Eucharistic Miracles of the World," now through October 17. For more info, visit: [stfabian.org/eucharistic-miracles.html](http://stfabian.org/eucharistic-miracles.html)

**The SANCTUARY LAMPS are burning this week for the following intentions:**  
PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK...

- 1) "Happy Birthday" Patricia Shafer ~ Love, Hugs & Prayers (Jim & Marja Warner)
- 2) ...

*Altar Flowers*  
OCTOBER 10, 2021  
In memory of  
+ Margaret Cauvin  
[ June Faubion ]

**Please Pray for...**

• Paul Marion	• Delores Oakley
• Connie Marion	• George Oakley
• Shirley Krzyzaniak	• Michelle & Jon Hagopian
• Lisa (Pat Fitzgerald's daughter)	• Mike Gibbons
• Jim & Carol (Susan Fielder's nephew & his fiancée)	• Bruce Sommers
• Robin Schmidt	• Luise Kienzle
• Mike Stem	• Christy Woody
• Dawn Gaylord	• Jerry Kripas
• Emilienne Ramde	• Joe Kirk
• Sr. Ann Mahany	• Joyce Stein
• Michelle Henderson	• Loretta Widmayer
	• Connie Stancato
	• Duane Beuerle
	• Annie (sister of Lynn Waldecker)

Please contact the Parish Office to add or remove a name from this prayer list.

**St. Mary Roman Catholic Church Stewardship**

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**  
Sunday, September 26, 2021

Sunday Env (49)	\$ 2,497.00
Welcome & Loose	109.20
E-Giving (10)	662.38
Combined toward budget:	\$ 3,268.58
Budget goal:	5,300.00
Amt BELOW goal:	- 2,031.42

**OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:**

Bldg. & Maint (4)	\$ 85.00
Amer Evang (7)	195.00
Poor Box	161.05
Votive candles	60.00

**THINK YOU MIGHT BE PREGNANT? NEED HELP? ALTERNATIVES TO ABORTION**  
Call (800) 712-HELP (4357)  
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**Need Help? PROJECT RACHEL** (post-abortion reconciliation and healing) Call the confidential phone line: 517-993-0291, or email [nlc@resurrectionlansing.org](mailto:nlc@resurrectionlansing.org)

**NEED HELP? "COURAGE"** is a Catholic spiritual support group for those struggling with same sex attraction. "ENCOURAGE" is a separate support group for families & friends. For info in the Diocese of Lansing, call 517-342-2596 or email [caverart@comcast.net](mailto:caverart@comcast.net)

**NEED HELP? An "AA" group meets Fridays at 7:00pm at Emanuel Church, 324 W Main St. (next door to St Mary's)**

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