

From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Friends:

Jesus tells the rich man in the Gospel that if he wants to become a perfect Christian on the way to eternal life, he must surrender all his riches to the poor. In asking "to give away all", Jesus was not condemning material riches in themselves; neither did he call every one of us to give away everything we have to the poor, nor did he want to make us feel guilty about what we have. He himself had some reasonably well off people among his disciples and he knew well that people have to think of their own needs and of their security. Hence, what Jesus was actually telling us was that because riches give a false sense of security demanding the total loyalty of one's heart, it is dangerous to get attached to them; that the person who has most of the physical needs can become so self-reliant that he forgets eternal life, thus turning abundance itself into a deficiency; and that those who hang on to riches which are more than their need not only forget that they are only stewards of that which is God's, but also allow self-interest to blind them to the needs of others. By implication, Jesus not only warned all those who take advantage of the poor but also condemned the unjust distribution of wealth which is an offence against human brotherhood.

Therefore, the real problem arises not so much from possessing and not possessing material wealth but from one's wrong attitude to wealth. Wealth, as many would think, is not a sign of special favor from God, as a reward for being good; nor is poverty a sign of faithlessness and of God's displeasure. If we have a Christ-like attitude towards wealth, some of us, who knows, may give away everything to the poor in order to follow Christ, as many in the past have done and as some are doing even today; for there is so much material poverty in the world that if all the starving children of the world were lined up one behind the other, starting from your front door, the end of the queue would be twenty-five thousand miles away. With a Christian attitude towards wealth, I am sure most of us would continue our support of Relief Funds, Mission Work, and Catholic Service Appeal; many of us, without actually leaving our home and family, would surely keep up our efforts to provide homes for the homeless, employment for the jobless and protection for the defenseless.

God Bless You!

Fr. Madanu Lourdu Raju

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCD: Catholic Christian Discipleship

Today Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador will be canonized as a saint. I was in the procession that took his body from the chapel where he was shot and killed to the Cathedral of San Salvador, and I wish to acknowledge and honor him for his courage in speaking out against the killings and injustices to the Salvadoran people. He was Archbishop for only three years, (the three years I was there) and yet in that time, he faced extreme poverty, the murders of civilian leaders, the massacre of peasants, the firing on unarmed urban demonstrators, the death of priests, nuns and catechists. He spoke out strongly in his homily on the Sunday before his death saying, "In the name of God, in the name of the suffering people whose cries rise to heaven more loudly each day, I implore you, I beg you in the name of God: Stop the repression." The next day, March 24th 1980, he was shot and died while saying Mass. Que Viva Oscar Romero! May he rest in peace!

+ Thank you to all the children and families that participated in Mass last Sunday. It was wonderful to see all of you!

+ Youth Rally will be in Medford on October 24th.

+ A Confirmation session with candidates, their parents and sponsors will take place after Mass on Sunday, October 28th in Gilman.

Enjoy the awesome Fall leaves ~ Sr. Marianna

OUR WEEKLY GIVING

Ss. Peter & Paul			
Adult Envelopes		\$	1,127.00
Loose			241.00
Total			1,368.00
Total from October 8, 2017			1,080.00
Building Fund			619.00
St. Stanislaus			
Adult Envelopes		\$	330.00
Loose			33.00
Total			363.00
Total from October 8, 2017			525.00
Building Fund			453.00
St. John			
Adult Envelopes		\$	737.00
Loose			49.73
Total			786.73
Total from October 8, 2017			936.75
Building Fund			375.00
St. Michael			
Adult Envelopes		\$	300.00
Loose			91.00
Total			391.00
Total from October 8, 2017			318.00
Building Fund			87.00
<i>(Totals include only the basic collection)</i>			

Called to Become Saints
Catholic Services Appeal 2018-2019

Our annual Catholic Services Appeal has begun throughout the Diocese. The "fair share" responsibility for the coming year is listed below:

2018/2019 Catholic Services Appeal

	Assessment	Received	Amount Due
Ss. Peter & Paul	\$ 11,393.00	\$1,500.00	\$9,893.00
St. John	\$ 9,158.00	\$1,150.00	\$8,008.00
St. Stanislaus	\$ 5,234.00	\$1,695.00	\$3,539.00
St. Michael	\$ 2,789.00	\$ 325.00	\$2,464.00

Each October, the celebration of **World Mission Sunday** leads us to the heart of our Christian faith. The theme for this year's celebration on **October 21st** is **Through Youth To The World: Voices for Mission**. The collection next week is truly a global effort for the entire Church. Through the work of churches that cover more than half the territory of the globe, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy, His hope and peace.

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