
OCTOBER 11, 2009

TRINITY NEWS

Pentecost 19 – Faith and the Seduction of Money – Mark 10:17-31

This story is about the function of faith in Christ in the conduct of life. The Jewish prophets before Jesus had fiercely fought for the absolute linkage of faith and conduct.

There is no suggestion in the story that the rich man could not resume what we would call his business interests after joining the band of disciples and spending time with them. Even the exclamation from Jesus about the way in which wealth gets in the way of wisdom does not preclude those who are wealthy from the kingdom. The hyperbole about the impossibility of a camel getting through the eye of a needle should not be taken literally. It is rather that “the love of money is the root of all evil” (I Timothy 6:10). This in turn may get in the way of acknowledging the reign of God and the sovereignty of God. It puts money at the centre and by implication pushes God to the margins in our priorities if it is true. “You cannot serve God and wealth - ‘mammon’” (Matthew 6:24) is another word about this matter. Money is not necessarily tainted or “evil” in itself. We all need it! People who generate money using sound principles and use it wisely and generously serve the Reign of God well. We live in a rich country with far too many poor people. Distribution of wealth is always uneven in a capitalist system, but when it is too uneven greed has the upper hand and it adds to the suffering of people on the margins. It is one of the incidental cruelties of a system that has proved its worth when compared with other economic systems. The sadness of the rich man is that for the present he not only has to give up his possessions, but he is also left with no savings, because he has to give

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the proceeds to the poor. The "treasure in heaven" is not sufficient. He is asked to make an extreme decision to resolve an extreme problem within himself.

Reflections:

- i. Christ plans a journey. He gets interrupted. How do we handle interruptions?
- ii. How do we deal with broken dreams that we have had to give up?
- iii. What is our most prized possession? Can we really possess someone whom we love? What does freedom mean in such matters?
- iv. Christ is really challenging the man about the content and quality of his beliefs. The "one thing lacking", whatever it may be, is often a block to faith in God and it may get in the way when we are trusting to be ourselves.
- v. Why do we treasure personal items so much, and what do they represent?
- vi. Is faith in God a possession, an attainment?
- vii. What are our major reasons for having faith and trusting the belief structures that spring from faith in Christ?

Bishop Arthur Jones

THIS WEEK:			
Oct 12 Monday	• Vestry Meeting	7:00pm	Rectory
Oct 13 Tuesday	• Bible Study	10:00am	Parish Hall
Oct 15 Thursday	• Midweek Eucharist	10:00am	Chapel
	• Bible Study	7:00pm	Rectory
Oct 18 Sunday	• Eucharist	7:30/9:30am	
	• Sunday School	9:15am	Parish Hall

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:
OCTOBER 11, 2009
WE ARE THANKFUL TO THOSE WHO ARE
MINISTERING IN THE CHURCH THIS MORNING**

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rt. Rev. Arthur Jones

Eucharistic Ministers:

[7:30] Edison Yap **[9:30]** Cery Abad / Suzanne Jacobson

Lectors:

[7:30] Danilo Chua **[9:30]** Rufino Bomasang

Ministers of Music: Ferdinand Bautista /Domino Marcos

Ushers:

[7:30] Alice GoHoc/ Emily Yap

[9:30] Skeeter Joan Dagas / Jesse Elden Tan

Acolytes: Patrick Dagas/Alexis Dalmas/Dexter Fanged
Eric Gatulla/David Joaquin/Loren Ursua

Offering of the Bread and Wine & Hospitality:

Bruce and Rose Campbell

The altar flowers are donated to the glory of God by:

Hazel Rose Madamba; Sidney Kawi

COLLECT:

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

First Reading: Amos 5:6-7,10-15 page 1040

Second Reading: Hebrews 3:1-6 page 1347

Gospel: Mark 10:17-27 (NRSV)

HYMNS FOR THIS SUNDAY:

[7:30] Gradual No. 655, O Jesus I have promised
Recessional No. 390, Praise to the Lord

[9:30] Processional Thine be the glory (insert)
Gradual No. 655, O Jesus I have promised
Communion No. 663, The Lord my God
 No. 654, Day by day
Recessional No. 390, Praise to the Lord

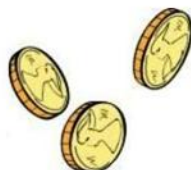
YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Those who are celebrating their birthdays this week especially
Teresa Garcia (Oct. 11) Glenice Nocom (Oct. 15)
Carol Brown (Oct. 12) Sidney Kawi (Oct. 16)
Carla Charmaine Chan (Oct. 12) Isagani Mauleon (Oct. 16)
Rhiannon Malpass (Oct. 13) Vicente Zaldivar (Oct. 16)
Kristine Mariz Ursua (Oct. 14) Shannen Mertyn (Oct. 17)

Those who are in need of healing especially Allan Waterfield, Beryl Tanner, Ron Jacob, Agosto Macli Sr, Carlyn-Fern Manning, Johnny Manning Jr, Rom Vildzius, Audrey Lacson, Loy Solasco, Benjie Conzales, Jovel Llagas, Richard Kendall, Aris Paraman, JPeter, Isabel Yu, Ted Whale, Merly Quiapos, Susan Dalmas, Helen Irvine, Carrie Angus, Diana Croyston, Nori Ongsiako.

Ramona Alano, Carmen Aligo, Sandra Yu Puen, Orlando Chua, Muriel Rose Whale, Marion Pritchard on the occasion of their death anniversaries.

Every year, as a Church's tradition towards Advent, the congregations prepare for the United Thank Offering or Pasasalamat -This celebration is our way of thanking God for all the graces and blessings we received.



This Sunday, Bishop Jones will include this event in the liturgy at the offertory.



Pasasalamat/UTO envelopes and coin savers will be blessed and will be distributed to every member and to the Sunday School pupils respectively.

	Last Sunday	Year - to - date	2009 Budget
Pledge	P52,000.00	P2,780,637.50	P3,900,000.00
Loose Plate	P23,656.10	P825,647.60	P940,000.00