



Catholic Culture Update #6
Quote to carry through the week

“Fill us with your love, O Lord, that we may rejoice and be glad.” Psalm 90:14

October 10th is the Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time. “Practice of Charity - Jesus reminds us in today’s Gospel that possessions can envelop us so much that we lose sight of what is important. At first in the reading, it is easy to think Jesus is saying that the rich can never get to heaven; however, the message focuses more on what possesses or consumes our attention. Obsession with a particular perspective can keep us from considering other’s views and harm our relationships.

- ✚ Assess how you spend the majority of your personal time. Do some activities overwhelm you or drain you of finances, emotional energy, or time with loved ones? Pray about how much you give of your time, talent, and treasure to our Creator.
- ✚ Rummage through a closet or drawer with items that you will never use. Donate clothing, items or furniture to a charity or to friends and family who need them.”

AT HOME with the WORD 2021, Liturgy Training Publications, page 137.

Scripture Insights > “In the Gospel reading, a rich man believes he must do many things to inherit the kingdom of God and that he has done all of them. Jesus, however, teaches that only one thing is necessary; to follow Jesus. One cannot carry heavy baggage around while following Jesus. One must travel light. This is what the rich man cannot do. He wants to have his possessions (security, prestige) and have Jesus too. Still, Jesus looks at the rich man and loves him. In Hebrews, the Word of God discerns the thoughts of the heart. The Word is both Scripture, through which God continues to speak, and Jesus Christ, the Word Incarnate (as in John 1:14). No creature is concealed from Jesus; we are all exposed or laid bare to his eyes. But the eyes that fully see us look at us, and into us, with love. The disciples are amazed. How could it be that a man who has faithfully kept God’s commandments cannot enter the kingdom of heaven simply because he has many possessions that he doesn’t want to give up? Peter protests that the disciples have done what the rich man could not; they have given up everything to follow Jesus. They preferred Jesus to all earthly riches (see Wisdom 7:8-10). Jesus reassures them that they will receive a hundredfold reward for their sacrifice. As in Wisdom, “all good things” come to the disciples in his company. The surprise is that they will receive it “in this present age” – perhaps through the fellowship and care of their new brothers and sisters in Christ (Acts 2:44-47; 4:32-35). The catch

is buried quietly in the last line: “with persecutions.” Following Jesus is an abundant, overflowing lie, but not one free from suffering.

- ✚ What does it mean to “number our days aright,” as the psalmist prays?
- ✚ Which of your possessions may be hindering your relationship with God or friends, family, or colleagues?
- ✚ How does the Word of God lay us bare before God (Second Reading)?

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October 11th is **Thanksgiving Day**. “Few people know that the first formal Thanksgiving service in North America was celebrated in Newfoundland in 1578 by Sir John Frobisher and the European settlers after their safe landing. However, Thanksgiving Day didn’t become an annual event in Canada until much later. The tradition returned to the province of Nova Scotia with travelers who had celebrated Thanksgiving Day in New England. The tradition spread to the rest of the country, and in 1879 a day of thanksgiving for a good harvest and other blessings became an official holiday in Canada. Traditional Thanksgiving feasts include dinners of venison, waterfowl, and other wild game, as well as other North American foods, such as wild rice, corn, cranberries, and potatoes.” Companion to the Calendar – A guide to the Saints, Seasons, and Holidays of the Year, Second Edition, pages 123-124 *Loving God, thank you for how you give all good things to us*. Call or tell someone you are grateful > someone you haven’t told in a long time.

October 15th is the memorial of **St. Teresa of Jesus**, Virgin and Doctor of the Church. “St. Teresa of Jesus (1515-1582) more commonly known as St. Teresa of Avila, joined the Carmelite Convent of the Incarnation at the age of 21. Disheartened by the laxness of its observance of the Carmelite Rule, in particular its opulent nature and overly social atmosphere, she began a reform movement laying the framework for the Discalced Carmelites. This new branch of Carmelites modeled themselves on the poor and crucified Christ, adopting a life of poverty and abstinence. In collaboration with St. John of the Cross, she helped bring this new way of life to the male Carmelite communities. Although their reforms were met with great resistance, they moved forward with faith and persistence. Among her many writings, she is well known for two classics: *The Way of Perfection* and *The Interior Castle*. Teresa is one of the first women to be named a Doctor of the Church.” Companion to the Calendar: A Guide to the Saints, Seasons, and the Holidays of the Year, pages 128-129 *St. Teresa, help us to move into people’s lives with gentleness*. Take off your shoes for part of the day and walk in your sock/bare feet like the discalced Carmelites.

October 16th is the memorial of **St. Marguerite d’Youville**, Religious. “St. Marguerite d’Youville (1701-1771) is the Canadian founder of the Grey Nuns of Montreal. She was born at Varennes, Quebec, a suburb of Montreal, and received two years of schooling at the Ursuline convent in Quebec City. At the age of twenty-one, she married François d’Youville, a bootlegger and fur trader, with whom she had six children before his death in 1730. Before she was thirty, Marguerite had experienced the loss of her father, husband, and four of her children, but her sufferings brought about a religious

conversion. In 1737, her two surviving sons having entered the priesthood, Marguerite cofounded a group dedicated to helping the poor, which developed into the order known as the Grey Nuns. St. Marguerite d'Youville died in 1771 in Montreal and was canonized by John Paul II, the first Canadian to be so honoured. She is a person saint of widows and those in difficult marriages.” Companion to the Calendar: A Guide to the Saints, Seasons, and the Holidays of the Year, page 129. *St. Marguerite, inspire those who struggle in their marriages to work through the challenges they face.* Pray for a couple you know who is newly married or in thanksgiving for a couple who has been married many years.

October 16th is **World Food Day**. “World Food Day is a day of action dedicated to tackling global hunger. Held annually on October 16th, people from around the world come together to declare their commitment to eradicate world hunger from our lifetime. Celebrating the creation of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), events are organized in over 150 countries across the world, making it one of the most celebrated days of the UN calendar. These events promote worldwide awareness and action for those who suffer from hunger and for the need to ensure food security and nutritious diets for all. The focus of the day is that food is a basic and fundamental human right. Yet, in a world of billions, 805 million people worldwide live with chronic hunger, 60% women and almost five million children under the age of five die of malnutrition-related causes every day.” <http://www.greeningtheblue.org/event/world-food-day> Go to this website to see the 8 Reasons Why Zero Hunger Changes the World.

Rebuild, Restore, Renew Together – Rejoice Together

“Be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things!” Joel 2:21

“Exulte et réjouis-toi! Car le Seigneur a fait de grandes choses.” Jl 2, 21

October’s Virtue of the Month – Courage/le courage/Zoongide'ewin/ Maskawatisiwin

Bravery is also one of the grandfathers’ teachings. “The Anishnaabe word for bravery means “state of having a fearless heart.” To do what is right even when the consequences are unpleasant.” https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Teachings_of_the_Seven_Grandfathers

Our Mission Statement – We are called and committed to nurture a personal relationship with Jesus – Have you been following David Wells advice about doing nothing – breathing and listening for 15-20 minutes once a week to spend time listening to yourself and listening to hear God tell you that you are lovable.

Strategic Directions – Nurturing of our Catholic Faith

We will strengthen connections between school, church, and home. Are you missing Church? I could not stand going to mass online. I did not feel in communion with those online at all. I could not wait to attend liturgy in person with the folks in my community at St. Jerome’s. Things are still not the same as they were before March 2020 but we can gather and pray together and support one another with our presence.

Twenty-first Century Learning

http://catechistsjourney.loyolapress.com/2017/08/11-tips-for-catechists/?utm_source >

a great website for new religion teachers or those who need a little inspiration

<http://wccm.org/> > World Community for Christian Meditation > This is a site for Christian Meditation for teachers and students alike.

www.CARFLEO.org > best kept secret for religious education teachers of every grade

<http://www.kidsthinkdesign.org/> > “Free, this collaborative platform is divided into categories including graphic design, interior design, animation and architecture. Students can be inspired by a real-life pro or get creative and design a museum, build a bridge or engineer a pair of flip-flops. For Grades 4-12.” September 2021, Professionally Speaking, page 19

<https://thenounproject.com/> > “Often free with attribution. A massive collection of iconography, this app can get your class thinking about communication without words, across languages, cultures and abilities. Students can download many of the icons for free (with attribution) and use them for storytelling, slide presentations and more. For Grades 4-12.” September 2021, Professionally Speaking, page 19

SAVE THE DATE < Shalom Place is offering an Autumn Retreat on Zoom – October 22 at 7:00 pm to October 23rd at 7 pm. The facilitator will be Sister Lea Joannis. There will be more info to follow in September. Think about participating.

Saints Kit – All the saints of the Roman Calendar and More by Sister Mary Kathleen Glavich, S.N.D., and other Sisters of Notre Dame, Chardon

St. Callistus I – October 14, What would you think of a man who was born a slave, sentenced as a convict, and then became pope? Pope St. Callistus is such a man. Callistus was born as a slave to a Christian master. Noticing that Callistus has skill in finance, the master put him in charge of a bank. Enemies falsely accused Callistus of embezzlement. Terrified, Callistus tried to escape from Rome. He was caught and sentenced to the mines of Sardinia. He was released early so he could try to get some of the money back. When Callistus went to Jewish moneylenders to plead for his money, he was arrested for fighting and sent back to the salt mines. Fortunately, Marcia, the emperor's mistress, won release for him and other Christians. The pope recognized Callistus's talents and made him manager of the burial grounds. Even today this land in Rome is named the cemetery of St. Callistus. Callistus proved himself responsible and was ordained a deacon. The pope relied on him, and in 217 Callistus was elected as the next pope. Hippolytus and his followers were shocked that Callistus had been chosen. They rebelled and set up Hippolytus as antipope. This created a split in the Church that lasted for eighteen years. Callistus gently tried to make

Hippolytus understand the error he made. He also tried to make wise rules for the Church. He felt there should be mercy for those who had left the Church during persecutions and repented. Hippolytus disagreed and wrote bitterly about the pope. Callistus desired to bring peace to the Church until he was martyred in a riot. Hippolytus, too, was martyred and is honoured as a saint. The tomb of Callistus was discovered in 1960. *St. Callistus, pray for us!*" Card 143

A Blog for Eclectic Readers – by Pat Carter csj

Son of a Trickster by Eden Robinson, 2020. This is the first book in a trilogy. It tells the story of a teenage Indigenous boy Jared whose family lives in chaos and confusion. He lives with his mother and has visits with extended family members. He also forms a close relationship with a neighbourly older couple who he helps out with chores. Sometimes strange things happen, magical things happen when trouble brews. I give this book 😊😊😊😊😊/5 happy faces

Taking Jesus to the Movies ...A blog by Sister Pat

News of the World – 2021, Oscar nominated. The character that Tom Hanks plays, makes his living by reading newspapers to crowds in the Southern States for a dime. A girl child (Helena Zengel) is the company of Indians and Tom believes it is his duty to reunite her with family. The child no longer speaks English, only the language of the Indigenous people she has stayed with. Eventually the two find a way to communicate. This movie was directed by Paul Greengrass. I give this movie ♥♥♥♥♥/5

Catholic WORD of the Week – For Those Who Read to the end...Just like the credits at the movies

“Lavabo > This term, which comes from the Latin verb for “I will wash,” refers to the ceremonial washing of the hands by the celebrant at Mass, which takes place at the end of the Offertory or Preparation of the Gifts.” Our Sunday Visitor’s CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA, page 578