

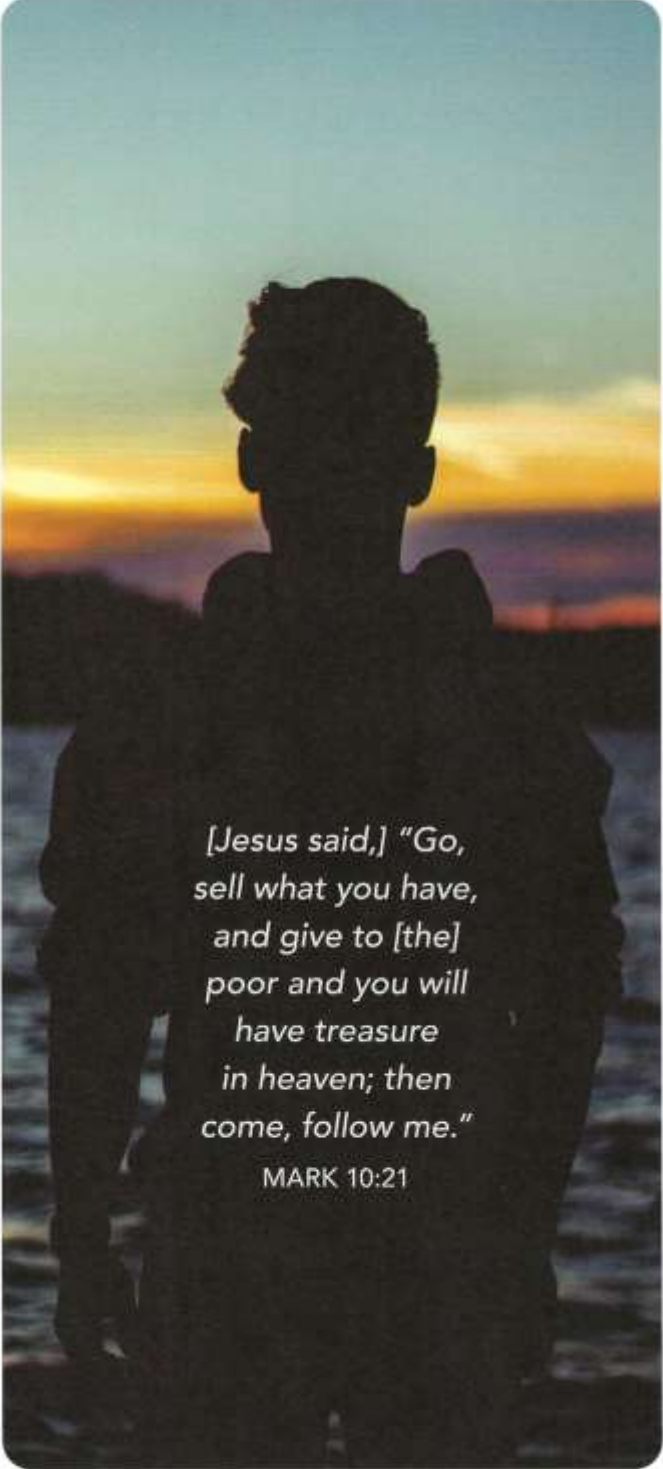
Take Your Pick

The vast array of possibilities in today's world is both an extraordinary advantage because it can so enrich life and a bewildering encumbrance as we face weighty decisions. Many think that life in the past was less complicated. It might have seemed that way, but women and men have always had to face the same fundamental questions: What is life all about? To what shall I commit myself? And answering such questions has seldom been easy.

Today's first reading underscores the importance of discernment or wisdom as we search for answers. It insists that such discernment or wisdom outstrips riches, or even health, as the goal to which we should strive. It further assures us that in our striving for wisdom we will discover that she does not come to us alone. Rather, she brings all good things with her.

The Gospel passage tells of a young man in search of true meaning, of wisdom, of eternal life. Having valued the law and the way of life it offers a believer, he is dissatisfied. He wanted something more satisfying; something deeper. He is still struggling to discover what life is all about, to what he should commit himself. Jesus tells him that he will not find what he is looking for in his riches. Rather, he should commit himself to the welfare of others. Unfortunately, this advice was too much. He went away sad. Even knowing that he was dissatisfied with his wealth, he still would not walk away from it.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



*[Jesus said,] "Go,
sell what you have,
and give to [the]
poor and you will
have treasure
in heaven; then
come, follow me."*

MARK 10:21

FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ *Do you still cling to something that cannot fulfill your deepest desires? Why?*
- ✦ *Pray for the courage to commit yourself to what might make life more meaningful.*

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 Wyoming Street, Bluefield, WV 24701

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 9:00am–4:00pm, Friday 9:00am–12:00pm

Food Pantry Hours: Wednesday 10 am – 2:00 pm

CONFESSIONS: First Saturdays: 10:00-11:00am or by appointment

October 9 & 10, 2021



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, Oct 9 - 6:00 PM – Elizabeth Linkous by Larry & Mary Jo Bycofski

Sunday, Oct 10 - 9:00 AM – Maureen Griffith (SI) birthday by Rick & Laura Wyatt

Tuesday, Oct 12 - 12:00 – People of Sacred Heart

Wednesday, Oct 13 - 6:00 PM – People of Sacred Heart

Saturday, Oct 16 - 6:00 PM – Elizabeth Linkous by Pauline Trace

Sunday, Oct 17 - 9:00 AM – Bill & Mary Albert by Bill & Cindy Albert

SATURDAY, SUNDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FIRST FRIDAY MASSES
ARE OPEN TO ALL

SUNDAY THRU FRIDAY MASSES ARE AVAILABLE ON
LIVESTREAM <http://facebook.com/sacredheartbluefield>

Princeton Sacred Heart will offer Mass

Tuesday at 6pm, Thursday at noon, and First Friday at noon.
Weekend Masses remain Saturday at 4pm and Sunday at
11am. All are livestreamed and open to the public

UPCOMING Events

October 10 – 2:30 pm – Blessing of the Pets

October 11 – 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus meeting in the lounge.

October 17 - Opening of the Synodal Church in the Dioceses of
Wheeling Charleston

October 18 – Vicariate Meeting in Beckley. Office will be closed
10am – 2pm

October 20 - 2:15pm -Liturgy Meeting

October 21- 6:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting

October 24 – World Mission Sunday (Second Collection)

October 25 – 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus meeting in the lounge.

October 28 – 6:00 pm Finance Council meeting

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making a gift to the
Catholic Sharing Appeal
dwc.org/CSA

CSA progress:
Goal: \$22,180.00
Current total donations:
\$62,821.00
283% of goal,
69 parishioners donated Amount
returned to parish:
\$51,731.00

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Catholic Sharing Appeal
P.O. Box 230 Wheeling, WV 26003

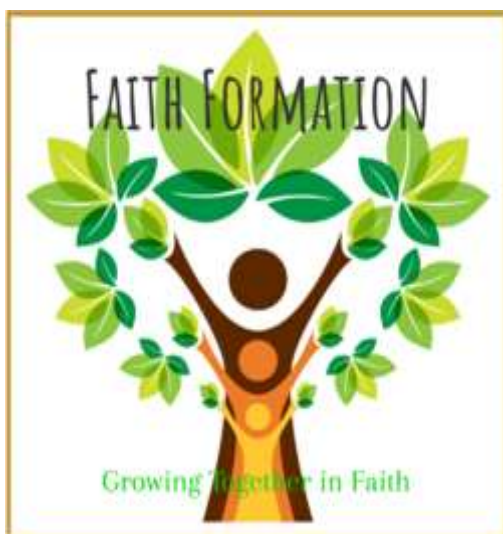
BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CHECK AS A
DONATION TO
SACRED HEART Bluefield

| | weekend Oct 2-3 | YTD Actual | YTD Budget |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Envelopes | 4,965.00 | 175,913.52 | 174,500.00 |
| Maintenance | 710.00 | 5,670.00 | 6,400.00 |
| Loose Offertory | 344.00 | 8,820.00 | 7,250.00 |
| Total Offerings & Contributions | \$6,019.00 | \$190,403.52 | \$188,150.00 |
| Food Pantry | 3,704.00 | 39,085.05 | |
| Dioc: Catholic University | 30.00 | 180.00 | |
| Dioc: Ida Disaster Relief | 248.00 | 563.00 | |
| Attendance: | 6pm: 48 | 9am: 67 | |



The Holy Father has called for a synod themed,
**“For a Synodal Church: Communion,
Participation, and Mission”**
October 2021-October 2023

A Synod church lives and operates in communion where all members journey together, gather in assembly, and take an active part in evangelizing mission. The purpose of the synodal process is to consult the People of God, to “scrutinize the signs of the times and interpret them in the light of the Gospel” (GS, no.4). The Diocese, in preparation to conduct this synod at the local church level through listening and discernment sessions, asks each parish to select Parish coordinators.



Faith Formation 2021-2022

Say the Word and My Soul Shall Be Healed

Our Zoom meeting class schedule each Sunday is as follows:

Grades K, 1, and 2 ~ 10:30 – 11:00am

Grades 3-4 ~ 11:15 – 11:45am

Grades 5-7 ~ 12:00 – 12:30pm

Grades 8-9 ~ 12:45 – 1:15pm

Dates for the Fall:

October 10, 17, 24 ~ Zoom Sessions

October 31 ~ **NO** Faith Formation zoom session for All Saints Eve

November 7, 14, 21 ~ Zoom Sessions

November 28 ~ **NO** Faith Formation zoom session for Thanksgiving Holiday

December 5, 12 ~ Zoom Sessions

December 19, 26 ~ **NO** Faith Formation zoom session for Christmas Holiday

January 2 ~ **NO** Faith Formation zoom session for New Year's Holiday

Grades 8-12 ~ Youth Ministry will be planning a youth meeting sometime in October depending on the covid situation and if we can determine a safe way for it to happen.



The RCIA Team is seeking individuals interested in joining the Catholic faith. Come on a journey with us to Catholicism. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is the process for welcoming new members. An inquiry session will be scheduled soon. If you know someone who may want to start the process this fall, please give their name to Claire Lampert at 304-921-2455 or Julia at 304-327-5623.



Music for the weekend of October 9-10

Entrance Hymn: We Gather Together

Psalm: PS. 90: Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy?

Offertory: What Wondrous Love

Mystery of Faith: When we eat this bread....

Lord's Prayer: recite

Communion: The Cry of the Poor

Recessional: O God, Our Help in Ages Past

All Creatures Great and Small...

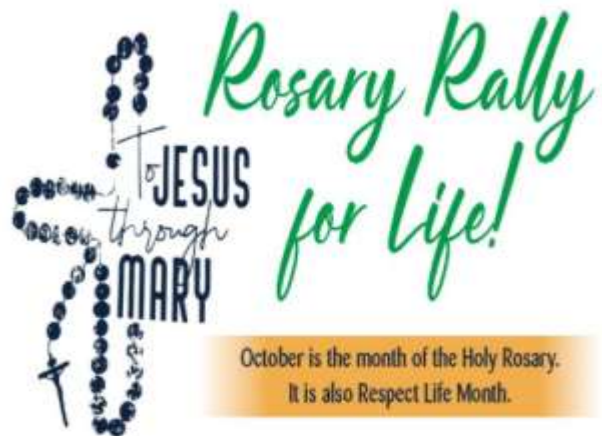
BLESSING OF THE PETS

Bring your "FUR" Kids for a special blessing

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Bluefield, WV
Sunday, October 10 at 2:30 pm
Upper Parking Lot



Our Lord God, Made Them All.



"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." -Jeremiah 1:5

Food Pantry Report

| September 2021 | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------|----------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Date | Adults over 18 | Children under 18 | Total Clients | New Families | Clothing | Hygiene Products | Total # of Distributions |
| 1-Sep | 85 | 17 | 102 | 2 | 730 | 188 | 47 |
| 8-Sep | 116 | 43 | 159 | 5 | 444 | 186 | 62 |
| 15-Sep | 113 | 36 | 149 | 1 | 865 | 216 | 72 |
| 22-Sep | 120 | 48 | 168 | 5 | 461 | 219 | 73 |
| 29-Sep | 101 | 43 | 144 | 12 | 567 | 183 | 61 |
| Monthly Totals | 535 | 187 | 722 | 25 | 3067 | 992 | 315 |
| Y-T-D Distribution | 3702 | 1526 | 5228 | 114 | 10495 | 4868 | 2307 |



The West Virginia Institute for Spirituality invites you to the following:

Living in the Sunlight of the Spirit: The Spirituality of the 12 Steps.

This is via Zoom for Spiritual Directors to enrich their professional development. Presenters are: Eileen Chwalibog and Sister Cheryl Clemons, OSU, PH.D. and will be given on October 15, 2021 from 8:30 am – 6:00 pm thru Saturday, October 16 from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm. This program will lead through a basic understanding of addiction, the spiritual solution offered by AA, an explanation of each of the 12 Steps of the recovery process and discussion of how spiritual directors can support directees in the recovery process and those who may need to be. Donation \$100. If interested, please email WVIS at wvisreg@gmail.com or call our office at 304-345-0926 or you can register directly at: <http://wvis.org/upcoming-programs/>.

The West Virginia Institute for Spirituality invites you to “Celebrate the Spirit”. “...We tried to carry this message...” The AA Big Book. Join us Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm by ZOOM to deepen your insights and explore the spirituality of the 12 steps. Joe D. is our 12th Step speaker. ZOOM # will be given upon registration. ZOOM opens at 10:15 am. Register by emailing: wvisreg@gmail.com or by calling: (304) 345-0926 or texting (304) 552-9661. Free will offering.

Inner Peace in Divine Love: A Four-Week Ignatian Retreat. Sister Cheryl Clemons, OSU will direct the four-week long retreat praying with **The First Spiritual Exercises** by Michael Hansen, S.J. The retreat will be offered Saturdays from October 30 thru mid-November from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm via Zoom. This retreat program invites you to pray daily with selected scripture passages, spending time each day reflecting on where and how God is leading you both through the texts and through the events of your daily life. Donation is \$50.00. You will also need to purchase the book, **The First Spiritual Exercises** by Michael Hansen, S.J. You can register directly at: <http://wvis.org/upcoming-programs/>.

Singing to Death: Music as partner to grief and loss. A Zoom Conference presented by Dr. Tom Octave, D.S.M. and Sister Carole Riley, CDP, Ph.D, AAPC-Fellow, LPC,ALPS. The Conference will be held Saturday, November 13, 2021 from 8:30-3:30. Approved for LPC (6 CEUs), RN (7.5CEUs) & MSW (5 CEUs). Through using music as a healing agent, this seminar will address death, complicated grief, feelings of loss, and how to use the principles of music therapy to return to a new normal. Donation \$50. If interested, please email WVIS at wvisreg@gmail.com or call our office at 304-345-0926 or you can register directly at: <http://wvis.org/upcoming-programs/>.

The West Virginia Institute for Spirituality offers opportunities for on-going spiritual direction, silent directed retreats and “The Retreat in Everyday Life”. These are offered throughout the year. If interested, please contact Sister Carole Riley, CDP, PH.D. at (412) 901-4259 or by emailing wviscr@aol.com.

The Diocese of Wheeling Charleston is sponsoring courses through the University of Dayton’s Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) program just for folks in this diocese!! You can take these courses for catechetical certification or as opportunities for adult faith formation. Each course is five weeks long and follows a hybrid model. That is, it combines online resources with a once a week live (Zoom) lecture/discussion. The Diocese will cover the cost of books and registration. Our next session will run from October 10th to Nov 13th with live lectures on Thursdays either 1-3 pm or 7-9 pm. We will be offering: The Old Testament, and the facilitator will be Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu.

The Old Testament: In this five-week course students will become familiar with the Old Testament, cultivating a deeper appreciation of the scriptures and biblical study. As part of our study we will examine how the geography and history of the land of Israel affected the Israelite community and its history. It is important to understand that the Old Testament is not a history book but a profound story of God's relationship with God's chosen people and this will be an important part of our work. We will come to understand the meaning and structure of the Canon, the prophets, become familiar with the Historical Books, and come to understand the factors that caused the fall of Jerusalem and the Babylonian Exile.

To register for this course please contact Jeanne McKeets at jmckeets@dwc.org

PARISH COUNCIL: Wendi Aiello, Theresa Bales, Bob Buzzo, Ron Ciccolini, Stephen Copolo, Deborah Garton, Angie Genovesi, Terry Lampert, Mary Ann Lijoi, Courtney Longworth, Mary Malamisura, Annette Morgan, Anthony Peretti, Greg Rogers, Laura Ward

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL: George Aiello, Randy Albert, Melinda Fanning, Claude Morgan, Ann Robinson, Mike Romeo, Gary Rumberg, Pat Valeyko



YEAR-ROUND MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT FOR SMALL COMMUNITIES OF SPOUSES

Drawing from the life, teaching, and witness of St. John Paul II, spouses gather as a community of friends for a 7-part series to explore their call to holiness in and through their marriage and family life.

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WHERE SPOUSES DISCOVER GOD'S PLAN FOR THEIR FAMILY

HIGHLIGHTS

- A meal and time for fellowship
- Prayer and meaningful friendships
- Short, compelling video presentations
- Discussion facilitated by Host Couples
- A **Bring It Home** component that translates learning into living
- Available for Spanish-speaking couples

Series One: Family, a Domestic Church

Each video features national speakers and faithful witness couples:



Damon Owens



Danielle Bean

PRESENTED BY



END OF LIFE PLANNING



TOPICS:

Wills

Living Wills

Medical Power of Attorney

Durable General Power of Attorney

Medical Directives

And Other End of Life Options

PRESENTER: CHARLES W. PACE, CPA, ESQUIRE

DATE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

TIME: 4:00 PM

PLACE: NARTHEX

SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE NARTHEX OR CALL GINA BOGGESS

Please Pray for:

Parishioners: George Aiello Sr, Jeanne Ameli, Nick Ameli, Linda Angelelli, Peggy Austin, Stephanie Blevins, Loretta Carrigan, Bruce Cerny, Tony Colobro, Cathy Cook, Donella Crigger, Victoria Crofcheck, Teresa Derenge, Fran Derenge, Louis Eller, Alex Ercoline, Angie Genoves, Katie Goodwin, Mary Claire Keenan, Susan Kerr, Daniel Kirk, Rick & Tommie Jo Longworth, Fr. Greg Lyttle, Harold Mabardy, Sue Mazol, Mary McGonagle, Aalannah McPeak, Annette Morgan, Shane Neal, Ernesto Pascasio, Barbara Pickett, Nancy Pochick, Tommy Pochick, Nancy & Dr. Anthony Rasi, Jerry Rasi, Johnny Rasi, Mosie Rocchetti, Virginia Shumate, John Stacy Sr., Joe Thomas, Patricia Zande, Kara Zande and Analeigh Dawn, Joan Zingale

Homebound Parishioners: Sam Gattuso, Dolores Pritchett, Dina Rasi, Mosie Rocchetti, Theresa Soulis

Friends & Family: Andrew Arczynski, Jeffery Arkland, Robert Below, Mike Blanton, Maggie Blankenship, Cara Blankenship, Allison Bowling, Donald Bowles, Darryl Bradbury, Chris Buckner, Zac Carter, Sandy Cassidy, Sandy Chasse, Irene Charney, Michelle Coker, Chuck Comer, Lisa Dalton, Rachael Denton, Christina Easton, Virgil Ellison, Mike Farmer, Tina Fitzgerald, Phil Gesotti, Lori Hale, Loretta Hedrick, Alexis Herald, Alpha Jean Holly, Shannon Honaker, Jim & Marsha Houchins, Josh Husband, Sherry Khatib, Sandy Kegley, Donita Karras, Melonie Koch, Charlotte Kohlmeyer, Zoe Kotsko, Michael Kovach, Dawn Lawless, Elaine Lilly, James & Pam Linkous, Jaysen, Marshall, Kim & Doug Miller, Scott Morris, Jane Murphy, Ane Montarroyos, Chris Froy, Breanna Mooney & Avett Froy, Scott Morris, Shane Neal, Jonny Phillips, Tripp Ramsey, William Ray, Mayra Rolon, Charles Rose, Brian Richard, Cathy Richards, Mariam Salaita, Grace Salas, Brittany Scott, Courtney Shade, Raymond Shumate, Leanna Smith, Brandon Stowers, Adam Stuart, Laurie Stuart, David & Teresa Taylor, Evelyn Turnbough, Robert Shade, Ellie Spencer, Larry & Hilda Sutphin, Terry Thomas, Cathleen Underwood, Jane Walthall, Nicoletta Wanja, Charlotte Woolwine, Virginia Wyatt

- **The First Lector listed, please read the First Reading and the Intercessory Prayers.**
- **The Second Lector listed, please read the Second Reading, The Prayer of Spiritual Communion to the live streamers (only at 9am Mass), and the Announcements.**
- **For those Masses where only one Lector is listed, please read all of the above.**

| October 2021 Ministry Schedule | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Mass Date & Time | Sacristan | Rosary | Altar Server | Lectors | Extraordinary Ministers | Hospitality |
| 10/9 - 6 pm | Purita Buenafe | Deborah Garton | Anthony & Eli Peretti | Deborah Garton Feleesha Moran | Patty Peretti | Ida Pascasio |
| 10/10 - 9 am | Greg & Callie Winfree | Cheri Mulkey | Keagan Wills & Mary Malamisura | Randy Albert Carey Ott | Carol Havens | Steve Copolo |
| 10/16 - 6 pm | Purita Buenafe | Theresia Lowery | Purita Buenefe | Tom Behrmann Anthony Peretti | Cork Hudak | John Monaco |
| 10/17 - 9 am | Claire Lampert | Mary Malamisura | Jackson & Hadley Wills | Ron Ciccolini | Claire Lampert | Randy Albert |
| 10/23 - 6 pm | Purita Buenafe | Deborah Garton | Purita Buenefe | Tom Behrmann Anthony Peretti | Deborah Garton | Ida Pascasio |
| 10/24 - 9 am | Mary Malamisura | Cheri Mulkey | Ethan & Rhys Aiello | Ashley Rebuck Bob Buzzo | Linda Mariotti | Ron Ciccolini |
| 10/30 - 6 pm | Theresia Lowery | Deborah Garton | Dave & Davey Kelley | Tom Behrmann Anthony Peretti | Feleesha Moran | Ida Pascasio |
| 10/31 - 9 am | Greg & Callie Winfree | Mary Malamisura | Mary Malamisura & Madison Rebuck | Ashley Rebuck Theresa Bales | Linda Mariotti | Ron Ciccolini |

Dear Padre,

I've been married to a Catholic for fifty years and would like to become Catholic. My parish's Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults runs from September through Easter. That's a long time for someone in her eighties. Is there any way to accelerate the process?

RCIA was designed to meet the needs of two main groups: those who have been baptized as Catholics or in a Protestant tradition but have received no additional instruction in the Catholic faith, and those who have not been baptized. Someone in the first group has a different starting point from someone who has little knowledge of Christ or who has never participated in a church community.

RCIA programs use an instruction process called catechumenate, in which people seeking to become Catholic (catechumens) experience a worshipping community, pray, and reflect on God's word. The catechumenate is divided into steps that are marked by liturgical rites;

some parts of the rites are optional, depending on each catechumen's pastoral situation. Catechumens can be received into the Church at any time of year.

Talk to your pastor about your closeness to Catholicism since your marriage and how it has formed your faith. Together, you can determine the amount and type of preparation that's right for you.

Fr. John Schmidt, CSsR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

CHRISTOPHER CALLAWAY, CHICAGO CATHOLIC



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Clearly, in Jesus' final—immense, wonderful—invitation, there is no proposal of poverty, but of wealth, of true richness...Being able to choose between an original and a copy, who would choose the copy? Here is the challenge: finding life's original, not the copy. Jesus does not offer surrogates, but true life, true love, true richness!

GENERAL AUDIENCE, JUNE 13, 2018



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Calendar

Monday
OCTOBER 11
Weekday
Rom 1:1-7
Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday
OCTOBER 12
Weekday
Rom 1:16-25
Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday
OCTOBER 13
Weekday
Rom 2:1-11
Lk 11:42-46

Thursday
OCTOBER 14
Weekday
Rom 3:21-30
Lk 11:47-54

Friday
OCTOBER 15
*St. Teresa of Jesus,
Virgin and Doctor
of the Church*
Rom 4:1-8
Lk 12:1-7

Saturday
OCTOBER 16
Weekday
Rom 4:13, 16-18
Lk 12:8-12

Sunday
OCTOBER 17
*Twenty-ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Is 53:10-11
Heb 4:14-16
Mk 10:35-45
or 10:42-45

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