



This Sunday's Gospel 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B(Mark 10:17-30)

And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: `Do not kill, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honour your father and mother.'" And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have observed from my youth." And Jesus looking upon him loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." At that saying his countenance fell, and he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions.

And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "With men it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God." Peter began to say to him, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.



This is the Gospel of the Lord

Prayer One

The Sign of the Cross

Let us remember that everything we do is
In the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Reflection:

*When we think about the idea of
treasure, we often forget that one of
the greatest treasures we possess is our
own hearts and minds.*



When we think about the idea of treasure and what's valuable to us, we often think about physical things.

Then, maybe when we are asked to be a little bit more generous with the idea, we often think about the other people around us.

But how often do we think of ourselves as treasure? Not in a proud, boastful sense, but in a humble way; realising that God made us to be something special and celebrating the fact.

All of us were made to be something special. And all of us were given the gifts and talents to make a difference in the world around us.

So the next time somebody talks to you about treasure, or value, or anything like that, remember to look inwards as well as outwards.



Final Prayer

We thank you and we praise you for the things you have made and we thank you especially for making us who we are, and for giving us the gifts and talents that you have given us.

Help us to appreciate who we are and to recognised that we were made to do good things in the world around us. Help us always to use our gifts and talents wisely.

In the name of the Father and of the Son...

Prayer Two

The Sign of the Cross

Let us remember that everything we do is
In the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Reflection

*Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador was
canonised (made a saint) on 14 October 2018*

In Romero's time, El Salvador was ruled by a few rich people. Many of them did not want to share their wealth, especially land, with the poor people in the countryside, known as 'campesinos'.

The government and army supported the rich and violently oppressed the campesinos.

From his Cathedral pulpit Archbishop Romero became the voice of the voiceless poor. There, in a society of cover-up and lies, he spoke the truth of what was happening in the countryside.



He was assassinated on Monday March 24th 1980 as he was celebrating Mass in the chapel of the Divine Providence cancer hospital where he lived. Thirty five years later, he was declared a martyr of the Church, killed out of hatred of the faith.

To find out more watch this 4 minute animation:

[Oscar Romero Animation - YouTube](#)

Final Prayer:

**Saint Oscar Romero,
You lived the Gospel and demanded justice
for oppressed people.**

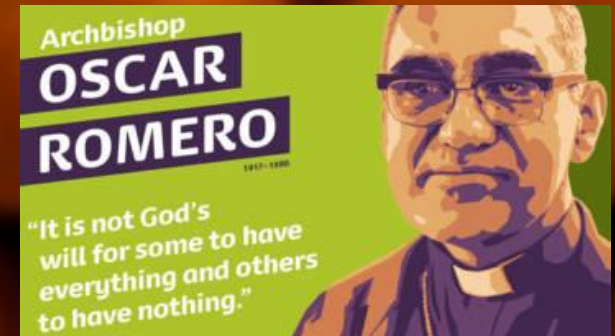
Help us to follow your example.

Pray for the people of El Salvador.

**And pray for us,
that we may become saints,
living the Gospel and bravely speaking up
for those whose voices are ignored.**

Amen.

In the name of the Father and of the Son...




Prayer Three

The Sign of the Cross

**Let us remember that everything we do is
In the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

Reflection

***Have you ever noticed that sometimes
the things we disregard and pay little
attention to can turn out to be among
the greatest treasures that we have?***



One image that is often used in the bible is that of a cornerstone. A cornerstone was one of the most important parts of a new building. If it was missing, or laid badly, then the building would be very unsafe. The image goes on to say that the builders sometimes reject the cornerstone, believing it to be useless, only to discover later on just how vital it was.

In saying this, the various bible writers weren't trying to give building advice. They weren't really talking about stones at all. But rather, they were trying to challenge us always to take a second look, and never to reject something as useless without making sure we know exactly what we're dealing with.

How often, for instance, do we let friendships suffer and die only to regret it later on?

Final Prayer

Loving Father,

Help us never to dismiss those things which might be our greatest treasures. Help us to look carefully at every person we meet and at every situation we enter. In all things, help us to see your love.

In the name of the Father and of the Son...

Final Thought...



Next weeks theme: Discipleship