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SACRAMENT OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

SUNDAY LITURGIES (MASSES)

Saturday 5:00 p.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Check the bulletin or website for the current schedule

COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

Contact the parish office for assistance

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Friday 3:15 p.m., Saturday 4:00 p.m.
and/or as announced or by appointment

PARISH BULLETIN

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – February 10, 2019

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – February 17, 2019

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FAITH FORMATION: Catechism sessions for children (K to Grade 8) are held on Sunday mornings, September through May, from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Periodically other programs, workshops, and/or study sessions are offered for adults. Contact our Pastoral Assistant (Sharon) for further information and/or to register.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION (BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, EUCHARIST): Contact the parish office for further information.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Contact the Pastor (Fr. Robert).

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Arrangements for preparation and celebration should be made at least six months in advance.

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS: Contact the parish office before finalizing arrangements with funeral directors.

Excerpts from the
Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the XXVII World Day of the Sick 2019
“You received without payment; give without payment” (Mt 10:8)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

“You received without payment; give without payment” (Mt 10:8). These are the words spoken by Jesus when sending forth his apostles to spread the Gospel, so that his Kingdom might grow through acts of gratuitous love.

On the XXVII World Day of the Sick, to be solemnly celebrated on 11 February 2019 in Calcutta, India, the Church – as a Mother to all her children, especially the infirm – reminds us that generous gestures like that of the Good Samaritan are the most credible means of evangelization. Caring for the sick requires professionalism, tenderness, straightforward and simple gestures freely given, like a caress that makes others feel loved.

Life is a gift from God. Saint Paul asks: “What do you have that you did not receive?” (1 Cor 4:7). Precisely because it is a gift, human life cannot be reduced to a personal possession or private property, especially in the light of medical and biotechnological advances that could tempt us to manipulate the “tree of life” (cf. Gen 3:24).

Amid today’s culture of waste and indifference, I would point out that “gift” is the category best suited to challenging today’s individualism and social fragmentation, while at the same time promoting new relationships and means of cooperation between peoples and cultures. Dialogue – the premise of gift – creates possibilities for human growth and development capable of breaking through established ways of exercising power in society. “Gift” means more than simply giving presents: it involves the giving of oneself, and not simply a transfer of property or objects. “Gift” differs from gift-giving because it entails the free gift of self and the desire to build a relationship. It is the acknowledgement of others, which is the basis of society. “Gift” is a reflection of God’s love, which culminates in the incarnation of the Son and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. [...]

In light of the solemn celebration in India, I would like to recall, with joy and admiration, the figure of Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta – a model of charity who made visible God’s love for the poor and sick. As I noted at her canonization, “Mother Teresa, in all aspects of her life, was a generous dispenser of divine mercy, making herself available for everyone through her welcome and defence of human life, of those unborn and those abandoned and discarded... She bowed down before those who were spent, left to die on the side of the road, seeing in them their God-given dignity; she made her voice heard before the powers of this world, so that they



might recognize their guilt for the crime – the crimes! – of poverty they created. For Mother Teresa, mercy was the ‘salt’ which gave flavour to her work; it was the ‘light’ that shone in the darkness of the many who no longer had tears to shed for their poverty and suffering. Her mission to the urban and existential peripheries remains for us today an eloquent witness to God’s closeness to the poorest of the poor” (*Homily, 4 September 2016*).

Saint Mother Teresa helps us understand that our only criterion of action must be selfless love for every human being, without distinction of language, culture, ethnicity or religion. Her example continues to guide us by opening up horizons of joy and hope for all those in need of understanding and tender love, and especially for those who suffer.

Generosity inspires and sustains the work of the many volunteers who are so important in health care and who eloquently embody the spirituality of the Good Samaritan. I express my gratitude and offer my encouragement to all those associations of volunteers committed to the transport and assistance of patients, and all those that organize the donation of blood, tissues and organs. One particular area in which your presence expresses the Church’s care and concern is that of advocacy for the rights of the sick, especially those affected by pathologies requiring special assistance. I would also mention the many efforts made to raise awareness and encourage prevention. Your volunteer work in medical facilities and in homes, which ranges from providing health care to offering spiritual support, is of primary importance. Countless persons who are ill, alone, elderly or frail in mind or body benefit from these services. I urge you to continue to be a sign of the Church’s presence in a secularized world. A volunteer is a good friend with whom one can share personal thoughts and emotions; by their patient listening, volunteers make it possible for the sick to pass from being passive recipients of care to being active participants in a relationship that can restore hope and inspire openness to further treatment. Volunteer work passes on values, behaviours and ways of living born of a deep desire to be generous. It is also a means of making health care more humane. [...]

I urge everyone, at every level, to promote the culture of generosity and of gift, which is indispensable for overcoming the culture of profit and waste. Catholic healthcare institutions must not fall into the trap of simply running a business; they must be concerned with personal care more than profit. We know that health is relational, dependent on interaction with others, and requiring trust, friendship and solidarity. It is a treasure that can be enjoyed fully only when it is shared. The joy



of generous giving is a barometer of the health of a Christian.

I entrust all of you to Mary, *Salus Infirmorum*. May she help us to share the gifts we have received in the spirit of dialogue and mutual acceptance, to live as brothers and sisters attentive to each other's needs, to give from a generous heart, and to learn the joy of selfless service to others. With great affection, I assure you of my closeness in prayer, and to all I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing.

Vatican City, 25 November 2018
Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

FRANCIS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: The St. James K of C is hosting a Family Pancake Breakfast on **Sunday, February 17, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon** downstairs in our parish hall. Tickets will be sold at the door for only \$5.00 per Adult/Youth. Children 9 and under are free. Net profits will go to Saint John XXIII Parish to offset some of the Parish's Catechism costs. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** Come join us for pancakes, sausages, coffee and juice and community this coming long weekend.

– St. James Knights of Columbus Council #4557





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Registration is FREE. Child minding is available for those who have children.



THE WORD AMONG US *Daily Meditations for Catholics*: Copies of the February and Lent 2019 issues are available at the counter in the parish office. Price \$5.00 each. Canadian Edition with CCCB approved Mass readings.

TWO WEEK SCHEDULE: FEBRUARY 10 – 24, 2019

N.B.: As circumstances suggest, the schedule below may be subject to change.

Sunday, February 10	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
5:00 pm <small>Saturday</small>	MASS – <i>Doreen Di Lisi+</i> , requested by Pat and Fred Olsen
9:00 am	MASS – “ <i>Pro populo</i> ” / Intentions of parishioners
10:15 am	CATECHISM CLASSES (<i>begin in the parish hall</i>)
11:45 am	MASS – <i>Feliza Kintanar+</i> , requested by Tony and Phil Anciro
1:15 pm – 3:00 pm	Confirmation Preparation Session (<i>in room 12</i>)
Monday, February 11	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES – WORLD DAY OF THE SICK <i>On this day let us pray in a special way for all the sick and the suffering. Let us also remember the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.</i> <i>Parish office closed Monday</i>
Tuesday, February 12	FERIAL
9:00 am	Recitation of the Rosary
9:15 am	MASS (<i>or Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion</i>) – Intention: TBA
10:00 am – 12:00 noon	Office open in the morning
10:00 am	Al-Anon Meeting (<i>in room 12</i>)
Wednesday, February 13	FERIAL
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Office open
10:00 am	<i>Fr. Robert and Sharon are scheduled to attend a deanery meeting at St. Edward the Confessor Parish</i>
5:00 pm	Winnipeg Harvest Food Bank (<i>in room 12</i>)
6:45 pm	Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions
7:00 pm	MASS – <i>Bernard Resch+</i> , requested by Sharon and John Camier
Thursday, February 14	MEMORIAL: SAINT CYRIL, Monk, and SAINT METHIDIUS, Bishop <i>Parish office closed Thursday</i>
Friday, February 15	FERIAL
9:00 am	Recitation of the Rosary
9:15 am	MASS – <i>Jacqueline Camier+</i> , requested by Al and Ann McMurdie
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Office open
3:00 pm	Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (<i>in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel</i>)
5:00 – 7:00 pm	RUMMAGE SALE (<i>in the parish hall</i>)
Saturday, February 16	FERIAL
5:00 pm	MASS – <i>Deceased parishioners of Saint John XXIII</i> , requested by Tannena Korolyk
Sunday, February 17	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 am	MASS – “ <i>Pro populo</i> ” / Intentions of parishioners
9:30 am – 12:00 noon	PANCAKE BREAKFAST hosted by St. James Knights of Columbus (<i>in the parish hall</i>)
11:45 am	MASS – <i>Terry Fernandez+</i> , requested by Broughton family
Monday, February 18	FERIAL
	<i>Parish office closed Monday – Louis Riel Day</i>
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting (<i>in room 12</i>)
Tuesday, February 19	FERIAL
10:00 am – 12:00 noon	Office open in the morning
10:00 am	Al-Anon Meeting (<i>in room 12</i>)

Wednesday, February 20	FERIAL
7:30 am	Fr. Robert and Sharon are scheduled to attend the 6 th Annual Multifaith Leadership Breakfast hosted by the Manitoba Multifaith Council at Booth University College
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Office open in the afternoon
1:00 pm	Knitting Group Gathering (in room 10)
6:45 pm	OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS
7:00 pm	MASS – Laurie and Simone Lavallee+, requested by Mona Harper
Thursday, February 21	FERIAL
	Parish office closed Thursday
2:00 pm	MASS at Heritage Lodge , 3555 Portage Avenue – Fr. Raphael Glofcheski+ (Bequest)
Friday, February 22	Feast: THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Office open
10:45 am	MASS at Sturgeon Creek I Retirement Residence , 10 Hallonquist Drive – Fr. Raphael Glofcheski+ (Bequest)
3:00 pm	Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel)
Saturday, February 23	MEMORIAL: SAINT POLYCARP, Bishop, Martyr
5:00 pm	MASS – Abby Margetts+, requested by Cindy and Rick Grabowecky
Sunday, February 24	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 am	MASS – “Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners
10:15 am	CATECHISM CLASSES (begin in the parish hall)
10:15 am	Sacramental Preparation Session for First Reconciliation (in room 12)
11:45 am	MASS – Menandro Antazo+, requested by Carlos Antazo
1:15 pm – 3:00 pm	Confirmation Preparation Session (in room 12)

EVERYBODY HAS A PART

Sharing our God-given gifts leads to heightened confidence in God’s love. Truly, each day is God’s gift in which differences are made for the good by the ways we choose to live. There are a variety of opportunities available at Saint John XXIII Parish for people to share their time and diverse talents for the common good and thereby to grow in their own understanding and practice of the faith.

Whether you are new to the parish or a long-standing parishioner, **please prayerfully consider your participation as a member in the life of our parish and indicate on a TIME AND TALENT RENEWAL FORM current and/or other ways in which you might share your God-given gifts.** Forms are available in the narthex. Please submit your completed forms to the parish office or place in the collection basket at Mass. A member of our parish team will be in contact with you. **THANK YOU** for your prayers and for your generous response!



RUMMAGE SALE: The next rummage sale will be held on **Friday, February 15, 2019 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** in the Saint John XXIII Parish Hall (gym). We are grateful for your donations of items for sale. Jewellery sells especially well. (N.B.: We can't use old TV sets or large items.) We always welcome more volunteers to set up in the morning, during the sale itself, and especially to pack items away in the evening after the sale. Please bring your items to the church during office hours.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018 have been prepared and are ready for pick-up in the parish office during office hours and after Masses on the weekend. *After a couple of weeks, receipts not picked up will be mailed out. If possible, please help us save postage by picking up your receipt in person.*



COUNTDOWN FOR LENT... Ash Wednesday this year is on March 6, 2019
Please bring last year's palms to church so these may be collected and burned in preparation for Ash Wednesday.
At Saint John XXIII Church Ash Wednesday Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m.

CONFERENCE ON YOUNG PEOPLE, THE FAITH, AND VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT

Be a part of this one of a kind opportunity to hear first-hand about the results of the recent Synod of Bishops in Rome! Our conference speakers, Bishop Lionel Gendron (Synod Father and President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops), and Miss Emilie Callan (Synod Auditor) will share from their own experience as members of the Synod of Bishops. They will journey with us to see how this Synod invites our local Church to grow in our work and ministry with young people. This day-long conference will offer times of reflection, prayer, and small group discussions. Participants will be encouraged to network and discern together where God is calling local initiatives to grow and continue to serve young people.

THIS EXCITING CONFERENCE IS OPEN TO EVERYONE! Investment is \$30 per participant (\$40 at door) includes lunch, snacks, and all conference fees and materials. The conference will take place on **Saturday, March 30, 2019 at Saint John XXIII Church** in Winnipeg. **Register online today at EVENTS.CATHOLICWAY.NET or by phone 204-347-5396.** For more information, you may contact Kevin Prada, kevin@catholicway.net or go to the website www.catholicway.net Presented by the Catholic School of Evangelization and sponsored by the Archdiocese of Winnipeg and the Archdiocese of Saint-Boniface.

Sunday, February 10, 2019 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 6.1-2a, 3-8

Here I am; send me!

Psalm 138.1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5, 7c-8

Before the Angels I sing your praise, O Lord.

1 Corinthians 15.1-11

I preach what the other Apostles preach,
and on our preaching is your faith founded.

Luke 5.1-11

Peter, James and John left everything, and followed Jesus.



THE PERSPECTIVE OF JUSTICE

To Raise the World

The First Reading is about the call of Isaiah: "Whom shall I send?" The next two readings are about the apostles, those who were sent by Jesus to carry his message and carry on his work.

Who are Jesus' apostles in our world? Whom will God send today? When God wants to send a message of love to the outcasts of this world who will say "Here I am; send me!" When God wants someone to speak out in the halls of government on behalf of the voiceless who will say "Here I am; send me!" When all the world marches out to war and God needs someone to march in the opposite direction, a messenger of peace who will say "Here I am; send me!"

As the world suffers from the ill effects of the injustice it has caused, and the Church offers a way out through its social teaching, where are the Catholics who will bring that message to the world? Who will say "Here I am; send me!" The Christian calling has to do with what is known in Catholic social thought as the common good. "Watch over your family and keep us safe in your care." Christians are called to work for the good of the human family. It is an urgent task, requiring people who have a sense of God's justice and are committed to peacemaking. Whom will God send? — *Gerald Darring*

We are all struggling to raise the world to a condition of greater justice, more stable peace, more sincere cooperation. We invite all of you and encourage you, from the humblest who are the underpinning of nations to heads of state responsible for each nation—we encourage you to build up an efficacious and responsible structure for a new order, one more just and honest.

- Pope John Paul I, Message of August 27, 1978

The above reflection was written by Gerald Darring

Now published in book form, *To Love and Serve: Lectionary Based Meditations*, by Gerald Darring.

This entire three year cycle is available at Amazon.com

"Today we still cast the net. And Christ fills it. And Christ calls to conversion [those] who are found 'in the depths of the sea,' as the psalm has it (Ps. 69:15), that is to say, among the waves and tempests of the world."

— Saint Cyril of Alexandria (c. 377-444)

Sunday, February 17, 2019
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 17.5-8

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals;
blessed are those who trust in the Lord.

Psalm 1.1-2, 3, 4+6

Blessed the one who trusts in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15.12, 16-20

If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile.

Luke 6.17, 20-26

Blessed are the poor, but woe to you who are rich!



EXPLORING THE WORD

Blessings and woes

There are two kinds of people, as the saying usually begins. And scripture tends to bear this out with numerous points of comparisons between the just and the wicked, or the wise person and the fool. Today's readings cluster around the contrasting of those who are blessed versus those who are cursed. Although such black-and-white distinctions seem harsh in our typically grey perception of reality, biblical language is quite clear that we must expect a time of foreclosure known as Judgment Day, when the tipping point has been reached and the chance to change our course is behind us.

Judgment Day can be variously interpreted as simply the end of our lives, or more emphatically the end of time and world itself. Jesus spoke of his "hour" as both a kind of revelation and also a proving ground for who he was. Maybe we can think of Judgment as our "hour," when we find out who we truly are based on the summation of all our choices.

But many of us would certainly like to end the suspense and know as soon as possible what may be the last word on the subject of *us*. If you want to take your spiritual pulse right now, the prophet Jeremiah suggests, it's fairly easy. If you place your trust in people and things, you'll be sorry. If your trust is in God, you have nothing to fear.

Second opinions, anyone?

The prophetic and wisdom traditions both agree that the issue of which side you're on is cut-and-dried. You're either a "barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season, but stands in a lava waste" (which can't be good), or you're a "tree planted beside the waters that shows no distress even in the year of drought" (which sounds much better). The only difference is whether your hope is rooted in God. All other distinguishing factors are meaningless.

So your accumulated stuff doesn't matter, and your good deeds won't make the grade. You can't brownnose your way through this one just because you go to church, behave yourself, and write a check to the missions once in a while. Ultimately, you either trust in this world, your personal and spiritual resources, and the good opinion of others, or you place your confidence in God alone. What makes this *good* news is that it's a path available to anyone. Even the diehard sinner can do this and end up planted next to the saints in heaven by that selfsame stream of living water.

This news tends to make diehard sinners very happy and everybody else a little disgruntled. You mean, all that straight-and-narrow living doesn't buy any perks in the hereafter? You mean God doesn't owe me anything for passing up some great near occasions of sin? Exactly.

The Beatitudes weigh in

Trust in God, but tie your camel, the old Arab proverb advises. Trusting in God does not mean living like an idiot and taking foolish chances. Jesus advised his disciples similarly, "You must be wise as serpents, and innocent as doves." He also said if you build your house on sand, don't be surprised when it washes away. The word used here is not simply *sand*, but a veritable *wash*: Don't build your house where the water habitually comes, or you are asking for trouble!

Jesus took his own advice when he met the devil in the desert. The devil urged him to throw himself off a pinnacle and to trust that God would keep him safe. That's not a working definition of trusting in God, Jesus assured Satan. That's called tempting God!

What Jesus means by trusting in God is evident in the listing of the Beatitudes. Those who trust in God live out of the conviction that being poor, needy, sad, or despised now is the smallest and least important part of the story. What awaits those who suffer these conditions faithfully now is the day of restoration in the reign of God.

Of course, the reverse is necessarily true. Those who are comfortable, content, and well-received now will be bitterly disappointed if they bank on their present happiness. In the reign of God, those who counted on their own resources will find themselves penniless and wanting.

Applying the word: *Trust is a verb*

Somehow our idea of trusting in God has been reduced to a vague sentimental feeling, a soft emotion we keep next to our lucky socks and rabbit's foot. Or perhaps it's more like playing the celestial stock market. We put our trust in God in the waiting room at the hospital. But if we don't get the results we wanted, we become outraged that God has been untrustworthy. This isn't trust: This is making just another worldly investment and anticipating a worldly outcome.

Saint Paul defined Christian hope down to precisely one element: our faith in the Resurrection. Either it's real, or we're fools to share in the story of the church. Either Christ has been raised, or death is the winner-take-all at the end of history. Confidence in the Risen One is the barometer of our trust in the Lord. We have to place all our hopes in the *big one*, the contest between death's finality and life unending. Because eternal life is the only thing worthy of our hope, when you come right down to it. Everything else goes to rust, moths, and decay, and in surprisingly short order.

Those who trust in God are blessed, and those who don't get a bad case of Lucan woes. This isn't just God playing Santa Claus at the end-times, by the way: It's a reality check. If we trust in God, we get the eternal happiness that only God can offer. And if we cling to the world, we get the world, complete with its expiration date. God takes our free will very seriously. It would be good if we did, too, and examined our choices more carefully.

— Alice Camille

Alice Camille is a religious educator, scripture commentator, and author of many books including This Transforming Word and other titles found at alicecamille.com.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING AND COMFORT

Max Armstrong, Darrell Aucoin, Bill Camier, René Defries, Lynda Dodd, John Foucart, Darryn Hellofs, Rosario Jequinto, Tracy Kingsland, Amanda Klaasen, Joanna Mason, Deb McEnturff, Cynthia Patterson, Zonia Patson, Shirley Payment, Albin Polz, James Polz, Owen Robertson, Janice Skene and Helen Yankoski.

Please contact our Pastoral Assistant, Sharon Camier, to help us update the list to include the names of those parishioners, relatives and friends currently in need of prayer. Please remember that to have names added to the list and printed in the bulletin and/or posted online we require permission from the person(s) concerned. Thank you for your help and for your prayers of intercession.

TABERNACLE LAMP OFFERING

Week of February 10 – 16, 2019

In Thanksgiving, requested by Hermalyn Agcaoili

Week of February 17 – 23, 2019

Special intention for health, requested by Maria Wallack

*If you wish to have the Tabernacle Lamp in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of Saint John XXIII Church burn in memory of a loved one, to honour a special occasion, or for a particular intention, you may make arrangements through the Parish Office. The offering to cover one week (from Sunday through Saturday) is **\$25.00**. As circumstances permit, notice of your prayer intention will be published in the parish bulletin.*



ST JAMES ASSINIBOIA CWL GENERAL MEETING will be held at St John XXIII Church on **Monday, February 25th at 7:00 p.m.** Our topic will be religious Icons. Fr. John Sianchuk, CSsR, Director of the Bishop Velychkovsky National Martyr's Shrine, will lead us in a short liturgical rite focused on an Icon, *Acatist Hymn to the Holy Mother of God*, followed by a general presentation on religious icons. We also will have the Installation of our new executive and welcome to our new CWL members. Our evening together will begin upstairs in the church, with a short meeting and fellowship to follow downstairs.



WINTER RETREAT: The theme "**Blessed with a Treasure**" will be developed by Sister Cathy Laviolette, SNJM. Come learn about the gifts that you have been given by God and the gift that you are. The retreat will be held on **Saturday, February 23, 2019** from 9:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. at St. Charles Parish Hall, 320 St. Charles Street, Winnipeg. Cost: \$20 includes lunch and snacks. Please register no later than February 21st by calling Anna at 204-895-2420.

For other news and events in and around the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, please see information posted on bulletin boards at the north and south entrances of the church and/or go to the website: www.archwinnipeg.ca

"With every virtue you practice, do not think of the painful effort involved, but of the sweetness of the reward; and above all remember that your struggles are for the sake of the Lord Jesus. Then you will easily rise above them and live out your whole lifetime in happiness."

— Saint John Chrysostom (c. 347-407)