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OF LAWRENCE COUNTY

Know Christ, Love Christ, Serve Christ and Invite others to Christ
through Word, Sacrament and Sacrifice!

Gospel Reflections Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel for Sunday, October 10, 2021 – Mark 10:17-30

Reading: As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus answered him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: *You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and your mother.*" He replied and said to him, "Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed at his words. So Jesus again said to them in reply, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle

than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."
They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves,
"Then who can be saved?"
Jesus looked at them and said,
"For human beings it is impossible, but not for God.
All things are possible for God."
Peter began to say to him,
"We have given up everything and followed you."
Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you,
there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters
or mother or father or children or lands
for my sake and for the sake of the gospel
who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age:
houses and brothers and sisters
and mothers and children and lands,
with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come."

Meditation¹: What does this text say to me, today, and to my life? Please note: *We share one here as an example but feel free to focus on the phrase God is helping to highlight for you.*

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

What do I treasure?

- What word or words in this passage caught my attention?
- What in this passage comforted me?
- What in this passage challenged me?

Prayer: What can I say to the Lord in response to His word? I bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in me.

Contemplation²: What conversion of the mind, heart, or life is the Lord asking of me? I spend quiet time in God's presence.

What do I do to help the poor and change their situation?

Action: How can I make my life a gift for others in charity?

Suggested actions to consider: *Can I forego an unnecessary purchase or other expenditure and give the money to the poor?*

¹ Meditation Question is from *Lectio Divina of the Gospels for the Liturgical Year 2020-2021. United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. 2020, p. 249*

² Contemplation and Action focus are chosen from *Lectio Divina of the Gospels for the Liturgical Year 2020-2021. United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. 2020, p. 250*