

# 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?

**R**CIA 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 worshiping 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](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

## 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

## 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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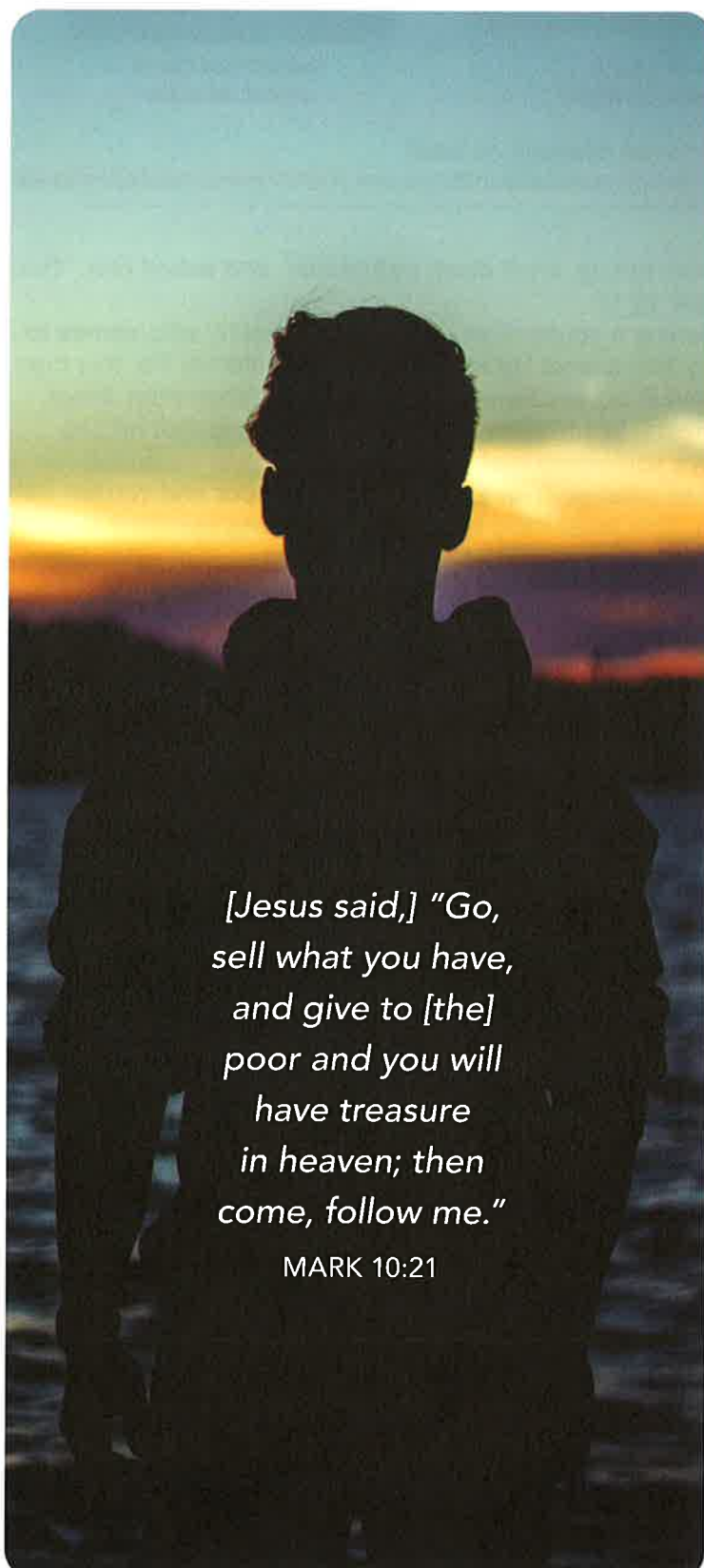
## Take Your Pick

**T**he 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.*



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### Beyond Good Intentions

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?" [Mark 10:17](#)

This story starts out looking quite good. Here is a young man who is quite wealthy who comes to Jesus with a question grounded in faith. By asking Jesus what He must do to inherit eternal life, this man most likely believed that Jesus had the answer. And in his excitement, he wanted direction from Jesus. Jesus tells him that he must keep the Commandments, to which the young man responds that he has observed them from his youth. But then Jesus says something that this young man never expected Him to say. He says, "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." Ouch! This must have stung this rich young man in the heart. The passage continues by stating that this young man walked away sad as a result of what Jesus said.

The young man started with good intentions, that is clear. But good intentions are not enough. Following Jesus and gaining eternal life is an all-consuming and radical commitment of every part of our lives. It's not enough to tell Jesus that we will keep the Commandments but that's all. Sure, that may get us into Purgatory, but what we should desire is Heaven! So how do we obtain Heaven? We only obtain Heaven through a life of perfection. Yes, it's true. If we want Heaven, we must ultimately become perfect in every way. Every worldly attachment must disappear, and every sin must be overcome. Our good intentions must turn into a radical and total gift of self to Jesus, seeking Him and only Him.

The rich young man walked away sad because he failed to realize that Jesus' invitation to him to give everything away was actually an act of love. He did not understand that he would find happiness in this radical commitment to follow Christ.

Reflect, today, upon the radical call of Jesus in your life. He wants every part of your life. You may have good intentions of trying to be good, but are you willing to go all the way following Christ in a full and unlimited way?

*Lord, I love You, and I want to love You more. I want to love You with my whole being. Help me to realize that following You requires a radical and complete gift of myself to You. May I be ready and willing to let go of any attachment in life that keeps me from following You. Jesus, I trust in You. From "My Catholic Life" website*

### SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Date	Day	Time	Place	Intention
10/11	Monday	No Mass Today		
10/12	Tuesday	No Mass Today		
10/13	Wednesday	No Mass Today		
10/14	Thursday	No Mass Today		
10/15	Friday	No Mass Today		
10/16	Saturday	5.30 PM	Dalton	† Shane Ernest
10/17	Sunday	8.00 AM	Bayard	† Ted Tafoya, Jr.
10/17	Sunday	10.30 AM	Bridgeport	† Bruno and Jairo Ramos



**ALL SOULS  
617 P STREET  
BRIDGEPORT NE 69336**

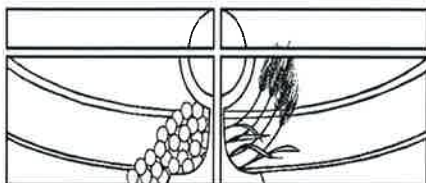
**MASS TIME**  
Sunday — 10.30 AM



**OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH**

ADULTS	\$710.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$184.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 894.00
WORLD MISSION	\$10.00
ALL SOULS DAY	\$10.00
TOTAL	\$ 914.00
HEAT/AC	\$100.00
BUILDING FUND	
APPEAL GOAL	\$6,046.00
DONATIONS	\$4315.00
BALANCE	<b>\$1,731.00</b>

- Prayer line requests may be made to Carolyn-262-0453 or Teresa-262-0439.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.
- Here is Fr. James Joseph's mailing address:  
FR JAMES JOSEPH SDB  
340 ZEMP WAY NE  
NORTH BEND WA 98045-8306



**SACRED HEART  
1003 AVE B  
BAYARD NE 69334**

**MASS TIME**  
Sunday – 8:00 AM



**OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH**

ADULTS	\$548.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$291.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 839.00
MASS STIPEND	\$20.00
TOTAL	\$ 859.00
BUILDING FUND	
APPEAL GOAL	\$4,907.00
DONATIONS	\$3,165.00
BALANCE	<b>\$1,742.00</b>

- Prayer line requests may be made to Paula-586-2992.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.



**SAINT MARY'S  
718 FRANCIS ST  
DALTON NE 69131**

**MASS TIME**  
Saturday – 5:30 PM



**OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH**

ADULTS	\$605.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$23.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 628.00
MASS STIPEND	\$10.00
CANDLES	\$102.43
TOTAL	\$ 740.43
BUILDING FUND	
APPEAL GOAL	\$6,136.00
DONATIONS	\$6,439.00
BALANCE	<b>(\$303.00)</b>

- Prayer line requests may be made to DeAnn-249-1735.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.
- Congratulations on being selected to win \$500 in the drawing for the appeal!!

