



Best Friends

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Henry David Thoreau was a naturalist and philosopher who lived in Concord, Massachusetts, in the early 1800s. He spent a year living in a small one-room cabin in the woods at Walden Pond "because," he said, "I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not when I came to die, discover that I had not lived. I did not wish to live what was not life, living is so dear." Thoreau seems to have sought the same reality pursued by the author of the Book of Wisdom, who preferred Lady Wisdom to power, deemed riches to be nothing, and loved wisdom more than health or beauty.

Like the man who comes to Jesus wanting to know what he must do to inherit eternal life, most of us have a difficult time surrendering that to which we cling. It may be our possessions, our power to control others, the need to be youthful and stylishly dressed, or an addiction to drugs or gambling or pornography—anything that has become our "best friend." Just as the apostles wonder who can then be saved, all of us wonder, because we, too, have one or another such "best friends." It is God who breaks through, says Jesus. It may be a painful breaking through; it may be an upheaval; it may not be until the end of our lives. Always, it is God who ultimately turns us around. ●

Reflect

Who or what is your "best friend" that replaces God in your life?

[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



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CCD Classes

CCD classes will be held at HT Church Hall
Sunday, October 13th - 6th & 7th graders (9:45am-11:15am)
Sunday, October 20th - K thru 5th grades (9:45a-10:45am)



Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of October 14, 2024

Monday	10/14			† No Mass
Tuesday	10/15	9:00 am	STM	† No Mass - Fr. on Vacation
Wednesday	10/16	5:30 pm	HT	† No Mass - Fr. on Vacation
Thursday	10/17	9:00 am	HT	† No Mass - Fr. on Vacation
Friday	10/18	9:00 am	STM	† No Mass - Fr. on Vacation

Mass Intentions for the weekend of October 19 - 20, 2024

Saturday	10/19	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	† Dec. Mem. Lavern Eiten Family
Sunday	10/20	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	† For the Parishioners
		10:30 am	St Patrick	† Bernard Schwamberger

Reflection On St. Luke the Evangelist

Feast Day: October 18

Saint Luke wrote one of the four Gospels, was a companion of Saint Paul to whom he was very dear, traveled far and wide preaching the Gospel, and ultimately gave his life as a martyr. He was first imprisoned for two years and after his release was said to have been crucified near Achaia while he continued his missionary activities.

Saint Luke was originally from Antioch, a city known for its high culture and learning. He was a physician, was well educated and was of high social standing. The fact of his social standing and education reveals that he went through a martyrdom of another form prior to being physically martyred. The martyrdom he went through came in the form of choosing Christ over social notoriety and prestige.

When faced with the Gospel, Saint Luke could have easily seen the mission given to him by Christ as one which interfered with his comfortable life in Antioch. He would have quickly understood that choosing to follow our Lord and accepting the invitation of being sent to preach the Gospel required much sacrifice. However, he made the decision to give up everything so as to fulfill the mission given to him by our Lord. God used Saint Luke in many ways and especially used his education as an instrument through which the Holy Spirit inspired him to write the Word of God.

Like Saint Luke, we are all called by God to follow Him unreservedly and to be sent on a unique mission of the proclamation of the Gospel. Each calling is different but each calling must be absolute and undeterred. We must offer our talents, preferences, future and our very lives to Christ so that He may use us as He wills. Following Jesus will always require some form of martyrdom, but whatever form of martyrdom we are called to embrace will produce much good fruit for the Kingdom of Heaven. *(Excerpted from "Being Sent" © catholic-daily-reflections.com)*



USCCB on Voting

We are approximately four weeks from Election Day. Many voters are still discerning the candidates for whom they will vote. As Catholics we are to engage in the political process and to vote our conscience. We engage in the political process through healthy debate of issues, not through endorsements of any kind, for any political party or for any individual candidate. If you wish to have some more insight, there are copies of suggestions from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in back of the churches. Feel free to take one home.

World Missions Sunday Collection

World Mission Sunday is the weekend of October 19th–20th, and we will be taking up a second collection for it.

LATEST OFFERING'S

OCT 6TH WEEKEND

HT – \$1,085.00

SP – \$ 346.00

STM – \$ 759.00

Remember in prayer,
family & friends of

Brian Hewitt – SP

CONFESSIONS

NEXT CONFESSIONS

WILL BE

SAT. OCT 19TH

10:30 AM - 11:15 AM AT

ST. PATRICK'S IN THE CHAPEL

Dear Padre,

When should confirmation take place? I read that baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist were received all at the same time in the early Church.

Confirmation is one of the three sacraments of initiation. The other two are baptism and Eucharist. In the early Church, all three sacraments were usually received at the same time because most people receiving baptism were adults. As infant baptism started to become the norm, this sacrament was separated from the other two. After Vatican II, the trend moved the age of confirmation into the teenage years, so that in many places, confirmation takes place in seventh or eighth grade, or even later. There is still an argument among liturgists, educators, and theologians about whether such a separation should exist. Some think of confirmation as a coming-of-age sacrament, marking, as it were, the transition from childhood into adulthood in the Church. The theology of this sacrament, however, is based upon baptism and connects it to the commission to go out and touch the world with our faith. The ideal age for confirmation is the age at which we can, with the grace of the Holy Spirit, conscientiously and reasonably witness to our faith. ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
October 14	October 15	October 16	October 17	October 18	October 19	October 20
<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Teresa of</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Ignatius of</i>	<i>St. Luke,</i>	<i>Sts. John de</i>	<i>Twenty-ninth</i>
Gal 4:22–24, 26–27, 31–5:1	<i>Jesus, Virgin</i>	Gal 5:18–25	<i>Antioch, Bishop</i>	<i>Evangelist</i>	<i>Brébeuf and Isaac</i>	<i>Sunday in</i>
Lk 11:29–32	<i>and Doctor</i>	Lk 11:42–46	<i>and Martyr</i>	2 Tm 4:10–17b	<i>Jogues, Priests,</i>	<i>Ordinary Time</i>
	<i>of the Church</i>		Eph 1:1–10	Lk 10:1–9	<i>and Companions,</i>	Is 53:10–11
	Gal 5:1–6		Lk 11:47–54		<i>Martyrs</i>	Heb 4:14–16
	Lk 11:37–41				Eph 1:15–23	Mk 10:35–45
					Lk 12:8–12	or 10:42–45



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

A faith without giving, without gratuitousness, without works of charity makes us sad in the end: just like that man who returned home “sorrowful” with a fallen countenance, even though he had been looked upon with love by Jesus in person. Today we can ask ourselves: “At what point is my faith?”

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