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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.

MARK 10:23



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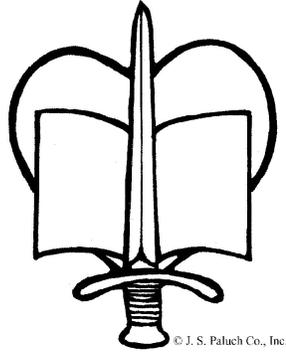
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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 10, 2021

The word of God is living and effective,
sharper than any two-edged sword.

— *Hebrews 4:12a*

Most of us sincerely desire to grow in wisdom and in faith. Today's readings explore the challenges we face when we allow God to lead the way. We first hear the author of the book of Wisdom extolling the value of wisdom in our lives. Then in Hebrews we are told that sometimes God exposes difficult truths about ourselves. These readings set up Mark's story of the wealthy man. In his encounter with Jesus, the man faced a very harsh truth, that his possessions actually possessed him and blocked his path to God. We may have similar "moments of truth" when we have an overwhelming desire to minimize or to run away from truth that God reveals to us. In these moments, may we remember that God always seeks to bless and heal us. In these moments, may God open our hearts to receive truth with faith and courage.

BIBLICAL GENEROSITY

Today's Gospel describes a tense and tragic encounter between Jesus and a wealthy man. It appears that the man sincerely desired to know the way to inherit eternal life. He had followed much of the Law of Moses. Apparently, he had also followed society's rules in gaining and sustaining his wealth, avoiding stealing and defrauding.

Jesus indicates that the man missed a crucial part of the Biblical tradition, which calls upon those who have much to share generously with those who have little. The Old Testament regularly refers to this obligation (for example, see Deuteronomy 15). Historians note that in the society in Jesus' day, the wealthy enjoyed privileges in an economic system that also prevented the poor and vulnerable from meeting their basic needs. The wealthy man's entrapment in his possessions damaged both himself and the whole community. In our own time and place, those of us who enjoy privileges of various kinds are invited into social and economic practices that embrace this biblical generosity.

HEART SURGERY

Much of our inner life is hidden from others. This protects us from being harmed by others who would seek advantage over us. But our hidden inner life can also keep wounds from healing, and may help sustain deeply damaging illusions about ourselves and about the outer world.

In today's passage from Hebrews, the author offers vivid imagery of the word of God and its effect upon us. Here, God's word is described as the active power of God that penetrates our hearts. God is described as a surgeon who can expose our hidden places and maneuver around our hardness of heart. Exposure of our inner self can be terrifying. During surgery, we are deeply vulnerable and utterly dependent on the surgeon's care and skill so that we can be healed. When events in life allow God to reveal hidden truths about ourselves, it is crucial that we know we are in the hands of a trustworthy and skilled surgeon.

Today's Readings: Wis 7:7–11; Ps 90:12–13, 14–15, 16–17; Heb 4:12–13; Mk 10:17–30 [17–27]

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Initiation Programs and Adult Formation



Becoming Catholic - The RCIA process is one of conversion and spiritual formation for individuals interested in living the Christian life in the Catholic tradition. It is a time of prayer, reflection, study, faith sharing, discernment and participation in the life of the parish. This process is for adults and children who have never been baptized, those who were baptized in another faith tradition, or those who were baptized Catholic and seek full initiation. Call the parish office today to get started or inquire through our website.

Adult Confirmation—Are you an active practicing Catholic adult who “missed” participating in the Sacrament of Confirmation? We invite you to enter the process of preparation at the parish. **Registration for the fall sessions is now open on our website. Registration for the fall sessions is now open on our website.**

To learn more, visit olmc.org or contact Christa at the parish office at extension 107 or email cblomstrom@olmc.org.

Adult Formation

Women Youth Apostles is a community of women (18+) who have made a serious commitment to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ in the Catholic Church. As a community, we come together for prayer including Liturgy of the Hours and Mass, formation, and to share openly with one another about our lives and our efforts to respond to this call. If you have any questions please contact our local coordinator, Elena Adinaro, at elenaadinaro@gmail.com

Caring for the Caregiver – Nourish for Caregivers is for anyone juggling the challenges of life, health, career and caring for an aging parent, grandparent, spouse or loved one with a disability - in town or at a distance. Nourish provides family caregivers practical and emotional supports, useful tools and shared experiences, all with a Christ-centered view. Discover the blessings that come from caring for another. Be nourished. **Join us monthly on the first Thursday of every month at 7pm at Saint Michael Hall. All are welcome!**



Walking With Purpose - This fall we are excited to offer, **Opening Your Heart**, a foundational bible study that meets women exactly where they are. **Weekly sessions are held at 7pm at Saint Michael Hall.** We will dig into topics like prayer, the role of the Holy Spirit, and what exactly is the point of suffering. This 22-lesson study is a MUST for the woman just dipping her toes in the faith pool and the Olympic swimmer in need of a faith refresher! Join us Wednesday evenings at 7pm. Find out how to purchase your book & register at olmc.org.



Women's Bible Study – Genesis to Jesus opens the door to a deeper understanding of Scripture, especially for those who find reading the Bible a daunting task. You'll see the big picture of salvation history, the single plot that runs through the books of the Bible. This study of Scripture will help you to see how various Bible stories fit together in God's plan. Join us on Thursday mornings at Saint Michael Hall. Call the parish office to register.



That Man Is You – Join us Saturday mornings at 7am at Saint Michael Hall for The Vision of Man Fully Alive series. Through living the three-fold mission of abiding presence, joyful service and living sacrifice, our hearts and homes will experience the joy that God desires. We will be led directly to the three spiritual foods that Christ himself proclaims: The Eucharist, The Word of God, and The Will of God. Register at olmc.org

Small groups are life changing – join one at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church this fall! Our small groups offer men and women an opportunity to pray, study and grow in their faith together. Small groups journey together in discipleship. To learn more about being a part of a small group or to receive training to start a small group find us online at olmc.org.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

Pastoral Care

Drivers and Riders Wanted – Van Ministry at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

The OLMC Van Ministry provides transportation to the 10am Sunday Mass and is looking to add drivers to the schedule. A special license is not required and training on operation of the van will be provided.

For more information about serving in this ministry, please contact John Scott at jandbscott@gmail.com for the details.

If you need a ride or if you know of someone who we might be able to help, please call the parish office at 595-0385 ext. 107.



Virtus Training at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

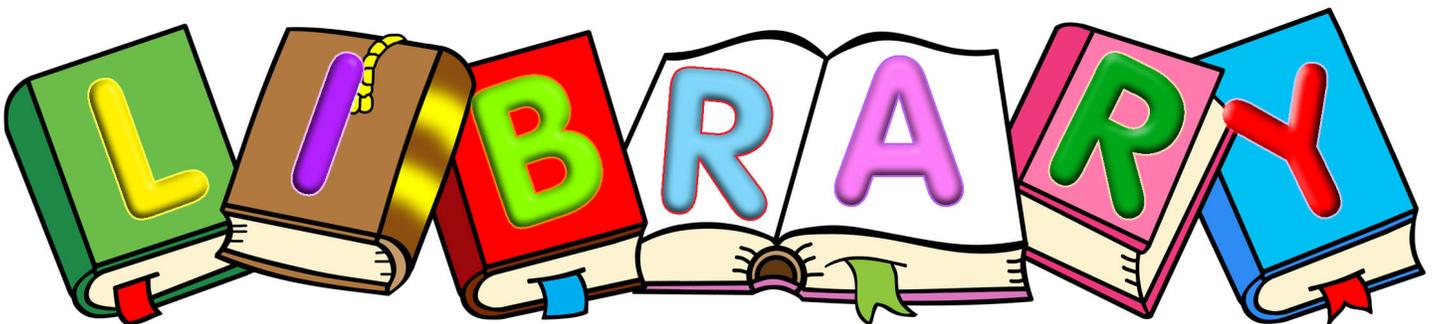
The Diocese of Richmond requires that all those who minister with children, youth or vulnerable adults complete the Virtus Safe Environment Training.

Virtus Training will be offered at 5:30pm at Saint Michael Hall on the following dates:
October 13 and January 12 – Sessions conducted in ENGLISH.

October 20, November 17 and January 19 – Sessions conducted in SPANISH.



Welcome Desk – Our Welcome Desk Hosts extend a welcome and offers help to those looking for a community of faith, looking for information, and ultimately seeking a place at the table of the Body of Christ. We are seeking additional Welcome Desk Hosts at all weekend Masses. If you like to “meet and greet” and are looking for a way to help others learn more about our parish community – then this ministry is for you! Call the parish office if you can support in this way.



Parish Library

October is one of two months that the Church specially dedicates to the veneration of Mary, principally because of the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary in October. That makes it a good month to read a book from your parish library about her! It has a category - aptly labeled MARY - specifically devoted to her. In addition, there are a number of books in the PRAYER category that can help you in praying the Rosary.

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Fall CCD, Edge and Life Teen

CCD for children K-5: Faith formation for our students not enrolled at OLMC School will be through our CCD program on Sunday mornings from 9:00 am to 9:50 am (between the 8 and 10 am Masses). For more information, please contact our Children's Faith Formation Coordinator, Cristy Barton cbarton@olmc.org, or register on our parish website. Faith formation begins at the end of September.

Young Adult Discipleship:

OLMC has a strong and faithful group of young adults (18-29) who meet regularly to learn and grow in the faith. Registration for most things is not required, but please reach out to get more involved. Ken White kwhite@olmc.org is the contact person, and he is happy to put you in touch with our leadership. Don't miss out on the fall retreat for young adults coming up - as well as other activities. For more information, see our parish website.

Edge for grades 6-8: Our middle school parishioners will engage in the education of the ways of faith with weekly, in-person, catechesis using the Edge middle school program of evangelization. Edge will meet weekly, with trained Core Team members, where they will engage with the teaching of the faith, and, in a safe manner, with each other.

Life Teen for grades 9-12: Our dynamic Life Teen program for high school catechesis and evangelization will continue each week with in-person meetings. Our Core Team will work with teens to hand on the faith, prepare them for the Sacrament of Confirmation, or work on solidifying the faith as they navigate their high school years.

Social Ministry

Contact Tina Wandersee at twandersee@olmc.org or ext. 118



Peninsula Pet Pantry Collections

The Peninsula Pet Pantry is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization formed in 2010, provides temporary pet food and supplies, as well as resource referral services. The Peninsula Pet Pantry is helping to keep pets with their owners and out of animal shelters and humane groups. This annual Pet Pantry Collection is in recognition of St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day and to aid those who are not able to provide for their pets. At this

time the Pet Pantry has very specific needs:

- Adult cat and dog food
- Cat and dog flea & tick treatments
- Cat litter
- Cat & dog treats
- Cat & dog toys
- Gift Cards: Petco, PetSmart, Care-A-Lot

At this time they are not accepting puppy or kitten food. **Adult dog and cat food is in great need.** Last year OLMC collected 420 lbs of food and this year we are trying to collect 450 lbs. We are collecting throughout the Sundays in October.

Food Pantry

Please start a new habit this month - find one item on this list and bring it with you when you come to Holy Mass. Many people bringing one item provides us with plenty of food to give out. In addition, our pantry could use some brown bags. So if you shop this week please bag your groceries with brown bags and donate them to our pantry.

Needs this week: Spam, Jelly, Spaghetti Sauce, Oatmeal Packets, Carrots, Boxed Potatoes (large size), Cake Mixes and Frosting, Juices, Muffin Mixes (add water)

Personal Care Items: Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Deodorant (mens and womens), Shampoo, Lotion

Cleaning Supplies: These items are not covered by Snap (Food Stamps) and we have increased requests. You decide what you can send in to clean and sanitize bathrooms, kitchens, etc. Anything is welcome.

PORT Winter Shelter SignUps

Thank you for such a great signup this past weekend! We will be reaching out in the coming month to begin to fill in the remaining slots for each day through communication on the OLMC website. **October 9th and 10th** please watch for our Helping Hands displays in the Narthex of the Church. These Helping Hands contain all the supplies that will be needed for us to be able to serve our brothers and sisters while they are sheltered.

Thank you so very much for your continued support!

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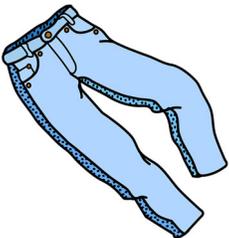


CALLING ALL CATHOLIC HOKIE ALUMNI

The Catholic Hokies of the Catholic Campus Ministry at Virginia Tech (CCM@VT) are looking forward to reconnecting with you. We would be honored to host you for one or more of our special Homecoming events! Join us on Friday, October 15, at 7:30pm at the Newman House for a **Wine & Cheese social**. Park in our lot and **tailgate with us** on Saturday before the VT vs. Pitt game (spaces are limited so contact us soon!). If you do not have tickets to the VT vs Pitt game, no worries! An anonymous benefactor has gifted our ministry with two football tickets to raffle. Who would like **free football tickets?** To enter, just scan the QR code at the end of this announcement and fill out the raffle form. (Please note that the winner of the raffle may not resell the tickets.) Then, before returning home, **celebrate Mass with us** on Sunday at 10am, noon, or 8pm in the War Memorial Chapel. All are welcome to Mass. To reserve your space for the Friday night social or Saturday tailgate parking, kindly RSVP to Melissa Philen, ccm@vt.dd@gmail.com or call 540-951-0032.



Ladies of Carmel



Coat/Jean Collection and Bake Sale!

It's that time again! The Ladies of Carmel will be collecting clean, gently used winter coats, jeans, scarves, hats, gloves, sweaters, sweatshirts, sneakers and boots from Tuesday, Oct. 26th-Sunday Oct. 31st for the homeless and those in need. These items will be donated to LINK and the Clothes Closet at St. Vincent de Paul. A collection bin will be placed in the Narthex during that week for your convenience.



Also, there will be our wonderful, calorie free (?) bake sale with all of the goodies that you've been yearning for the past 2 years! This will be held after the Masses the weekend of Oct. 30-31st! Thank you and we look forward to seeing you again!



The Outback Dinner will be held in St. Michael Hall on Thursday Nov 4th. Tickets are \$15 (dine in or take out). Dinner includes steak, chicken, baked potato and Caesar salad (deserts will also be available from Ladies of Carmel). Tickets will be on sale in the Commons after Masses starting this weekend and beginning next week can also be purchased at the OLMC church office and OLMC School office.

MINISTERIO HISPANO

Vigésimo Octavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Director - Diácono Francisco Anleu: Oficina - (757) 595-0385 Ext. 123, Email - fanleu@olmc.org

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Confesiones: Sábados, 3 PM, Miércoles, 5 PM

Más fácil le es a un camello
pasar por el ojo de una aguja,
que a un rico
entrar en el Reino de Dios.

MARCOS 10:23

Detalle, Anónimo, *Cristo enseñando*, anglosajon, c. 1000



VIGÉSIMO OCTAVO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

10 DE OCTUBRE DE 2021

La mayoría de nosotros desea sinceramente crecer en sabiduría y en la fe. Las lecturas de hoy exploran los desafíos que enfrentamos cuando dejamos que Dios nos guíe. Primero escuchamos al autor del libro de la Sabiduría exaltar el valor de la sabiduría en nuestras vidas. Luego, en la carta a los hebreos se nos dice que algunas veces Dios pone al descubierto verdades difíciles sobre nosotros mismos. Estas lecturas nos llevan al relato de Marco sobre el hombre rico. En su encuentro con Jesús, el hombre se enfrentó a una verdad muy dura, que sus posesiones lo poseían y le bloqueaban su camino hacia Dios. Nosotros podemos tener “momentos de verdad” similares cuando tenemos un deseo abrumador de minimizar o huir de la verdad que Dios nos revela. En esos momentos, recordemos que Dios siempre busca bendecirnos y sanarnos. Es en esos momentos que pedios a Dios abra nuestros corazones para recibir la verdad con fe y valor.

LA GENEROSIDAD BÍBLICA

El Evangelio de hoy describe un encuentro tenso y trágico entre Jesús y un hombre rico. Parece que el hombre deseaba sinceramente conocer el camino para heredar la vida eterna. Él había obedecido gran parte de la Ley de Moisés. Aparentemente, él también había seguido las reglas de la sociedad para ganar y mantener su riqueza, evitando robar y defraudar.

Jesús indica que el hombre se perdió una parte crucial de la tradición bíblica, la que llama a los que tienen mucho a compartir generosamente con los que tienen poco. El Antiguo Testamento se refiere regularmente a esta obligación (por ejemplo, lo que se menciona en Deuteronomio 15). Los historiadores señalan que, en la sociedad de los tiempos de Jesús, los ricos gozaban de privilegios en un sistema económico que también impedía a los pobres y vulnerables satisfacer sus necesidades básicas. Al estar el hombre rico atrapado en sus posesiones le perjudicaba a él mismo y a toda la comunidad. En nuestro propio tiempo y lugar, aquellos que gozan de privilegios de diversa índole están invitados a adoptar prácticas sociales y económicas que incluyan esta generosidad bíblica.

CIRUGÍA DEL CORAZÓN

Gran parte de nuestra vida interior está oculta a los demás. Esto nos protege de que seamos lastimados por aquellas personas que buscarían una ventaja sobre nosotros. Pero nuestra vida interior oculta también puede impedir que las heridas sanen, y puede favorecer a mantener ilusiones profundamente dañinas sobre nosotros mismos y sobre el mundo exterior.

En el pasaje de la carta a los hebreos, el autor ofrece una imagen vívida de la palabra de Dios y su efecto sobre nosotros. Aquí, la palabra de Dios se describe como el poder activo de Dios que penetra nuestros corazones. A Dios se le describe como un cirujano que puede exponer nuestros lugares ocultos y maniobrar alrededor de nuestra dureza de corazón. La exposición de nuestro interior puede ser aterradora. Durante la cirugía, estamos profundamente vulnerables y dependemos totalmente del cuidado y la habilidad del cirujano para poder sanar. Cuando los eventos de la vida permiten a Dios revelar verdades ocultas sobre nosotros mismos, es crucial que sepamos que estamos en manos de un cirujano fiable y hábil.

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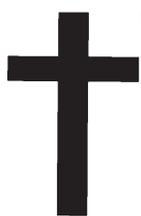
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