

# Ascension of Our Lord Parish Bulletin

## IN OUR PARISH

### A THANKSGIVING BLESSING



*May an abundance of gratitude burst forth  
as you reflect upon what you have received.*

*May thanksgiving overflow in your heart,  
and often be proclaimed in your prayer.*

*May the harvest of your good actions  
bring forth plentiful fruit each day.*

*May you always be open, willing,  
and ready to share your blessings with others.*

Joyce Rupp, Out of the Ordinary

### Thanksgiving Project

This year our parish celebrates Thanksgiving by donating non-perishable foods to St. Willibrord's Food Bank. Today and next weekend you are invited to bring a bag filled with non-perishable foods to church. Canned tuna, salmon, ham, chicken, soups, vegetables, juices, coffee & tea as well as cereal, pasta & rice are always needed, but any non-perishable item will be greatly appreciated. Your donations may be left at the side altars.

### Changes to Mass Schedule

This weekend we welcome back to our parish *Fr. Timothy Scott, C.S.B.* who will celebrate our Masses October 10th & 11<sup>th</sup>.

Please note that while Father MacEachen is away there will be no weekday Masses (Monday October 12th - Friday October 16<sup>th</sup> (inc.).

### Meals on Wheels

Currently seeking volunteers to be "lead" cooks to plan menus, provide shopping lists & organise the other helpers who prepare meals for 20 + people, Fridays starting this fall until June & Tuesdays starting in January. The meals are prepared at the Greene Ave center. The time commitment is 2½ hrs: 8:00 am – 10:30 am. Volunteers are scheduled once or twice a month depending on their availability. In addition, we are seeking Volunteers to shop for the cooks as well as to deliver, drive and help the cook. For more information please contact Frances de Verteuil 514-937-3317 or [fdev@primus.ca](mailto:fdev@primus.ca)

### You are not forgotten

If you, or a loved one, are not able to come to church, we would be happy to come to you, have a little chat and bring you the Lord in Holy Communion. Let us know by calling the parish office (932-3131) and we will get to you ASAP.

## Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 11th October 2015

### Inheriting Eternal Life

In the Gospel Reading, a rich young man asks Jesus, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" In response, Jesus says to him, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor."

Selling what you own is a pretty radical thing to do. Just think what you own: a house, a car, a bed. And that's just the beginning, isn't it? There's also the computer, the cell phone, the TV—and on and on.

Early in Christian history, people who sold everything they owned set up religious orders, so that they could live together and share what they needed. And so Jesus' exhortation to sell what you have and give to the poor is usually taken as a call to religious life.

Understood in that way, Jesus' advice to the rich young man is one of the counsels of perfection. It explains what you have to do to be perfect in this life.

But here's a puzzle worth noticing. You don't have to be perfect to go to heaven. You don't have to be a member of a religious order to go to heaven. But going to heaven is what the rich young man was asking Jesus about: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" And so the answer Jesus gave the rich young man should have explained to him what you have to do to get to heaven. A counsel of perfection is by its nature not an answer to the rich young man's question.

Or put it this way. If selling all he has and giving it to the poor is what the rich young man needs to do to inherit eternal life, what about everybody else? Does everybody have to sell what he has in order to attain heaven? If you don't sell everything you have, are you going to hell? The solution to the puzzle is to think about the description of the man asking Jesus the question: he is the rich young man. In other words, his gifts lie in his wealth.

Now gifts are highly various. There are lots of gifts, gifts of learning, of music, of many other things. But whatever a person's gifts are, they are meant to be given back in service to the Lord. You cannot bury your talent—your gifts—in the ground and hope to please the Lord.

So here is what you need to do to inherit eternal life: You need to follow Jesus and use your gifts to the full when you do.

Eleonore Stump <http://liturgy.slu.edu>

### Mass Intentions

Please note that there are a number of Masses without intentions. If you would like to remember a loved one, we invite you to contact the parish office to book a Mass time or the Sanctuary Lamp.

