



1st Reading: Wis 7:7-11

Responsorial: Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17

2nd Reading: Heb 4:12-13

Gospel: Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time-

"What must I do to **inherit** eternal life?" This question was posed in today's Gospel, a question we must ask ourselves repeatedly. But notice the framing of the question is not to "earn" eternal life, but rather to "inherit" eternal life. An inheritance is a **gift** we receive that we did not earn. We can choose not to accept this gift but we cannot earn it. The Ten Commandments which Jesus first refers are the laws given in the covenant between the Israelites and God. The purpose of the law was to keep the people in the covenant or to maintain a loving relationship with God. The law is not a means of earning our way into covenant relationship, but rather a call to maintain our love.

In the New Testament, Jesus Christ himself is the **gift** of salvation and he invites us to follow him. Jesus gives us a new covenant and the Greatest Commandment which can be found later in Mark's gospel: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." The second is this: "Love your neighbor as yourself." (Mark 12:28-34). This is not spoken in today's gospel outright, but the meaning is set forth: Jesus shows the Way: take care of others in need, give love and compassion, and mercy, and follow the Way of Jesus, in self-sacrifice. In receiving the gift, or the inheritance, we are called to share the JOY of the gospel.

This is the JOY of the Gospel **J**esus - **O**thers - **Y**ourself.

Family Connection

Today's Gospel might make us uncomfortable about our possessions. This discomfort offers us an opportunity to consider our possessions and our family's commitment to the poor. As you gather as a family, consider together these questions: Would it be possible to inventory our possessions? Are there things in our house that we no longer need or use? What might we do with these things? Read together today's Gospel, Mark 10:17-30. Talk about the warning about material possessions that Jesus gives in this Gospel. How does this make you feel? Choose an action that helps your family show its commitment to the poor.

([LoyolaPress](#), *Sunday Connections*)

Cut & Pray!

The prayer of St. Teresa of Jesus whose feast day is October 15

*Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you, All things are passing away:
God never changes. Patience obtains all things.
Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices.*



<https://youtu.be/ihnzFH2L818>

[YouTube - CatholicKidsMedia 28B](#)

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Doctors of the Church

Is there a doctor in the house?
St. Teresa of Jesus is a Doctor of the Church as are 35 other saints. Learn more about the 36 Doctors of the Church here:

[USCCB.org - Doctors of the Church](#)
[USCatholic.org - Chronological List](#)
[Epicpeew.com - The First Four Doctors](#)

Links for More Ideas, Activities & Resources FYI

- [Elizabethclareblog.com](#) - St. Teresa of Avila Feast Day in the Catholic Home (Family Faith Builder)
- [Youtube.com](#) - How to draw St. Teresa of Avila (Kids Faith Builder)
- [catholiccuisine.com](#) - St. Teresa of Avila - Chicken Stew With Lighter than Air Dumplings (Family Faith Builder)
- [Young-catholics.com](#) - About the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (Teens Faith Builder)
- [USCCB.org](#) - Scriptural Rosary for Justice and Peace (All Ages Faith Builder)
- [sadlier.com](#) - FREE downloads *Fun Fall Activities for Families that Celebrate God's Creation* (Family Faith Builder)

