

The Academy of Our Lady of Peace

## Religion at the Academy

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# All Things Are Possible for God

Jesus Makes Sure That We Keep Perspective



This week's Gospel reading is once again a treatise on how we complicate our lives. Jesus makes it abundantly clear to us that our focus on God must come first. Everything else comes second. A rich man comes to Jesus to request instructions on how to get into Heaven. This is a common theme in the Gospels. We are a species that is desperate for directions. This man has followed all the commandments laid out by the Law of Moses. There remains one problem. He is rich. Jesus advises the man to give away everything he has. He says:

Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor

and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

The rich man is upset. He can follow the commandments, but he cannot give up his wealth. For a long time, this passage was held up to be a warning against accruing material wealth. I think it may be a little more fundamental than that. This passage is about making God the center of our lives. Getting into Heaven is not a financial exchange. It requires faith, good works, penance, humility, kindness, and love for each other. The warning is not about owning things necessarily, but about giving them higher relevance than God.

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## New Charitable Event Happening SOON

Keep watching this space for a new exciting charitable event that we are starting soon. The best part: NO CASH REQUIRED.

## Something to Make Us Feel Better

I scan the internet for stories that make me feel better about life. Between the Kardashians, Britney Spears, and the countless miseries out there, sometimes we just need to make things a little easier. I am including a video about the Pope's message to a young boy. It makes for heartfelt viewing.

[Little boy asks Pope Francis: Is my dad in heaven?](#)

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