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Jesus said to his disciples,
"Whoever wishes to come after me
must deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow me."

Matthew 16:24

Twenty-second
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
August 30, 2020

SUFFERING

Suffering. We all know it. It is an inescapable part of the human experience. Our readings today help us understand what to do with suffering, how to redeem it for eternal glory. In a tenderly poetic passage, the prophet Jeremiah clings to the Lord, despite the suffering and hatred he endures in God's service. Since speaking on behalf of the Lord is the cause of his anguish, Jeremiah flirts with the idea of giving it all up, of abandoning his ministry. But God is "too strong," and Jeremiah remains faithful even in violent times. He knows, as the psalmist sings, that there is no life without God, for whom our souls thirst. Saint Paul acknowledges the universality of suffering and urges us to offer our suffering to God. God alone can transform our pain, our "crosses," into good for others, just as God redeemed the ultimate suffering of Jesus.

OFFER IT UP!

As Saint Paul says, we can offer our personal experiences as a "living sacrifice." Let's offer up our daily prayers, thoughts, words, actions, joys, and sufferings. Let's unite our sacrifices to the perfect sacrifice of Jesus we celebrate in the Eucharist. Our sacrifices—little or big, happy or sad—become the stuff of miracles. Consider the example of the loaves and fishes we read about a few weeks ago. Jesus' tender heart pities the hungry crowds. Jesus asks the disciples to offer anything they can spare. Using the ridiculously inadequate offering of five loaves and two fish, Jesus goes to work. He blesses their offering, breaks it, and uses it to satisfy thousands. Baskets overflow. Jesus uses a tiny offering and transforms it into real help for people in need.

We too can offer sacrifices for Jesus to transform. When we are confronted with problems we know we can't solve, Jesus remains calm. He asks us to give what we can. Often, we have no confidence. We scoff at our own pathetic attempts. We cannot imagine how God could possibly use our boring little sacrifices of dishwashing, caregiving, or e-mail-managing to bless the world. But Jesus takes whatever we offer. He blesses it. He breaks it. He transforms it into grace for ourselves and for all people in need.

PRAISE GOD!

The mystery of redemptive suffering transforms our lives, but it is not an easy mystery to accept. Suffering is not attractive. Especially when suffering afflicts innocent people, we cry out to God for justice and relief. Jesus' words today penetrate our hearts: "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." We beg the Lord to accept our suffering, then, and to transform it in ways we cannot imagine. Embracing the details and crosses of daily life, we look forward to the day when Jesus comes in glory, revealing to us how he used our sacrifices to bless the world.

TODAY'S READINGS

Jeremiah 20:7–9
Psalm 63:2–6, 8–9
Romans 12:1–2
Matthew 16:21–27

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Sketch, Martyrdom of Saint Peter, 1598/99

Andrea Boscoli

Italian, c. 1560–1608

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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Sat., Aug. 29 4:30 pm	Passion of St. John the Baptist Rudy Papa
Sun., Aug. 30 8:30 am 10:30 am	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Ray Matthews For the Parishioners
Mon., Aug. 31 8:30 am	Weekday in Ordinary Time James Friedrich
Tues., Sept. 1 8:30 am	Weekday in Ordinary Time Mary Cremeens, Darlene, Gladys & Victor Huebener
Wed., Sept. 2 6:30 pm	Weekday in Ordinary Time Vi Yaeger
Thur., Sept. 3 8:30 am	St. Gregory the Great Ray Matthews
Fri., Sept. 4 8:30 am	Weekday in Ordinary Time Virginia Forehand
Sat., Sept. 5 4:30 pm	Weekday in Ordinary Time George Wilson
Sun., Sept. 6 8:30 am 10:30 am	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time For the Parishioners James Friedrich

Prayer Requests

The sick: Conor Vogel, Keita Salantai, Mary Wagner, Bob Schley, Charlie Mattingly, Noah Rogers, Becky Gray, Marguerite Hufker, Nelson Gregory, Dan McRae, Mary Overton, Don Laird, Maxine Calhoon, Gloria Matthews, Dianne Morin, Tim Friedel, Vi Perkhiser, Derek Trent, Jane Rood, Bev Randolph, Richard Swift, Lee Bernt, Alex Kallal, John Richter, Tim Zacha, Brenda Wieneke. **Send requests to Marie at rejoy128@gmail.com**



On-Line Giving

To set up an on-line account for making your donations, go to: www.givecentral.org Click on 'Find Your Charity' and enter 62010. You can start and stop at any time.

Please Come

Every Wednesday evening beginning at 6:00 pm, we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet in church, prior to the 6:30 pm Mass. Please consider joining us!

40 Days for Life Informational Meeting

Thursday, September 3rd at 6:30 PM at St. Cecilia's (church basement) in Glen Carbon. All are invited to learn about the upcoming campaign running from Sept. 23rd to Nov. 1st. RSVP by Sept. 1st to info@40daysgc.com. Masks are required for this social distancing event. Learn more about 40 Days for Life at 40daysgc.com

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Matthew Zini**, brother of **Mary Stacks** and **John Standefer I**, grandfather of **Jenifer Standefer** and **Kinsey Mitchell**. May God grant them eternal rest.

Do You Know Your Faith?

(All answers will begin with "X,Y or Z".)

1. The co-founder of the Jesuits was St. Francis _____.
2. The type of log used during Christmas.
3. The skull cap worn by a bishop is called an xcap, yarma, or zucchetto?
4. What is the Aramaic name for God?
5. The name of St. John the Baptist's father was Xerxes, Yethro, or Zacharias?

PSR Registration

You may register your child/children after the weekend masses Sept 5th/6th in front of the church main entrance, in the church office or by downloading the registration form from the church website. You may return the registration form to the church office, in an envelope marked 'PSR' in the offering basket, or by mail to P.O. Box 100, Bethalto 62010.

With the spike of Covid in our region, we will begin the term with students completing their lessons at home with their parents, and guidance from our PSR catechists. Only until the time we can safely return to in-person learning once again.

You may pick up student materials on Sunday, September 13 between 9:15-11:45 or Monday, September 14th between 5:00-6:15 p.m. in front of the church main entrance.

Our first "in-home" class will begin on September 16th. Please see the church website for more information or contact PSR coordinator- psr@olqpbethalto.org

Volunteers Needed

Knights of Columbus is seeking volunteers for their ID (Individuals with Disabilities) or 'Tootsie Roll Drive' for September 11 & 12. Two hour shifts, standing on street corners (Second & Old Bethalto Road, City Hall or Holiday Shores). If you can help, please contact Leo Mushill at 618-616-9058, text or call. Shifts are: 6:30 am—9 am 9 am—11 am; 11 am—1 pm; 1 pm—3 pm; 3 pm—5 pm; 5 pm—7 pm on Friday or Saturday at 6:30 am—9 am; 9 am—11 am; 11 am—1 pm.

Last Weekend's Offerings

Week 8	August 21 & 22	Total to Date
Loose	\$115.00	\$1,005.00
Envelopes	\$8,767.00	\$69,950.45
On Line Giving	\$2,608.00	\$19,829.00
Young People	\$0.00	\$18.00
Total	\$11,490.00	\$90,802.45
Operating Budget	\$13,713.46	\$109,707.68
ACSA Budget	\$1,700.00	\$13,600.00
Difference	(\$3,923.46)	(\$32,505.23)

Envelopes received: 113 of 799
Building Maintenance Fund Donations: \$150.00
Other Charitable Donations: \$225.00

August 30, 2020

Rosary For Our School



Everyone is invited to participate in saying the Rosary each Friday at 8:00 am in the church before Mass begins. We are offering this Rosary for the intention of increased enrollment in our parish school. Ron Root will lead on the first Fridays, and we invite anyone who is willing to lead on any other Friday.

RCIA

In celebrating this month of Our Lady's final journey to God in her glorious Assumption, let us ask her motherly intercession to draw souls to the Sacred Heart of her Son. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a journey too – of conversion to – and what He intends for us. RCIA is the process by which persons who were never baptized, or were baptized in another Christian tradition, become members of the Church, a people on pilgrimage to our Heavenly Father. RCIA begins Sept. 9, 2020. If you know someone who might be interested please contact: Church office @ 377- 6519; Tim Zacha @ 377-5725 or 618-567-4468, tzac54@sbcglobal.net, or Jay McCurdy @ 217-827-1406, jay@allied.construction



Job Opening

Part-time evening custodian needed immediately for Father McGivney Catholic High School. Qualified applicants should contact Maintenance Director, Rick Noll via email at rnoll@mcgivneygriffins.com before September 18. If you have questions, please call the main office at 618-855-9010.

Do You Shop at Amazon.com?

If so, the next time you go to your account to place an order, begin at the below referenced link. Everything is the same as usual, except by using this link, a donation will be made to Our Lady Queen of Peace. (To date this year, the church has received \$376.30.) If you have any questions, please call the parish office, 377-6519. Thank you! <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/37-0727988>

ITALY PILGRIMAGE

Fall (Sep/Oct) 2021 14 day. Highlights: Rome, Assisi, Amalfi Coast/Sorrento/Isle of Capri, Pompeii, Florence (Awesome churches, Vatican, vineyards, wineries/distilleries; cooking class, highlights of Rome, relaxation, and some of the best dining in Italy) Approx. \$4200 per person/double occupancy - includes most everything. Go to ciaoromatravel.com and register for the OLQP trip. Deposits due fall of 2020. Questions/more info, contact Amy: amykfrisch@gmail.com or call/text 618-444-7715.

Do You Know Your Faith Answers

1. Xavier
2. Yule
3. Zucchetto
4. Yahweh
5. Zacharias

A Meditation on Today's Readings **God forbid, Lord! (Matthew 16:22)**

What a stunning reversal! You don't confess someone as "the Son of the living God" and then turn around and scold them (Matthew 16:16)! What could have triggered such a strong reaction from Peter? The news that Jesus was going to "suffer greatly . . . and be killed" by Jerusalem's religious leaders (16:21).

Of course, Peter had the purest of intentions when he rebuked Jesus; he couldn't bear the thought of his beloved Master and friend suffering such a horrible fate. But there may also have been a deeper motive in Peter's actions. Perhaps he was eager to preserve Jesus' image as an untouchable miracle worker so that he could be safe too. If he could keep Jesus from the cross, he wouldn't have to face his own cross.

Peter had been with Jesus long enough to see that being a disciple meant risking people's scorn and misunderstanding. It meant pouring out his life to God for the sake of the people around him. If Jesus was destined for the cross, then Peter might have to accept a similar fate. Better to shield Jesus from harm so that he could shield himself as well.

But Jesus would have none of it. So he told Peter that anyone who wanted to become like him had to take up his cross and follow in his footsteps (Matthew 16:24). It's tempting to keep Jesus at arm's length so that he can't get too close and ask too much of us. Jesus made it very clear: there is a cost to discipleship. It's not always easy to follow the Lord and obey his commandments. But the glory of knowing Jesus' love and the joy of sharing his mercy with people far outweigh any sacrifice we might have to make. Peter ultimately learned this, and so can we.

So take up your cross today. Try your best to follow in Jesus' path of self-giving love.

*"Lord, I don't want to keep you at a distance.
Teach me how to give of myself as you did."
-Word Among Us*

Parishioner Information

(New Members & Changes)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

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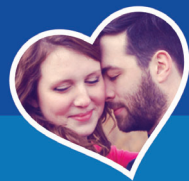


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