



Liturgy of the Word with Children

August 30, 2026

**Twenty-Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time (A)**



First Reading

Jeremiah 20:7–9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah spoke to the LORD and said:
“You tricked me, LORD, and I was really fooled.
With your mighty power you defeated me.

“No one ever stops sneering or telling jokes about me.
All I can say to anyone is, ‘Death and destruction!’

“Your message has brought me insults and abuse.
Sometimes I say to myself,
‘I won’t think about you or mention your name.’
But your message is like a fire burning inside me,
and I can’t keep quiet.”

The word of the Lord.

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Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 63:1abc, 2–3, 4–5

All: *My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

*You are my God. I worship you.
In my heart, I long for you,
as I would long for a stream.*

All: *My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

*I have seen your power
and your glory
in the place of worship.
Your love means more
than life to me,
and I praise you.*

All: *My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

*As long as I live,
I will pray to you.
I will sing joyful praises
and be filled with excitement
like a guest at a banquet.*

All: *My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*



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Second Reading

Romans 12:1–2

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Dear friends, God is good.
So I beg you to offer your bodies to him
as a living sacrifice, pure and pleasing.
That's the most sensible way to serve God.

Don't be like the people of this world,
but let God change the way you think.
Then you will know
how to do everything that is good and pleasing to him.

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Gospel
Matthew 16:21–25

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Jesus began telling his disciples what would happen to him.
He said, “I must go to Jerusalem.
There the nation’s leaders, the chief priests,
and the teachers of the Law of Moses will make me suffer terribly.
I will be killed,
but three days later I will rise to life.”

Peter took Jesus aside and told him to stop talking like that.
He said, “Lord, surely God won’t let this happen to you!”

Jesus turned to Peter and said, “Satan, get away from me!
You’re in my way because you think like everyone else
and not like God.”

Then Jesus said to his disciples:
“If any of you want to be my followers,
you must forget about yourself.
You must take up your cross and follow me.
If you want to save your life,
you will destroy it.

“But if you give up your life for me,
you will find it.”

The Gospel of the Lord.