

September 7, 2025

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

While today's readings do not convey specific images of banqueting, the Gospel explains the explicit consequence of our participation in the Eucharist.

To share in the Lord's Body and Blood is to share in the Cross:
To share in the life of Christ.

The Gospel of St. Luke presents Jesus on his way to Jerusalem, and is followed by a huge crowd. They have great many expectations of some major changes in their lives when Jesus would restore Jerusalem.

They expected him to spearhead resistance against the Roman oppressors, drive the Roman army out of Israel and take control of the land of Israel, restore them their land.

However, Jesus is only too aware of such unsustainable expectations. Jesus attempts to tweak their awareness. He tells them that there is a price to be paid by all those who wish to follow Him, a high price at that. He said that one should sit down, reckon it up, and see if one was ready to pay it.

Following Jesus is a serious business and something one undertakes with both eyes open. Many of us want to obtain a thing of inestimable value dirt-cheap and in twice-quick time. In some circumstances, to follow Christ might mean sacrificing the dearest things in life. To seek reconciliation with another person might mean losing face and sacrificing one's pride.

However the goal Jesus sets before us is immensely worthwhile. It is the only one which, in the long run, does full justice to us – the goal of authentic way of life with one's eyes set on the eternal life to come.

VIGÉSIMO TERCER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Mientras que las lecturas de hoy no transmiten imágenes específicas de banquetes, el Evangelio explica la consecuencia explícita de nuestra participación en la Eucaristía.

De compartir en el Cuerpo y la Sangre del Señor es compartir en la Cruz: De compartir en la vida de Cristo.

El Evangelio de San Lucas presenta a Jesús en camino a Jerusalén y es seguido por una multitud. Tienen muchas grandes expectativas de algunos cambios importantes en sus vidas para cuando Jesús restaure Jerusalén.

Contaban con que Él encabezara la resistencia contra los opresores Romanos, echar para afuera el ejército Romano de Israel y tomar el control de la tierra de Israel, restaurándoles sus tierras.

Sin embargo, Jesús es muy consciente de estas expectativas insostenibles. Jesús intenta ajustar su conciencia. Él les dice que hay un precio que pagar por todos aquellos que deseen seguirlo, un precio muy alto. Dijo que uno debe sentarse, pensarlo bien y ver si uno esta dispuesto a pagarlo.

Seguir a Jesús es un asunto serio y algo que uno hace con ambos ojos abiertos. Muchos de nosotros queremos obtener algo de valor inestimable muy barato y en un tiempo doblemente rápido. En algunas circunstancias seguir a Cristo puede significar sacrificar las cosas más queridas en la vida. Buscar la reconciliación con otra persona podría significar perder la cara y sacrificar su orgullo.

Sin embargo la meta que Jesús establece ante nosotros es inmensamente valiosa. Es el único que, a la larga, nos da plena justicia – la meta del auténtico estilo de vida con la vista puesta en la vida eterna a venir.



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

August 30 – August 31, 2025

Weekday Masses Offerings.....\$ 250.00

Weekend Mass Offerings.....\$2,396.91

St. Vincent de Paul.....\$ 851.00

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTIONS

September 7: Reserve Fund

September 14: Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

September 21: Priests' Retirement Fund

September 28: Archdiocese for Military Services

A A A 2025 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

We urge you to help us meet our goal:

Parish Assessment:	\$31,021.00
YTD we paid:	\$14,330.26
Balance we owe:	\$16,690.74

Pledges Balance \$1,390.00

Thank you for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6 TO SEPTEMBER 13

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
September 6, 2025	September 7, 2025	September 8, 2025	September 9, 2025	September 10, 2025
9:00am ✠ Brooks Walker, Jr. Vicky Genoves	8:00m The Deceased members of the YMI	9:00am ✠ Eduardo S. Genoves ✠ Rolando Cruz 🕯	9:00am ✠ Blandina T. La Ferriere	9:00am ✠ Albert & Michael Gragnani Gilda Genoves 🕯
4:30pm Parish of St. John	10:00am ✠ Mel Ventura & Deceased in the Galang Family	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		September 11, 2025	September 12, 2025	September 13, 2025
	12:00pm ✠ Estefanie Bernal	9:00am Young Men's Insitute	9:00am The Sick in our Parish	9:00am ✠ Maria Angela Martinez ✠ Aurora Conner
				4:30pm ✠ Rufino Labari ✠ Benny Falcon

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