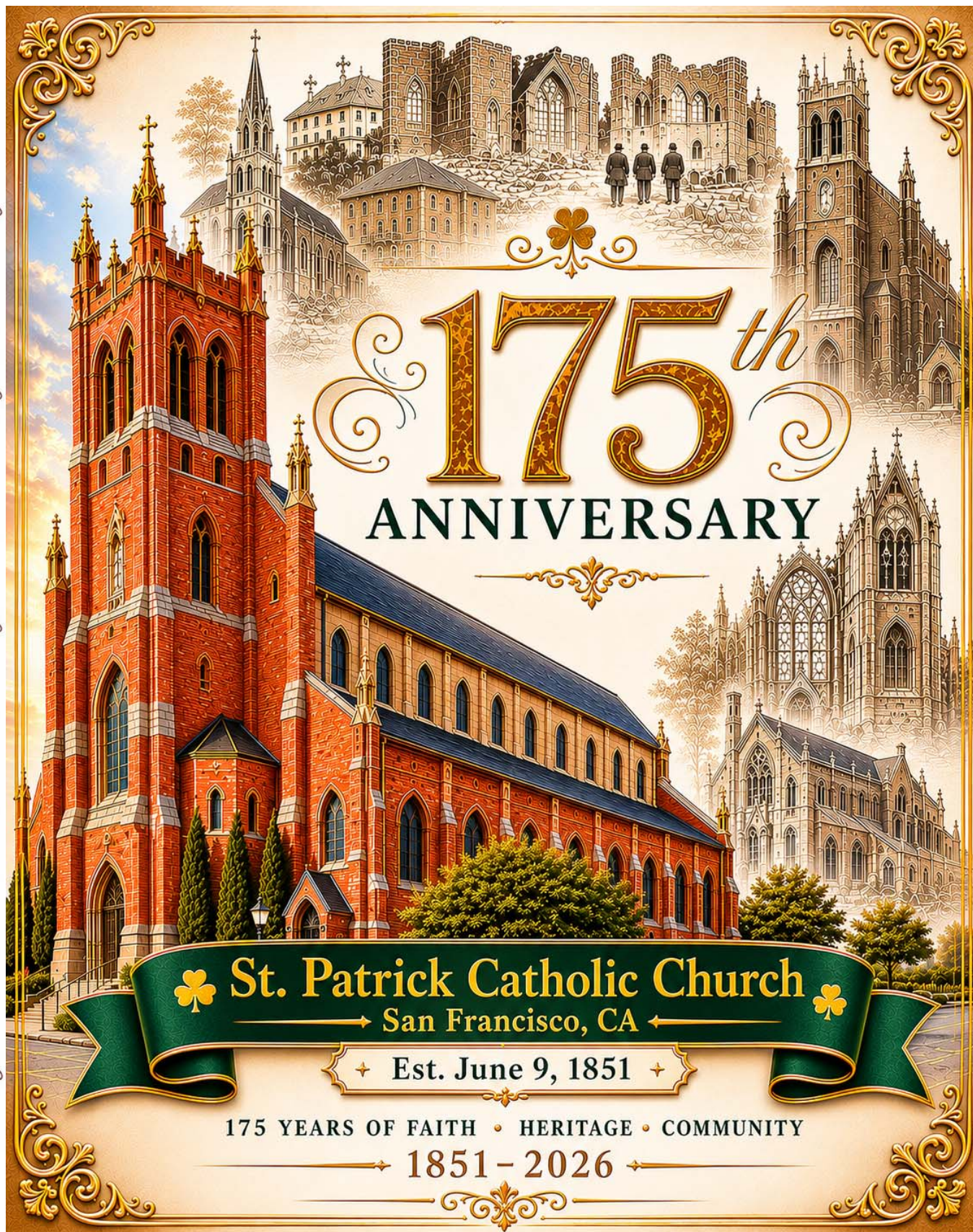


August 30, 2026 • Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:15 p.m.
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Monday through Friday
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (in the church)

Monday through Friday
11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Every Tuesday after the 12:00 p.m. Mass

Sacred Heart

First Friday of the month at 4:00 p.m..

Sto. Niño Devotion

Every Friday after the 12:00 p.m. Mass

Our Lady of Fatima

First Saturday of the month at 11:30 a.m.

Following the Path of Jesus

We are invited to reflect on the path of discipleship offered by Jesus in our readings today. Jesus, now seen by the disciples as Messiah and Christ, begins to describe most fully what this means: he will not march into Jerusalem filled with God’s power like a conquering general. His path is like that of Jeremiah; he will be rejected and mocked. His path is like that described by Paul, offering his body as a living sacrifice. Jesus summons his followers down the same path of death and resurrection, to live the radical paradox that “whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” Loving and trusting God will entail self-surrender, leading us to joy in service to others. We will learn to let go of what we desire and what we think we need, trusting God to provide what we truly need.

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Our Fascinating Faith

The Documents of Vatican II—More Decrees

The Decree on Appropriate Renewal of Religious Life (*Perfectae Caritatis*) calls on men and women in religious life to rediscover their founding charisms and to adapt with the rest of the Church to the changing times.

The Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity (*Apostolicam Actuositatem*) is the first document addressing the laity ever to be produced by an ecumenical council, and received the highest degree of support from the Council fathers. It teaches that each layperson has a ministry rooted in his or her baptism, not simply a share of the ministry of the ordained. That is, laypeople are agents of the Church’s activity, and not merely objects of it.

The Decree on the Eastern Catholic Churches (*Orientalium Ecclesiarum*) provides the Roman view on the main Eastern Rite Churches and proclaims the equality of the Eastern and Western traditions. It expresses an ardent desire for reconciliation.

The Decree on the Church’s Missionary Activity (*Ad Gentes*) proclaims that the whole church is missionary; each of the baptized has been charged to spread the gospel. It also encourages the embracing of local customs and finding the seed of the gospel within them.

The Decree on the Ministry and Life of Priests (*Presbyterorum Ordinis*) calls on priests to support the laity—a ministry not only *for* them but *with* them—and reaffirms celibacy for Latin Rite priests.

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Patrician Meeting

Join us this Sunday for the monthly Patrician Meeting, a Catholic discussion group sponsored by the Legion of Mary. This month’s topic is...

Our Blessed Mother: Indulgence-Plenary Indulgence

Speaker ~ Mercedita Cadiz

Date ~ Sunday, August 30, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.

McKenna Hall

7:30 a.m. Masses

All priests of the Archdiocese of San Francisco will be attending the Priest Convocation Week on September 21, 23, and 24. Because of this, we will not have 7:30 a.m. Masses on these days. The 12:10 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. Masses will be celebrated as usual. We appreciate your understanding and thank you for your prayers for our priests.

Happy Birthday!!

Happy Birthday to our Parishioners
celebrating a birthday this week.

Lester Ibarra	9/2	Evelyn Jacutan Grande	9/3
Thomas Lukacovic	9/2	Ross Adolfo Pelaez	9/3
Lydia Pantig	9/2	Raquelito Sonza	9/3
Elyse Bledsue	9/3	Judy Labaria	9/5
Maria Theresa Fortes	9/3	Lorenzo Listana	9/5

AAA Update (as of 11 August 2026)

2026 AAA Goal	\$43,252
Received	\$22,443
Amount Remaining	\$20,809
% of Goal	52%

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2026

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FIVE CONSOLATION PRIZES OF \$1,000 EACH

TICKET: \$50

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We convince ourselves that life will be better after we finish school, find a good job, get married, or have children. Then we are impatient because our youngsters need so much time and attention, or we're frustrated dealing with teenagers. Better days must be just around the corner. We tell ourselves that our real life will start when our spouse gets the big promotion; when we can find that better job, take a vacation, or retire. Yet life will always be filled with challenges and hard times. It's best to admit this and decide to live in the here and now! Someone once said, "For a long time it seemed to me that life was about to begin—real life. But there was always some obstacle in the way, something to be gotten through first, some unfinished business, time still to be served, a debt to be paid. Then life would begin. At last it dawned on me that these obstacles *were* my life." So treasure every moment that you have, beginning today. Stop waiting until you finish school, until you go back to school, until you lose ten pounds, until you gain ten pounds, until you have kids, until your kids leave the house, until you start work, until you retire, until you get married, until Friday night, until Sunday morning, until you get a new car or home, until your car or home is paid off, until spring, until summer, until fall, until winter, until you are off welfare, until the first or fifteenth, until your ship comes in, until you've had a drink, until you've sobered up, until you die—to decide that there is no better time than right now. Living is something you do now or never.

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Traits of a Teacher

All who undertake to teach must be endowed with deep love, the greatest patience, and, most of all, profound humility. The Lord will find them worthy to become fellow workers with him in the cause of truth.

~ St. Joseph Calasanz

Mass Intentions for Aug 30 - Sep 05

Date	Time	Intention
Sunday 30	7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI All Parishioners of St. Patrick FH Orlando, Jr. Florendo Pelejo † Dolores Madriaga SI Kenneth Kirby
Monday 31	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	TG In Honor to San Ramon Nonato † Josefa Warit † Rodolfo Pascua, Jr.
Tuesday 01	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Marilyn & Lorenzo Sumulong BD Linda Cheung † Nicomedes & Juanita Abello
Wednesday 02	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Apolinar & Lita De Guzman † Poor Souls In Purgatory † Jason Sawal
Thursday 03	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	BD Bobby Macatangay † Dorotea & Amado Lato SI Marilou Alegree
Friday 04	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Rev. Roberto Andrey FH David Sun SI Joy, Jen & Jackie Bandelaria
Saturday 05	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	BD Samuel Ancheta BD Stellamarie Esguerra † Virgilio Ciriaco

Religious Education Classes

The staff and catechists of St. Patrick Church are dedicated to helping your children grow in faith and be closer to God. As parents, you are the primary educators of your children and are their best teachers. Your children learn the most from the example you set when you pray together and actively participate in Mass and the sacraments as a family.

Our Religious Education Program is designed to assist you in the faith formation of your children. First-time students must provide a valid baptismal certificate. Classes begin on Saturday, September 12th and run through May. Class hours are from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Are You Someone or Do You Know Someone Who...

- ...has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- ...has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- ...was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is an opportunity for you to come together in a small group to learn more about the Catholic faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights, and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact the parish office during normal business hours.

Feast of Faith

What Jesus Did, What Jesus Said

The oldest account of what happened at the Last Supper comes to us not from the Gospels but from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians: "I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me' " (11:23-24). In our celebrations of the Eucharist, we are obedient to Christ's command to "do this." The priest, acting in the person of Christ, does what Jesus did and says what Jesus said. He takes bread, gives thanks, breaks it, and gives it to the Lord's disciples. He takes wine, gives thanks, shares it with us. We believe that the entire Eucharistic Prayer is consecratory, but we continue to hold these words of Jesus in special reverence. They are called the words of consecration, and the elevations of the host and chalice, the genuflections of the priest, and the optional ringing of a bell and use of incense remind us that we are in the presence of the Lord.

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Catholic Prayer Corner

Prayer Before a Day's Work

Direct, we beg you, O Lord,
our actions by your holy inspirations,
and grant that we may carry them out
with your gracious assistance,
that every prayer and work of ours
may begin always with you,
and through you be happily ended. Amen.

St. Patrick Children's Choir

All children ages nine and above are invited to audition for The St. Patrick Children's Choir. No prior singing experience is required, just a willingness to learn, sing, and serve. Auditions will be held in McKenna Hall on August 29, September 5, and September 12, from 1:00 to 2:00 PM. Registration forms will be available on-site. For more information, please pick up an FAQ sheet at the back of the church, the Gift Shop, or the Parish Office.

Religion Defined

I do not know how philosophers may ultimately define religion; but from Micah to James it has been defined as service to one's fellow human rendered by following the great rule of justice and mercy, of wisdom and righteousness.

~ Theodore Roosevelt

Living Stewardship Now

If today were your last day on earth, what is the one thing you would need to do to die in peace? Make that happen.

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Proof of Love

The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things. But when it ceases to act, it ceases to exist.

~ St. Gregory the Great

Damaged Blessed Items

If you have any damaged blessed items, including statues and Bibles, as well as sacramentals, such as crucifixes and rosaries, please feel free to drop them off in our gift shop. We'll make sure they are disposed of properly and respectfully.

LEGION OF MARY

— ST. PATRICK CHURCH —

JOIN THE LEGION OF MARY, OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL PRAESIDIUM

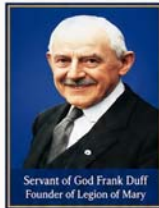


Meeting - Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in Bitanga Hall



The Legion Family Worldwide

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Servant of God Frank Duff
Founder of Legion of Mary
1889 - 1980



LEGION OF MARY'S HISTORY

The Legion of Mary was founded in Dublin, Ireland on the 7th of September in 1921. It is a lay Catholic organization giving service to the Church on a voluntary basis in almost every country.



LEGION OF MARY'S AIM

The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation in Mary's and the Church's works.



LEGION OF MARY'S UNIT

The unit of a Legion of Mary is called a praesidium, which holds a weekly meeting where prayer is intermingled with reports and discussions. Persons who wish to join the Legion must apply for membership in a praesidium.



LEGION OF MARY'S ACTIVE WORKS

The Legion sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of everyone. The members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the sick, both in homes and hospitals and through collaboration in every apostolate and missionary undertakings sponsored by the parish. The works are more of spiritual works of mercy.



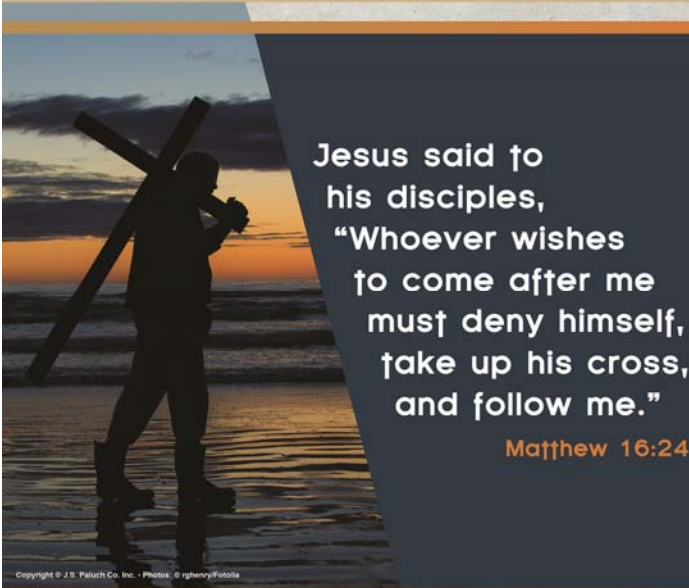
LEGION OF MARY'S ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

This membership is open to all faithfully practicing Catholics. Members attend weekly meetings and engage in prayers and active works. Candidates under 18 years of age can be received in a Junior Praesidium.

"Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."

— ST. CATHERINE LABOURÉ —

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

Matthew 16:24

August 30, 2026



Letters from Heaven



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Jesus said, "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and ..."

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F _ _ _ _ _ ?"

Answer: *perfect his life*

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Health and peace!

Bl. Eustáquio van Lieshout

20th-century Dutch priest and missionary in Brazil. He was renowned for miraculously healing people through St. Joseph's intercession.

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When caring for the poor say to yourself: This is for my Jesus—what a great grace!

St. Jeanne Jugan

Foundress of 'The Little Sisters of the Poor', a religious congregation dedicated to caring for the elderly poor

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My task is to radiate the Heart of Jesus on all souls.

Bl. Dina Bélanger

20th-century noted concert musician who became a Canadian religious sister and mystic.

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"You did it for me."

—Matthew 25:40

St. Teresa of Calcutta

Albanian nun who founded the Missionaries of Charity and devoted her life to serving the poorest of the poor in Calcutta, India

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September 5

CATHOLIC CORNER

WHATEVER YOU DO

Every year the United States sets aside the first Monday in September to honor the good work people do. It is a reminder that all honest workers add something important to their community.

As Christians, we too have important work to do. Matthew's Gospel (25:34-45) names some things we should be doing if we want to be followers of Jesus. These actions are called the corporal works of mercy. "Corporal" comes from the Latin *corpus*, which means body. The people who do this work try to meet the bodily needs of our brothers and sisters.

Look at this list. Think of people who perform these works of mercy because it is part of their regular job, for example, nurses and doctors or people who work in food pantries or homeless shelters. Think of other workers, like bakers or plumbers, who also take time to do these good works. Next to each corporal work of mercy, write the names of people you know who do this work every day or at times throughout the year. Be sure to include the names of people in your family. Don't forget your own name.

On Labor Day, remember to say a prayer for all these workers and for the people they serve.

Feed the hungry. _____

Give drink to the thirsty. _____

Clothe the naked. _____

Shelter the homeless. _____

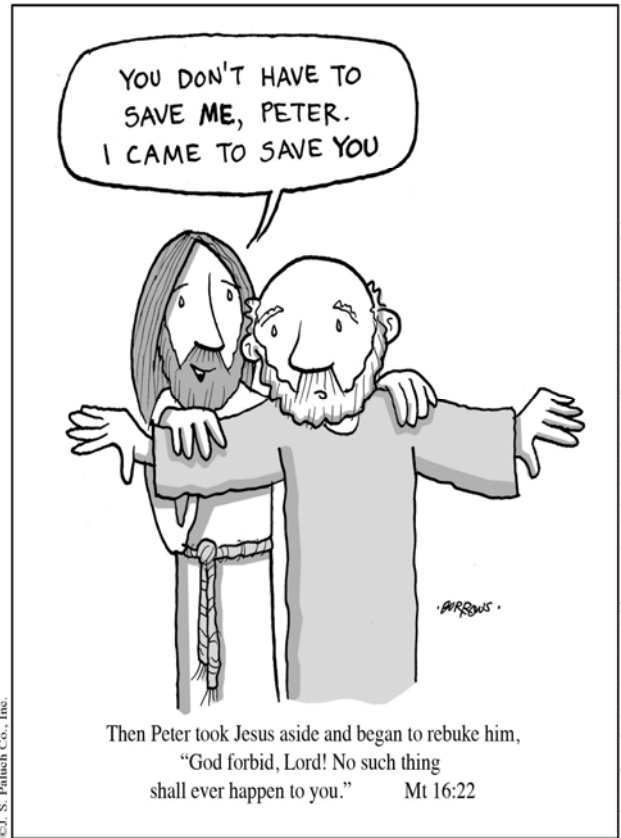
Visit the sick. _____

Visit those in prison. _____

Bury the dead. _____

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



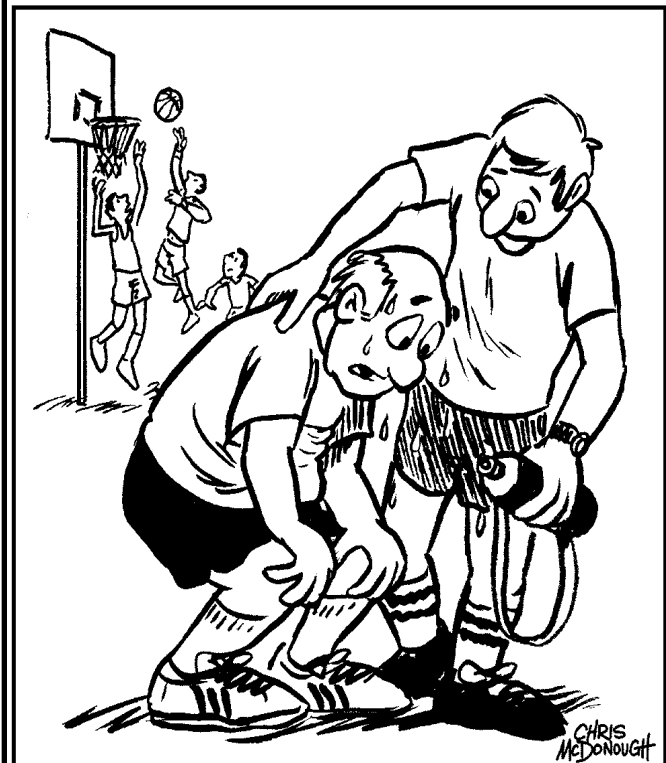
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**THE SON OF MAN WILL COME
WITH HIS ANGELS IN HIS FATHER'S GLORY,
AND THEN HE WILL REPAY ALL
ACCORDING TO THEIR CONDUCT.**

Matthew 16:27

Pastor Al™



Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

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Be transformed by the renewal of your mind,
that you may discern what is the will of God,
what is good and pleasing and perfect.

~ Romans 12:2

Labor

A truly American sentiment recognizes the dignity of labor
and the fact that honor lies in honest toil.

~ Grover Cleveland

The Cross of Jesus

The perception of a cross changed dramatically after Jesus' crucifixion. Before that event, death on a cross was not only horrible, it was degrading. It was a penalty reserved only for the most wretched of criminals. The word "glory" would not have found its way into the same sentence containing the word "cross." But all that changed with Jesus. Over time, believers began to venerate and honor the cross. They painted, sculpted, and carved images of it. Many lost their own lives for their association with it. Today our reverence for and relationship with the cross recalls little of the contempt originally associated with it. As it has been through the ages, it is our perception of the cross that determines how we follow Jesus.

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Treasures From Our Tradition

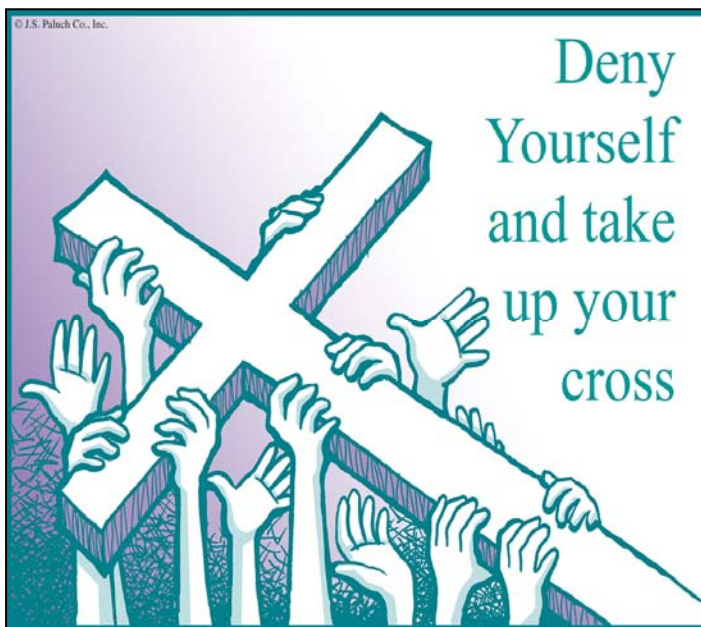
We know for certain that the sacrament of penance was a fairly rare event in the life of a Christian in the early centuries, but that everyone had a duty to admit their sins and ask forgiveness before giving thanks in the Sunday Eucharist and receiving Christ's Body and Blood at the table. Everyone today is familiar with this same ancient pattern. We also know about Lent and its journey of renewal, and even those who are returning from summer vacations may speak of a fresh perspective on life and a resolve to do better. Saint Augustine spoke of a third kind of penance, beyond the turning of the catechumens to a different life, beyond the normal everyday fresh starts, to a form that is severe and serious. Certain sins broke faith with the community: the sinners were obliged to give their names to the bishop and were barred from participation in the Eucharist. Augustine mentioned sacrilege, adultery, and murder as the culprits, great wounds for the perpetrator, wounds that were serious, deadly, mortal. Penance was such a frightening prospect that many people delayed their baptism for fear that they would sin, a practice with which Augustine was well acquainted. Pastoral need would eventually call the church to reconsider its practice.

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Living God's Word

We can pray that we have the strength to respond courageously to Jesus' call to be willing to lose our life for his sake. We ask to be able to discern in our daily lives the way we can "offer [our] bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, your spiritual worship."

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We are invited to reflect on the path of discipleship offered by Jesus in our readings today. Jesus, now seen by the disciples as Messiah and Christ, begins to describe most fully what this means: he will not march into Jerusalem filled with God's power like a conquering general. His path is like that of Jeremiah; he will be rejected and mocked. His path is like that described by Paul, offering his body as a living sacrifice. Jesus summons his followers down the same path of death and resurrection, to live the radical paradox that "whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." Loving and trusting God will entail self-surrender, leading us to joy in service to others. We will learn to let go of what we desire and what we think we need, trusting God to provide what we truly need.

The Tempter

It seems that Jesus is pretty hard on Peter in today's Gospel, when he calls him "Satan" for questioning Jesus' prediction of his passion. The scene echoes Matthew's story of the temptations of Jesus (4:1-11) when Jesus encounters Satan, also called the "tempter." Satan had sought to draw Jesus into thinking about his own needs instead of attending to God's purposes. Peter was an unwitting tempter, anxiously reacting out of his own fears and misunderstanding.

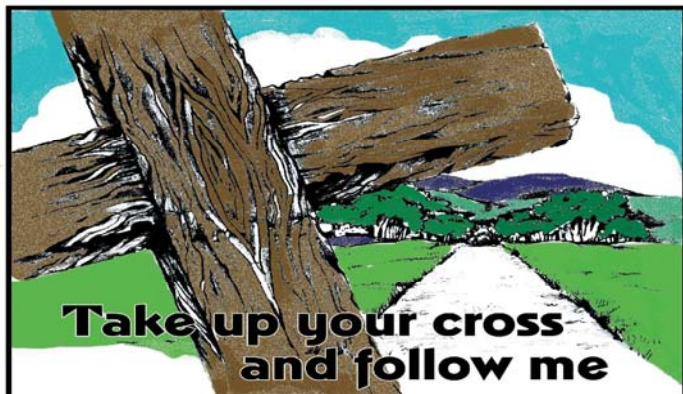
This story speaks about Jesus' identity and vocation, and also about our own. As God's beloved, sent out to witness to the gospel, we are offered a foundation and a purpose to our lives. There is much in life that tempts us, stirs up false fears, or draws us to the attractive but superficial. Jesus provides us a way forward. He named the temptations that he faced, so they had no power over him. As he followed his path, he placed his full trust in his Father.

God of Dialogue

Our reading from Jeremiah contains some of the harshest language you will find in the Bible toward God. In despair and fury, Jeremiah accuses God of deceiving and abusing him. He pours out his rage at God for ruining his life. He wants to quit God, but finds it impossible. In later verses, he alternates between giving thanks to God and wishing he had never been born. Remarkably, after all this, Jeremiah resumes his prophetic ministry.

As with Abraham (Genesis 18), Moses (Exodus 32), Job, and various psalms, Jeremiah pushes back against God. God receives and blesses their prayer, and their relationship is stronger for it. Our God is a God of dialogue, who encourages us to speak our mind and heart in full honesty. Our Trinitarian God is in eternal conversation within God's self, and with all of creation. God invites honest dialogue, always grounded in love, within God's Church, and between the Church and the world.

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Who is Peter?

We are at something of a disadvantage this week, having a separation of seven days between last week's Gospel reading and this week's. In Matthew's Gospel, these two passages follow immediately upon one another. So we don't realize that, in only a hundred words or so, Jesus has moved from referring to Peter as the rock on which the church will be built to calling him "Satan." So the point is Jesus founded the church on a "Satan"? Of course not. Jesus Christ founded, and continues to build—through the presence of his Body given to us, the church, by the Spirit of baptism—on human beings. He knows now, as he knew then, our frailness and built-in shortcomings. Today he begins his explanation of what his role as Messiah will mean during his last days in Jerusalem. And poor Peter leaps to the wrong conclusion, as many of us would, and still do. Peter is insistent upon following the conventional religious wisdom, the status quo, the commonly understood view of the Messiah. But it was this very view that Jesus came into this world to subvert.

Who are We?

The spiritual author C. S. Lewis once wrote, in reflecting on how hard it is to pray for one's enemies as Christ commanded, that he had particular difficulty praying for people like Stalin or Hitler. This was because he had to come to terms with the fact that the very human failings that made them who they were are also present in each one of us. We can never be sure exactly how or why we are prevented from exercising that degree of evil and hatred; it is only through the grace and will of God that we don't. All the weakness and ignorance present in Peter today are present in all of us. We could not name one single baptized follower of Christ in whom these mortal failings were not or are not present. It is helpful for us to be alert about this, lest we follow in the way of Peter today and fail to realize that to follow Christ means following him to Jerusalem. It means actively taking up a cross, making our bodies a living sacrifice, as Paul says. It means examining the religious status quo of our day to make sure it is consistent with the sometimes harsh message of Jesus' good news. And it means making sure that we are more like last week's Peter, professing faith in Christ revealed to us by God, so we may continue to be strong and sturdy stones on which the church continues to be built.

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St. Gregory the Great (540-604)

September 03

Imagine, fourteen hundred years after death, boasting a best-selling CD! Yet outside the Church and within, Gregorian chant is enjoying a renaissance. Still, the timeless sacred music that bears his name is but part of Gregory's legacy. Renouncing civic service for monastic life, Gregory's administrative and diplomatic skills prompted continual summons from the cloister. Papal ambassador and advisor, he was eventually elected pope himself, renowned as a wise steward of the church's material possessions, generous benefactor of the poor, sponsor of missionaries, and promotor of monasticism. His liturgical enrichment of the Church endures not only in Gregorian chant, but in eloquent homilies still gracing the Liturgy of the Hours, the "Gregorian Canon" (Eucharistic Prayer I), and his spiritual classic, *Pastoral Care*, once presented to new bishops at ordination. Of countless impressive papal titles—Supreme Pontiff, Vicar of Christ, Successor of Saint Peter, Prince of the Apostles—the title still so cherished that it heads official documents is the one Gregory coined to describe his papal ideal: Servant of the Servants of God. Together with being designated "the Great," a fitting epitaph.

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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

The perception of a cross changed dramatically after Jesus' crucifixion. Before that event, death on a cross was not only horrible, it was degrading. It was a penalty reserved only for the most wretched of criminals. The word "glory" would not have found its way into the same sentence containing the word "cross." But all that changed with Jesus. Over time, believers began to venerate and honor the cross. They painted, sculpted, and carved images of it. Many lost their own lives for their association with it. Today our reverence for and relationship with the cross recalls little of the contempt originally associated with it. As it has been through the ages, it is our perception of the cross that determines how we follow Jesus.

God's Call

Surely Jeremiah wanted to say, "Thanks a lot!" in response to God's words, "I place my words in your mouth." They were words of doom and people didn't want to hear them. They rejected Jeremiah and made his life miserable—so miserable that he tried not to speak the words God gave him. That didn't work either, because the words just burned inside him and came out anyway. Jeremiah hit some stumbling blocks, but the Spirit of God guided him over them. The Spirit helps us, too, to overcome the stones that make us stumble and helps us follow Jesus.

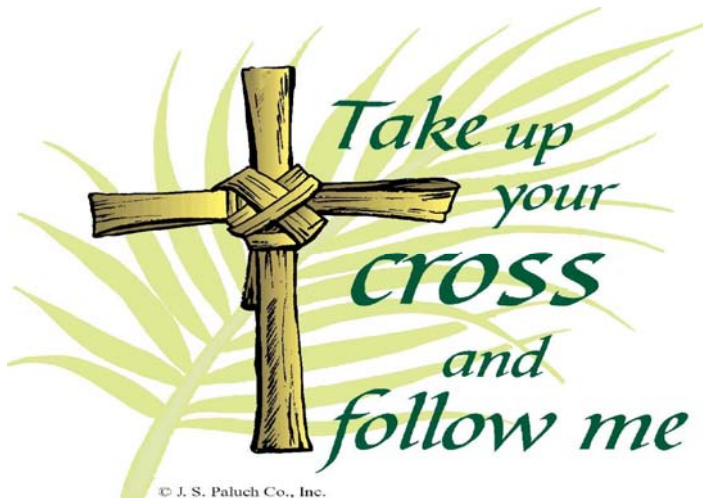
The words of Paul to the Romans encourage a healthy perception of the cross. He tells his audience and us to turn aside from the corrupt ways of the world and to live a life that honors God. Jesus Christ has made it possible for us to live a life in harmony with God, an undertaking summarized and symbolized in the cross.

To Follow Jesus

Jesus explained to the apostles that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer rejection and death at the hands of the elders. They didn't understand what he meant, but Jesus also explained to them that he would be raised up on the third day. Instead of focusing on the Resurrection, Peter and the others created a stumbling block for Jesus by insisting that these terrible things should never happen. Jesus recognized Peter's words as further temptations from Satan, who still tried to get Jesus to turn away from God's plan.

Then Jesus made it very plain that anyone who seriously wished to follow him would endure similar hardships, but would also gain new life. Baptized believers know this as the Paschal Mystery: we who have been baptized into Christ have been baptized into both his death and his resurrection. The glory of the cross will be ours if we but have the faith to follow Jesus Christ through the sufferings as well.

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Doing God's Will

The language of Jeremiah as he addresses his yearnings to God—he says, "You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped" (Jeremiah 20:7)—indicates a close and personal relationship with God. It is one the prophet obviously cherishes despite the derision and reproach it brings him. In the Gospel, Jesus indicates a similar bond with his Father. In spite of the difficult challenges presented by following God's will, Jesus is not deterred. Giving up our own worldly cares and dreams, even as we accept pain and suffering, is more than a fair exchange for doing the will of God.

The only way to do God's will is offer our whole selves to God. As St. Paul writes in the Letter to the Romans: "Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind" (Romans 12:2a).

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Reflecting on God's Word

The prophets often spoke bluntly, whether addressing the people or even God. Take Jeremiah today. He accuses God of seducing and overpowering him, making him speak a word that has led to his ridicule and persecution. He was even thrown down a cistern and left to die because of his preaching! Jeremiah confesses he has no choice in the matter. When he refuses to speak God's word, he experiences a fire burning in his heart, consuming his very bones.

The cost of drawing near to the living God can take us down a path we would rather not go. Peter saw this coming when Jesus began to speak of the suffering that lay ahead, instead of being the powerful Messiah people had been waiting for, who would cast down their enemies and restore Israel to the glory days of King David. Instead, Jesus spoke about taking up the cross, losing one's life, or, in Paul's words to the Romans, becoming "a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God."

God's plan for us is the transformation and renewal of our minds according to the pattern of God's Son Jesus. This transformation comes about when we "offer [our] bodies as a living sacrifice," seeking to discern and do God's will as Jesus did. Such self-offering may lead to our following Jesus on the way: finding life by losing it for the sake of others, and coming to know the living God as purifying fire, life-giving water, and nourishing food for our spirit.

~ James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

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Treasures From Our Tradition

One of the most memorable images from the pontificate of Pope John Paul II is not his shocked expression as he is hit by a bullet, but rather his tender meeting with his assailant, and his forgiveness. It is far more compelling because, although people are struck by bullets every day, true reconciliation is in relatively short supply. An outside observer might list attempting to kill the pope as an unforgivable sin, but of course we know that forgiveness of sin is woven deeply into our tradition of living as Christ did.

Interestingly enough, the Church took a hard line on these matters early on. Until the second century, people expected Christ's return in the near future, so they deferred judgment to him. Soon, however, bishops began to grant forgiveness for sin after baptism, but only once. What we know as the sacrament of penance takes its life from Jesus' work of reconciliation, but just as scripture shows Jesus forgiving people in one life-changing encounter, so the church granted one chance only. Great sins were the target, such as idolatry, adultery, and murder. Penance was lengthy, difficult, and public, and the bishop was in charge of the process. For the next several weeks, we'll look at subsequent creative and helpful changes in the celebration of this sacrament.

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Following Christ

If you've ever had an unpleasant but somewhat amusing practical joke played on you, then you have some understanding of how Jeremiah feels today when he tells God "good one—you duped me." We can almost see him shaking his head with a bit of a rueful smile, but an angry undertone in his voice. In similar fashion, Peter thinks Jesus is "duping" him when Jesus starts to explain that being Messiah means suffering and dying, and being a follower of the Messiah means taking up a cross and doing the same. Jeremiah tries to deny God's will for him by trying to shut up; Peter—who has just been made the foundation of the church—out and out denies the teaching of Jesus, for which he is named "Satan" today. Fortunately for us, Jeremiah comes to realize that to have the word of God placed in your heart means that it will be futile to try and keep silent, even if it means scorn and derision from those around you. Luckily Peter ultimately returned to the faith he professed in last week's Gospel, and came to understand our need as baptized followers of Christ to follow in his way, even when it means following him to our very death.

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Treasures From Our Tradition

It's interesting to imagine the scene when the changes in our liturgy were first tested. Choices for prayer texts were one thing, but responses from the people were another. In early 1967, secret test-drives of the new Mass were conducted in the Vatican. Pope Paul VI was present, and there was a handful of bishops, priests, a few laypeople and two sisters making up the assembly. Everyone had a booklet with every word of the songs, rubrics, and prayers, blank paper, and a pencil for notes. After each Mass, the ordained men in the group met in the pope's library to share their experiences. The laypeople and sisters met separately.

Over a week's time they tested what they called a "read Mass with singing," a "Mass entirely recited," and a "Sung Mass." While the ordained were generally in favor, the lay comments were very clear and insightful, and had great impact on the final result. This was a brilliant plan on the part of the pope, who got to see how the reform was going, and to recognize in this small trial run a growing consensus that reform was needed and welcome. Based on his observation, Pope Paul VI called for specific innovations, such as beginning the Mass with the sign of the cross. It's amazing that some of our most familiar rites are really quite new treasures of our tradition!

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Hard-Earned Luck

I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it.

~ Thomas Jefferson

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Education is a better safeguard of liberty than a standing army.

~ Edward Everett

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Wherever you see another, there I am.

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seeking forgiveness for the times when
we have failed to love and respect one another.
We ask for your help in obtaining from your Son,
the grace we need to overcome the evil of racism
and to build a just society.
We ask for your help in following your Son,
so that prejudice and animosity
will no longer infect our minds or hearts
but will be replaced with a love that respects
the dignity of each person.
Mother of the Church,
the Spirit of your Son Jesus
warms our hearts: pray for us.
Amen.

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**Twenty-second Sunday
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August 30, 2026**

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— Romans 12:2



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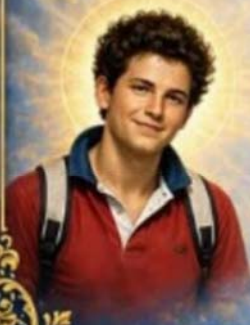
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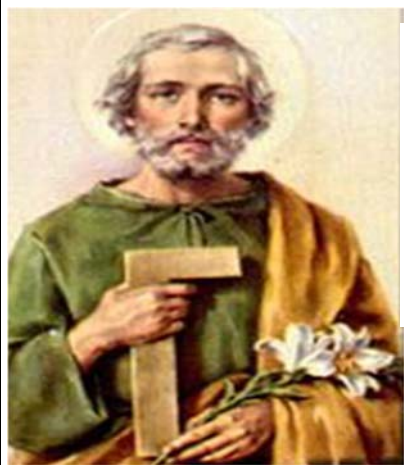
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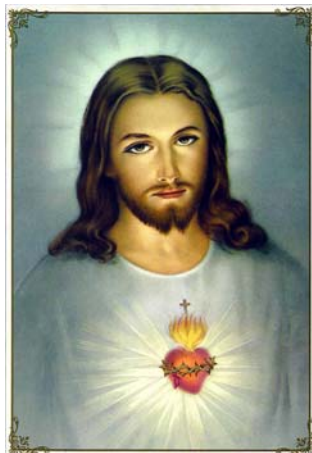
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PSALM 91

The one who lives under the protection of the Most High dwells in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say concerning the Lord, who is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust:

He himself will rescue you from the bird trap, from the destructive plague.

He will cover you with his feathers; you will take refuge under his wings. His faithfulness will be a protective shield. You will not fear the terror of the night, the arrow that flies by day,

the plague that stalks in darkness, or the pestilence that ravages at noon.

Though a thousand fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, the pestilence will not reach you.

You will only see it with your eyes and witness the punishment of the wicked.

Because you have made the Lord—my refuge, the Most High—your dwelling place, no harm will come to you; no plague will come near your tent.

For he will give his angels orders concerning you, to protect you in all your ways.

They will support you with their hands so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the young lion and the serpent.

Because he has his heart set on me, I will deliver him; I will protect him because he knows my name.

When he calls out to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble. I will rescue him and give him honor.

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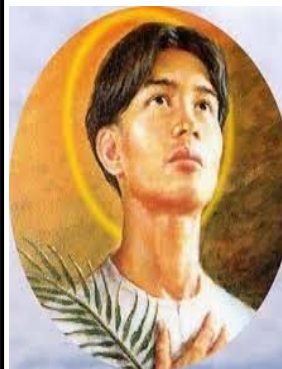


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