

PARISH CALENDAR

Twenty-fourth
Sunday
In Ordinary Time

September 16, 2018

I will walk before the Lord,
in the land of the living!

Saturday, September 15	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, September 16	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:45 a. m.	Religious Education - Begins
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, September 17	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, September 18	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Communion Service
Wednesday, September 19	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, September 20	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Communion Service
	..... 7:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting Church
Friday, September 21	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, September 22	..... 9:00 a. m.	Five Year Plan - Training - Church
	..... 4:00-4:45 p. m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Wis:2:12, 17-20: God will care for the righteous one

Jas:3:16-4:3: True wisdom comes from above and does not divide

Mk:9:30-37: Whoever receives a child in my name, receives me



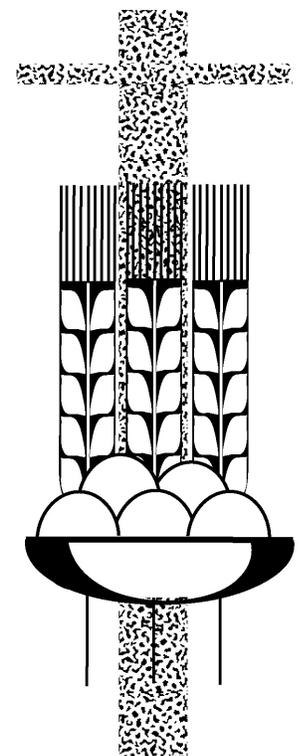
Each of the readings today leads us to good discipleship. The section of Isaiah comes from the "Suffering Servant" portion of the prophet's writings. The servant, as we understand it, was Israel. The pain inflicted on the servant came from the blows of those who insulted him because of his faith, yet this faith never wavered. The servant made clear his faith in the future. Lives were devoted to a just cause and the loss of these lives was not squandered. Instead their torturers were amazed by their loyalty and faces "set like flint."

James had more to say about discipleship. For those to whom he wrote and for us today, it is not enough to state our beliefs and faith. When people find their neighbors hungry and without enough clothing, it is one thing to wish they had more; but it is quite another to take action on the wish. It is important to pray and have faith that God will hear our prayers, but in many cases, prayers are answered through us. If we don't take some kind of action, God's work cannot be completed.

Mark's Gospel offers Jesus' description of a disciple. First Jesus asked his disciples who people said he was. Some thought he was John the Baptist. Others thought he was Elijah or some other prophet, since they believed that a prophet would come back to prepare the way for the Messiah. All of a sudden, it became clear to Peter: Jesus was the Messiah. But before Peter could do anything with that discovery, Jesus told him not to repeat the finding to anyone else. Jesus had to be sure that Peter fully understood what that meant before he went about telling people.

Up until this time, Peter still believed that the Messiah was someone who would rise to great power. The Messiah would conquer the enemies of God's people and rebuild Jerusalem. Jews throughout the world would once again be reunited in their new city. So when Jesus explained messiahship in the context of suffering and death, it was beyond the disciples' comprehension. Peter resisted these unfamiliar ideas so much that Jesus recognized Satan in Peter's intentions. Jesus did not want to die and knew that Satan could disguise his evil actions to look like the loving acts of a friend.

Following the stern reprimand he gave Peter, Jesus began to explain discipleship. Clearly, a disciple needed to be ready to give up the pleasures of life and say "yes" to God. A disciple had to be ready to face what Jesus faced. Copyright © 2002, World Library Publications. All rights reserved



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH FIVE YEAR PLAN MEETING: There will be a **Parish Five Year Plan Meeting, September 22nd from 9 a.m. to 12 noon** in the church. This meeting is for members of the, Building Committee, Leadership Committee, Finance and Pastoral Council and any parishioner interested in Planning the next Five Years our parish. **Jim Walsh of Diocese Office of Pastoral Planning**, will conduct the meeting. Lunch will be provided. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Waianae side of the church. Please sign up so we know how much lunch to order.

THE NATIONAL COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA: Thank you for your generous contribution to last week's special collection for The Catholic University of America! Your investment enables Catholic University to advance its work for preparing the next generation of leadership, both religious and lay, of our Church and nation.

PRO - LIFE MESSAGE: "Unfortunately, what is thrown away is not only food and dispensable objects, but often human beings themselves, who are discarded as 'unnecessary.' For example, it is frightful even to think there are children, victims of abortion, who will never see the light of day; children being used as soldiers, abused and killed in armed conflicts; and children being bought and sold in that terrible form of modern slavery which is human trafficking, which is a crime against humanity." Pope Francis

WORD OF LIFE: "Sometimes our actions speak for themselves; other times, words are needed. Whatever the situation, Jesus knows how to speak to each person's heart; we simply need to follow where he leads." **USCCB Pro-Life Activities "How to Build a Culture of Life."** www.usccb.org/culture-of-life

WEEKLY READINGS

Sep 16 Sun: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is:50:4c-9a; Ps:116; Jas: 2:14-18; Mk:8: 27-35

Sep 17 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

1 Cor:11: 17-26, 33; Ps:40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Lk:7:1-10

Sep 18 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

1 Cor:12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps:100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk:7:11-17

Sep 19 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

1 Cor:12:31-13:13; Ps:33:2-3, 4-5, 12 & 22; Lk:7:31-35

Sep 20 Thu: Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions,

1 Cor:15:1-11; Ps:118: 1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk: 7:36-50

Sep 21 Fri: Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Eph: 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19: 2-3, 4-5; Mt:9:9-13

Sep 22 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

1 Cor:15:35-37, 42-49; Ps:56:10c-12, 13-14; Lk 8:4-15

The Hard Work of Discipleship

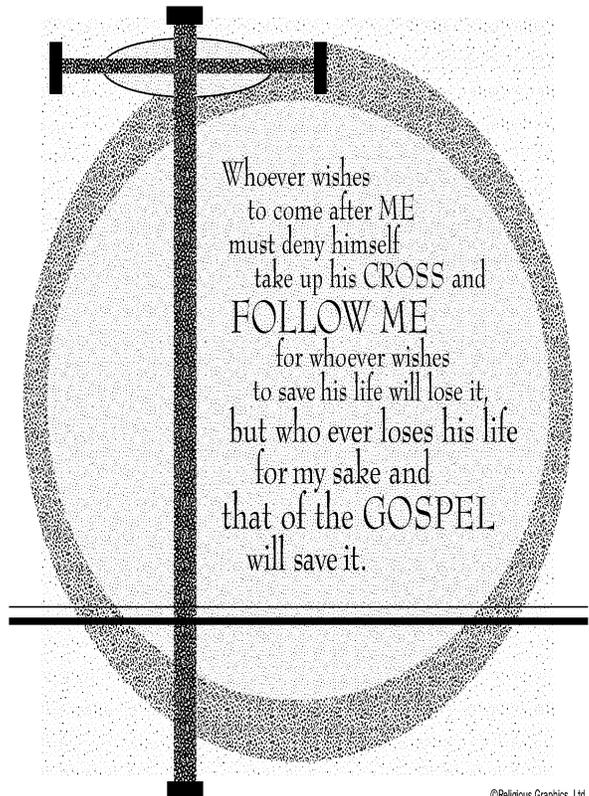
On the streets of Calcutta, many people saw faith in action. Mother Teresa and the Missionaries of Charity did all they could for the starving people of India. They fed the hungry, cleaned their sores, and even picked maggots from their faces. When there was no more they could do, they held and loved the infirm until they died. When others thought they took foolish risks, Mother Teresa told them that she preferred the sisters to make mistakes from kindness rather than work miracles in harshness.

NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

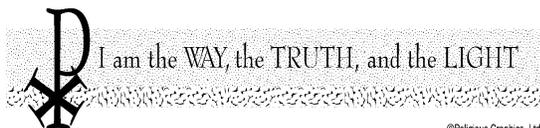
St. James asks what our love for Jesus Christ can possibly mean if it does not result in action on behalf of, and to benefit, our neighbor. He suggests that faith in Jesus Christ is demonstrated most profoundly in our care for the needy, the suffering, and the underprivileged. Stewardship includes proclaiming the Good News by putting our faith into action on behalf of others. In what ways have we been willing to make sacrifices and renunciations for the sake of Jesus Christ and our neighbor? (International Catholic Stewardship Council~e-bulletin)

Jesus knew the cross was inevitable. Like teachers of any age, Jesus must have wondered many times during the previous three years if the disciples were getting it. The final test of their understanding came in Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" God has been revealed to us through Jesus. Through Jesus we come to understand God's great and unconditional love. Through Jesus we learn how to return that love to God. God's love shines through us, the disciples. We can share that love verbally and in prayer, but mostly we can show that love.

When it is difficult to share God's love, we are reminded to pick up the cross of Jesus and die in him. There may be people who are difficult to love, or difficult circumstances that make it hard to do something that shows our love. But merely to profess our faith verbally is not sufficient. True discipleship means that we do something to care for our brothers and sisters. Copyright © 2002, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.



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