
August 26, 2021

A Former Way of Life

Week 21 of Ordinary Time, Cycle B



"Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, 'This saying is hard; who can accept it?' As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life..."

FAITH

"Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen. Because of it the ancients were well attested. By faith we understand that the universe was ordered by the word of God, so that what is visible came into being through the invisible."

-Hebrews 11:1-3

"By faith, we are able to give our minds and hearts to God, to trust in his will, and to follow the direction he gives us. St. Paul describes this response as the 'obedience of faith' (Romans 16:26). ...Our response to God in faith is an act so rich in meaning that the Catechism explores its complexity in a number of ways."

-p. 37 USCCA



Homework & Reflection

Homework

Read chapters 4 & 8 of the USCCA

Read the readings of August 22

Know the definition of "paschal mystery"

Pray the EXAMEN prayer everyday this coming week - in the same place at the same time each day, if possible

Sharing

How can we know if we are hearing God's call correctly at any given time in our lives? Does the call change at different times of our life, do you think?

What other scripture stories come to your mind when you think about someone leaving behind a former way of life to follow God?

What is the difference between wanting sacraments and wanting to follow Jesus? How do the two go together?

Conversion means turning away from sin, but it also can mean leaving behind a former way of life. Who do you know who has lived for God? What did that person leave behind? What did that person gain?



First Principle & Foundation

-by St. Ignatius of Loyola

God created human beings to praise, reverence, and serve God, and by doing this, to save their souls. God created all other things on the face of the earth to help fulfill this purpose. From this it follows that we are to use the things of this world only to the extent that they help us to this end, and we ought to rid ourselves of the things of this world to the extent that they get in the way of this end. For this it is necessary to make ourselves indifferent to all created things as much as we are able, so that we do not necessarily want health rather than sickness, riches rather than poverty, honor rather than dishonor, a long rather than a short life, and so in all the rest, so that we ultimately desire and choose only what is most conducive for us to the end for which God created us.
