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Pope Francis: Get moving if you want to follow Jesus

Couch potatoes shall not enter the kingdom of heaven...



VATICAN CITY — To follow Jesus we need to get moving, and not stand still with a “soul sitting down,” Pope Francis said this morning during Holy Mass in the Chapel of his residence in Santa Marta.

Commenting on the day’s Gospel of the paralytic who is lowered by his friends through the roof of a house where Jesus is teaching, the Pope said that authentic faith must be ready to take risks, and sometimes even look ridiculous to others.

People often follow Jesus out of self-interest, or because they are looking for a comforting word, the pope said. But even if no intention is totally pure or perfect, the important thing is to follow Jesus. They were attracted to his authority, to the “things He said and the way he said them. He made himself understood. He also healed them and many people followed Him to be healed.” But certainly, there were times, Pope Francis said, when Jesus also admonished people who were more interested in their own well-being than in the Word of God.

Don’t look at life from the balcony while judging others

There were other times, continued the Pope, when people wanted to make Jesus King, thinking He was “the perfect politician!” But they were wrong and Jesus “went away and hid.” Even so, the Lord let anyone follow Him because He knew that we are all sinners. The bigger problem, confirmed the Pope, “was not with those who followed Jesus”, but with those who stayed where they were.

“Those who didn’t move...and watched. They were sitting down...watching from the balcony. Their life was not a journey: their life was a balcony! They never took risks from there. They just judged. They were pure and wouldn’t get involved. But their judgements were severe. In their hearts they said: What ignorant people! What superstitious people! How often, when we see the piety of simple people, are we too subject to that clericalism that hurts the Church so much.”

Reflecting on those who don’t move in their lives, Pope Francis referenced the man who “sat beside the pool for 38 years, without moving, embittered by life, without hope...someone else who failed to follow Jesus and had no hope.”

Encountering Jesus means taking risks

But those who did follow Jesus, continued the Pope, were ready to risk in order to meet Him, in order to “find what they wanted”. Going back to the day’s Gospel reading, Pope Francis said “the men who made a

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Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

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hole in the roof took a risk". They risked the owner of the house suing them and taking them to court to pay for the damages. They were ready to risk because "they wanted to go to Jesus." The woman who was sick took a risk when she furtively touched the hem of Jesus' cloak: she risked being ridiculed. But she risked: because she wanted to be cured, "she wanted to reach Jesus. Remember the Canaanite woman: women risk more than men do! That's true: they are better at it! We have to admit that."

Following Jesus, the Pope went on, "isn't easy, but it's wonderful! And it's always a risk." There are times, he said, when we risk "being ridiculous." But we achieve what counts: "our sins are forgiven." Beneath whatever request we are making, whether it be for good health or for a solution to a problem, "there's the desire to be healed in spirit, to be forgiven." All of us know we are sinners, said Pope Francis, "and that's why we follow Jesus: to meet Him. So we take risks."

Beware of a soul that is static, closed and without hope

Let's ask ourselves, concluded Pope Francis: "Do I take risks, or do I follow Jesus according to the rules of my insurance company?" Because "that's not the way to follow Jesus. That way you don't move, like those who judge."

Do we follow Jesus because we need something, or do we follow Him because we are ready to risk? "This is faith: trusting in Jesus, having faith in Jesus. And with this faith in Him, these men cut a hole in the roof and lowered the stretcher down in front of Jesus so he could cure the sick man."

"Do I put my faith in Jesus?", asked the Pope. "Do I entrust my life to Jesus? Am I walking behind Jesus even if sometimes I seem ridiculous? Or am I sitting still, watching what others are doing?" Am I watching life with a soul that is static, "with a soul that is closed with bitterness and lack of hope? We should each be asking ourselves these questions today."

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"Live by
the Spirit."

(GAL 5: 16)

June 26

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21 | Gal 5:1, 13-18 | Lk 9:51-62

Written by
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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Members of our family joke that saying goodbye after a family gathering needs to begin about an hour before we plan to leave. Goodbyes mean hugs for every family member, and there are many of us! We are aware of how precious our loved ones are to us, and so Jesus' response to the person who asks if he can first say farewell to his family may seem perplexing to us. But in this reading, Luke presents Jesus as "resolutely" headed to Jerusalem because "the days for Jesus' being taken up were fulfilled." Jesus is ready to complete the mission he came for and anyone who wants to follow him can't be distracted by indecision. His matter-of-fact answers are directed at newcomers who seem to hesitate when he invites them to follow him. He wants his disciples to know that being a disciple will have an impact on personal comfort, and that everything one does – for family, loved ones, or whomever – must flow from this discipleship *first*. It is not about ignoring other responsibilities, but carrying them out in light of who we are and whom we follow. Jesus calls us to make our relationship with him our highest priority. Doing so will bring life to all the relationships we value as we grow to live and love like him.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

How do we commit to answering God's call without hesitation? Like the first Apostles, the prosperous farmer Elisha in today's first reading willingly responded to the call from Elijah. But he didn't just leave everything and go: He first burned his plow as fuel in order to cook the oxen and leave it for his people to eat. In following the Lord, his first act was to ensure that those for whom he was responsible were not left without. Answering God's call is not often easy. But like Elisha and the Apostles, we are called to listen and respond to the ways God calls us and to trust in his Spirit to guide us. As Paul tells the Galatians, we are to "live by the Spirit." By trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit and turning to him for strength and guidance, we can be Christ's presence wherever he leads us – and doing whatever it entails.

INVITE Ask the Holy Spirit to help you discern who needs the gift of your presence in their life right now. Schedule time with this person, just listening, affirming their gifts, and assuring them of your belief in them and God's love for them.



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Saturday, June 25, Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 p.m. Jennifer Andrews (Dec)

Sunday, June 26, The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Philip Roach (Dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Marlene Romani (Dec)

Monday, June 27, Memorial of Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Earl Beddoe (Dec)

Tuesday, June 28, Memorial of Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 a.m. David A. Mirek (Dec)

Wednesday, June 29, Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, June 30, Memorial of the First Holy Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

8:00 a.m. Angela & Beuleah Beddoe (Liv)

Friday, July 1, Memorial of Saint Junipero Serra, Priest

8:00 a.m. Julie Casey & Family (Liv)

Saturday, July 2, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. William Cain (Dec)

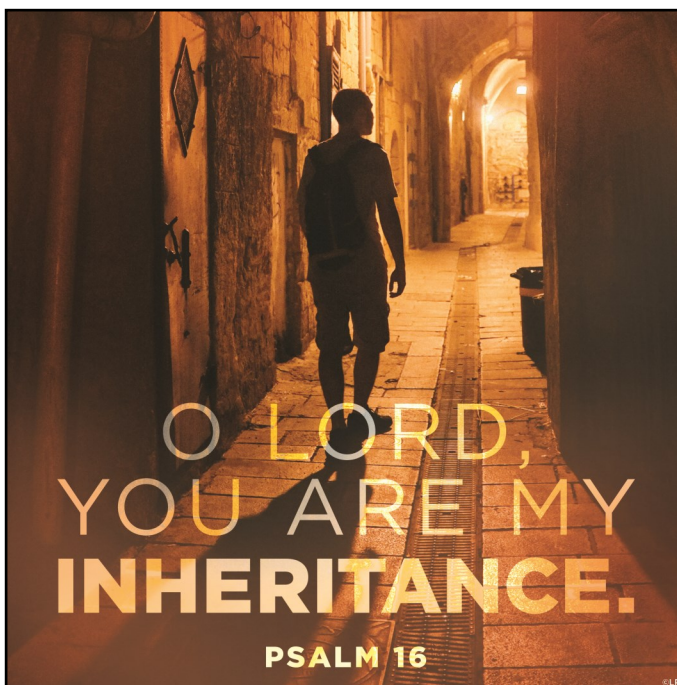
4:00 p.m. Jim Lawler & Pat Sullivan (Dec)

Sunday, July 3, The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Ann Harman (Dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Lyliane Corvington (Dec)



Saint Vincent de Paul, Blessed Trinity Conference



Our Blessed Trinity St. Vincent de Paul Conference, a 501(C)3 organization, provides assistance to families in need in our local area and we are looking to add additional members who can assist in performing this mission.

Visiting the needy enables us to grow spiritually, and to share the good news that God loves them. He provides assistance through our parishioners, whose donations make it possible for us to help with utility bills. We also provide help with furniture and clothing vouchers for the local SVDP thrift store. At Christmas time we sponsor the Angel Giving Tree for families we have assisted during the year.

We thank our parishioners for their generous spirit by using the monthly SVDP envelopes and our Poor Box in the back of the church. Your contributions are a blessing as the hot weather season makes it especially difficult for the poor.

If you would like to learn more about what we do and how you can assist, please call Pat Gallen at 727 867 2754.

Thank you and God Bless you.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Guided by the spirit

There will always be something behind us and before us. Time moves on and the world continues to rotate. Will we miss that which exists right before our eyes because they are shut while we are consumed by the past or worried about the future?

When we go about whatever work God has set for us this day, large or small, we cannot get it done if we are looking behind us. Being mindful means to live for the present. It sounds like the simplest thing in the world, but we forget it (I forget it at least once every day). We must be guided by the Spirit.

What I'm talking about here is a radical abandonment of ourselves to God — over, and over, and over again. We cannot put our hand to the plough, while our eyes are looking backward at what is left behind. We cannot turn back if we are to move forward.

When we take up the yoke of stewardship, we will never be able to bear it if we rely on our own strength. When we put our hands to the plough, we will never get the job done if we look backwards at our own track record for inspiration. There is no inspiration there. Let the dead bury their dead.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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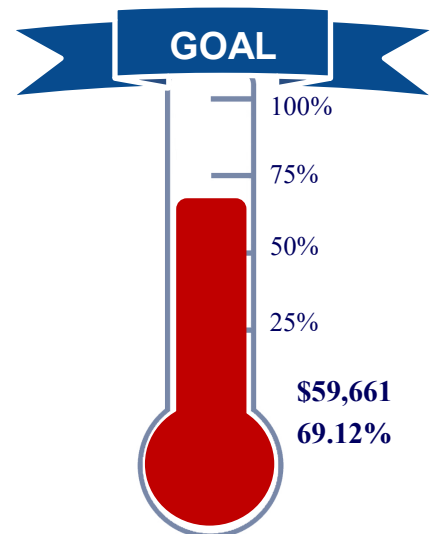
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Prayer for Protection from Hurricanes

*God, Our Father, Creator and Lord of the universe,
you have set the earth on its foundation
and all the elements of nature obey your command.
We humbly beseech you to keep us safe from all dangers
and calm the storm that threatens us.
May we be secure in your loving protection
and serve you always with grateful hearts.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.
Amen.*

Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

06/26 • Rev. Ralph J. Argentino
06/27 • For All Priests on Leave
06/28 • Caleb Malec, Seminarian
06/29 • For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life
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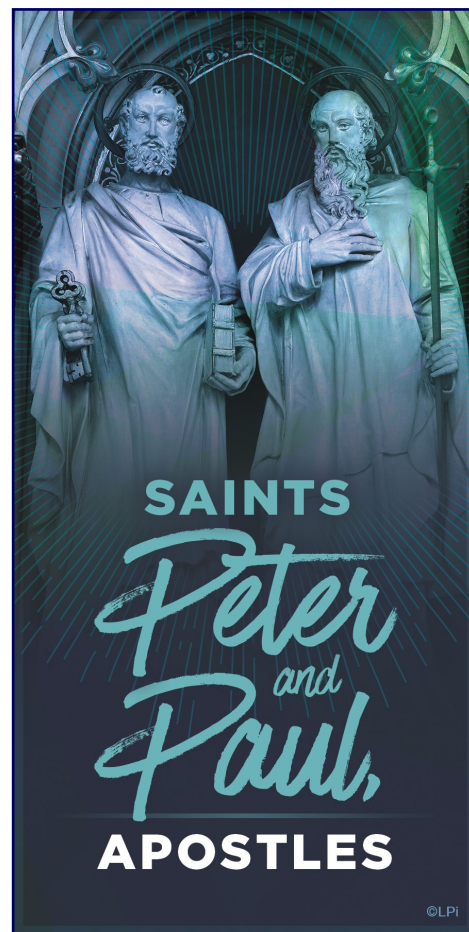
These are the names of the active priests and seminarians in our Diocese. Remember our Bishop has designated Wednesdays as Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please continue to pray that more young people will hear and answer God's call to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus answered him, "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head." And to another he said, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, let me go first and bury my father." But he answered him, "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

~Lk 9:58-60

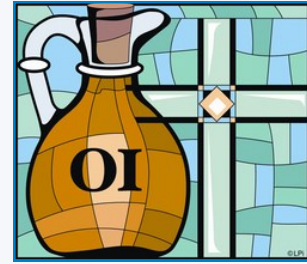
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LeVan, George
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