The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.

MARK 10:45

Detail, Anonymous, *Christ Washing the Apostles' Feet,* Paris, c. 1250-1260

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 17, 2021

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CONTINUALLY LEARNING FROM JESUS

Today's Old Testament selection, from Isaiah's "Fourth Song of the Suffering Servant of God," describes God's Servant as one who "gives his life as an offering for sin" (Isaiah 53:10) and celebrates the mighty power of that self-offering: "through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear" (53:11). As always during Ordinary Time, this Old Testament reading prepares us for today's longer form Gospel. Jesus incarnates the redemptive suffering that Isaiah foresaw in the offering of God's Servant, as well as the covenantal restoration that the Servant's sacrificed achieved. The reading from Hebrews confirms our finding peace in continually learning from Jesus, whatever our deepest flaws and trials: for Jesus, our "great high priest" (Hebrews 4:14) is not "unable to sympathize with our weaknesses," for Jesus was "tested in every way" that we are (4:15).

MISUNDERSTANDING JESUS

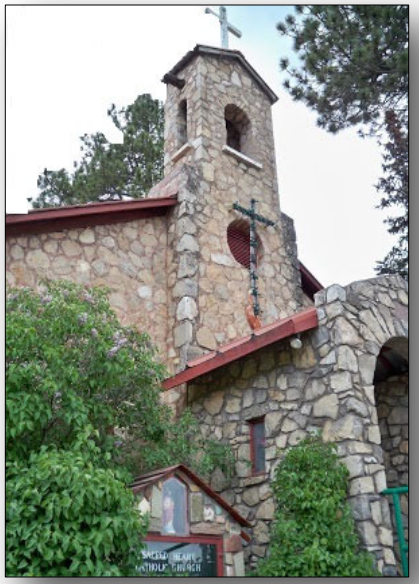
Throughout this part of Ordinary Time, Mark's Gospel tracks the disciples' progressive misunderstanding about Jesus' mission and the nature of discipleship. We heard Jesus make two predictions about his Passion on Sundays in September, and just before today's Gospel episode, Jesus informed the Twelve: "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and hand him over to the Gentiles who will mock him, spit upon him, scourge him, and put him to death, but after three days he will rise" (Mark 10:33–34). Despite Jesus' three predictions and his definition of "glory" and "power" as serving others in humility, James and John still imagine Jesus as bound for a glorious earthly messiahship. How moving that Jesus, rather than scolding James and John as he had previously rebuked Peter, instead begins teaching them patiently, "You do not know what you are asking" (10:38).

SELF-EXAMINATION

Knowing that Jesus' throne of glory is also a "throne of grace," from which Jesus bestows "mercy and grace for timely help" (Hebrews 4:16), today's Gospel suggests sincere self-examination: How do we approach Jesus and make our requests? What do we ask for: what Jesus wants us to do or, like James and John today, do we demand "whatever we want" from Jesus? Does the world in which we live and work focus our hearts on glory to the right and power on the left? Or does "the cup we drink," "the baptism" we've received inspire us to gladly become servants of all, like the Jesus who has made us his disciples? Do we also avoid imitating the "indignant ten" other Apostles who rebuked James and John? Or are we also quick to see the errors of others and rash in passing judgment on them? How do we live in response to Jesus who gave his life "as a ransom for many"?

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 53:10–11
Psalm 33:4–5, 18–19, 20, 22
Hebrews 4:14–16
Mark 10:35–45 [42–45]



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Sunday Mass: 9:30 a.m.
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Wednesday Mass: 9:30 a.m.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary: Wednesday 9:00 a.m.
Anointing of the sick: On the First Wednesday of the month

29th. SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Intentions of the Holy Father for October: Missionary Disciples
We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

Sunday Oct. 17, For the intentions of Bishop Peter Baldacchino

Wed. Oct. 20, For our children & youth

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Please remember to notify Teresa Stevenson or John Conner if you are unable to serve as Scheduled, even if you have arranged for someone to take your place.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Only Say the Word

The bread is broken, the banquet is prepared, and now we are invited to the feast. Once more the priest holds the host, now broken, for us to see, and invites us to behold the one "who takes away the sins of the world." Truly blessed and happy are those invited to this meal, which is a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, the supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19:19). We respond to this invitation with a prayer to the Lord: we acknowledge that we are not worthy, but at the same time we are confident that the One who comes to us can heal us, body and soul. This prayer echoes the story of the centurion in Luke's Gospel. The centurion, a Gentile, asks healing for his servant, but does not consider himself worthy to have Jesus come under his roof—he believes that Jesus can heal his servant with a word, without even seeing him. Jesus is amazed at his faith. It is the same for us. We believe that Jesus speaks to us, comes to us, dwells with us, even though we neither hear his voice nor see his face.

World Mission Sunday 2021

On Sunday, October 24, Catholics worldwide will participate in the annual celebration of World Mission Sunday. In prayer at Mass and through the contributions to this special collection, the faithful support the Missions and missionaries who build up the Church in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, Latin America, and parts of Europe.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 29th. Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Luke
Tuesday: Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions
Wednesday: St. Paul of the Cross
Friday: St. John Paul II
Saturday: St. John of Capistrano;

Let us throw ourselves into the ocean of God's goodness, where every failing will be cancelled and anxiety turned into love.

—St. Paul of the Cross

our parish mission statement

We are a community that comes together to model Jesus to all peoples by addressing physical concerns and spiritual matters, and to do as Jesus did, giving everything to bring people into a closer relationship with God, in celebration.

St. Paul of the Cross

1694 - 1775

Blessed is the heart abandoned to
this crucifying pain,
in the arms of the
Beloved, burned, consumed in
love's pure flame.
Yet more blessed, when in anguish,
stripped of all consoling forms,
clothes the soul in desolation
into Christ Himself transforms.

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PLEASE PRAY for

Jennifer Madl, Velia Perea ,
Ceci Borunda, Susan Walen
Leonor Rubalcava,
Phyllis Madin, Helen Rigger,
Yvett Tomeo, Joe Rogers,
Margaret Bevins, Ann Blanchard,
Dieter deBeyer, Lynn Skinner,
Mike & Lourdes Blette, Robert Langford,
Brendan Cronander-Ford, Bill Crouch
Manry Family, John Phillips, Bob Weiss.

SUGGESTION

We have a suggestion box for any new ideas or questions you may have for our church. The box is located on the table next to the kitchen.

Collections

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October 10,

General Collection	$ 941.00
St. Francis Cabrini Catholic School	$ 295.00

Today's second collection goes to
United in Ministry

Next week's second collection goes to
World Mission Sunday

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