

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 21, 2018

MASS READINGS

MONDAY: EPH 2:1-10, PS 100, LK 12:13-21

TUESDAY: EPH 2:12-22, PS 85, LK 12:35-38

WEDNESDAY: EPH 3:2-12, IS12, LK 12:39-48

THURSDAY: EPH 3:14-21, PS 33, LK 12:49-53

FRIDAY: EPH 4:1-6, PS 24, LK 12:54-59

SATURDAY: EPH 4:7-16, PS 122, LK 13:1-9

NEXT SUNDAY: THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – RDGS: JER 31:7-8, PS 126, HEB 5:1-6, MK 10:46-52

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY: JANET MOHLMAN

TUESDAY: DONALD CLAPP

WEDNESDAY: ELDA MILLER

THURSDAY: MARJORIE EASTERWOOD

FRIDAY: POOR SOULS

VIGIL: KATHY LESTER

7:30: WILLIAM DOLICK

10:00: LOUISE COCHERAN

NOON: FOR THE PARISH

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

For the Holy Father, all priests, deacon & religious.

Bob Bennett. Dick Livingston. Sharon Sturgeon,

Carl & Scott Waclawik. (Jack & Katherine Renn,

Vivian Calhoun, George & Robert Bolinger).

(Jennie Salvio, Cecile Pickart, Albert & Florence

Schmetz, Sam & Mabel Johnson). Deceased Davit

& Narduzzo families. (Francis, Catherine & Luke

Spitznagle). Greg Livengood. Donn Miles. Gary

Schneidt.



FOR 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

Apart from the more stunning works of God, i.e. the Resurrection etc., here we find the core of our faith. Our Lord's descent among us in the Incarnation and his further abasement through the horror of the cross, out of love for the Father whose will it is that all of us should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. Our Lord is the servant of all. He demonstrates this servant-hood throughout this life and in those final moments crowns his life with the glorious gift of himself, evidence earlier by the gift of himself in the bread and wine of the Eucharist. We, for our part, begin a life through baptism of immersing ourselves into precisely what this servant-hood means and how we can best live that first, by dying to the old man of selfishness and sin (a lifelong process characterized by prayer, fasting and works of charity) and by living as the new creation that we are, called to be the children of a loving God and who demonstrate that love just as his son our brother Jesus through selfless service. If we were to ever search for the so called "meaning of life" here it is in all its splendor, or ordinariness, however one chooses to look at it. On the one hand we apply all that we have learned and become to the everyday circumstances of lives that are caught up in the love of God, lest we be inclined to think that we are unimportant, God knows otherwise and our belief that what we do and say matters gives credence to that reality. We have only to look at some of the greatest examples of service available to us in the lives of the saints. We can certainly rely on their help in both example and prayers when it comes to appreciating the fact that we are given this life by God and our place in it to make such a difference particularly toward the "least of our brothers and sisters". In this way the saints give us guidance, direction and courage to move ahead toward realizing that servant-hood they themselves struggled with through grace to demonstrate in their lives. Whether it be a St. Therese, St. Catherine, St. Ignatius or St. Maximilian Kolbe, each have something to offer us and we would do well to seek their guidance. Not only can those of the past help us but as members of Christ's Servant Body the Church we can aid and support one another in advancing in the way of grace and service so that the world may see our lights and give glory to our heavenly Father. The next time we might begin to feel that our lives are lost in the seeming vastness of this world and that we count for very little, know that united to Christ we are divine in that he has brought us into his own wonderful light and that by ourselves we can do nothing but we can and will do all things in him who strengthens us. To him be glory and honor and praise now and always and forever and ever. AMEN

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Our Everyday Acts Of Worship

Everything we do
Is an act of worship
That brings pleasure and delight
When it's done for God,
It touches His heart
And is our God-given purpose in life

For God created
Everything that exists
For His glory and His pleasure
And we, His children,
Have so much worth
More valuable than priceless treasure

For worshipping God
Is truly a lifestyle,
Affecting everything we do
It's not just in singing
Spiritual songs,
But in our everyday happenings too

As we minister to those
We see in need
Offering to them our service
And even the mundane
Everyday things,
To God, they're acts of worship

We need to be offering
As a dedication
Every area of our lives
As an act of spiritual
Worship to God
And a most holy sacrifice

For God cares so much
About every detail
No matter how great or small
For God will walk
In our every day life
As we establish Him as Lord.

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Works of Mercy

THE SEVEN CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

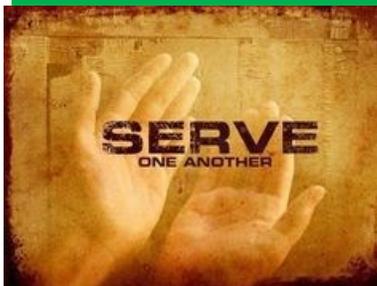
- 1. Feed the hungry.*
- 2. Give drink to the thirsty.*
- 3. Clothe the naked.*
- 4. Shelter the homeless.*
- 5. Visit the sick.*
- 6. Visit the imprisoned.*
- 7. Bury the dead.*

THE SEVEN SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

- 1. Counsel the doubtful.*
- 2. Instruct the ignorant.*
- 3. Admonish sinners.*
- 4. Comfort the afflicted.*
- 5. Forgive offenses.*
- 6. Bear wrongs patiently.*
- 7. Pray for the living and the dead.*

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Phil 2:1-4 (Phi) Now if you have known anything of Christ's encouragement and of his reassuring love; if you have known something of the fellowship of his Spirit, and of compassion and deep sympathy, do make my joy complete--live together in harmony, live together in love, as though you had only one mind and spirit between you. Never act from motives of rivalry or personal vanity, but in humility think more of each other than you do of yourselves. None of you should think only of his own affairs, but consider other people's interests also.

Phil 2:3-4 (TEB) Don't do anything from selfish ambition, or from a cheap desire to boast; but be humble towards each other, never thinking you are better than others. And look out for each other's interests, not just for your own.

Phil 2:5-8 (Phi) Let your attitude to life be that of Christ Jesus himself. For he, who had always been God by nature, did not cling to his privileges as God's equal, but stripped himself of every advantage by consenting to be a slave by nature and being born a man. And, plainly seen as a human being, he humbled himself by living a life of utter obedience, to the point of death, and the death he died was that of a common criminal. That is why God has lifted him to the heights, and has given him the name beyond all names.

How To Get Ahead In The Kingdom Of God...

John 13:12-17 (NIV) When he [Jesus] had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place.

"Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed *if you do them*."

Mat 20:27-28 (NEB) "...whoever wants to be great must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be the willing slave of all--like the Son of Man; He did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give up his life as a ransom for many."

John 12:25-26 (NIV) "The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me."

□ Richard Foster: "In some ways we would prefer to hear Jesus' call to deny father and mother, houses and land for the sake of the gospel than his word to wash feet. Radical self-denial gives the feel of adventure. If we forsake all, we even have the chance at glorious martyrdom. But in service we must experience the many little deaths of going beyond ourselves. Service banishes us to the mundane, the ordinary, the trivial.

□ "In the Discipline of service there is also great liberty. Service allows us to say 'no!' to the world's games of promotion and authority. It abolishes our need and desire for a 'pecking order'."

Eph 5:21 (Jer) Give way to one another in obedience to Christ.

□ Oswald Chambers: "It is one thing to go on the lonely way with dignified heroism, but quite another thing if the line mapped out for you by God means being a door-mat under other people's feet."

Free To Serve

Rom 6:20-22 (Jer) When you were slaves to sin, you felt no obligation to righteousness, and what did you get from this? Nothing but experiences that now make you blush, since that sort of behavior ends in death. Now, however, you have been set free from sin, you have been made slaves of God, and you get a reward leading to your sanctification and ending in eternal life.

Rom 6:23 (Phi) Sin PAYS its servants: the wage is death. But God GIVES to those who serve him: his free gift is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rom 7:6 (Jer) But now we are rid of the Law, freed by death from our imprisonment, free to serve in the new spiritual way and not the old way of a written law.

1 Pet 2:16 (NIV) Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as *servants of God*.

Gal 5:13 (Jer) My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love.

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□ Mother Teresa: "I belong to Jesus. He must have the right to use me without consulting me."

1 Cor 6:19-20 (NIV) ...You are not your own; you were bought with a price...

Rom 14:8 (Jer) If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord.

□ Richard Foster: "A natural and understandable hesitancy accompanies any serious discussion of service. The hesitancy is prudent since it is wise to count the cost before plunging headlong into any Discipline. We experience a fear that comes out something like this: "If I do that, people will take advantage of me; they will walk all over me."

□ "Right here we must see the difference between choosing to serve and *choosing to be a servant*. When we chose to serve, we are still in charge. We decide whom we will serve and when we will serve. And if we are in charge, we will worry a great deal about anyone stepping on us, that is, taking charge over us. But when we choose to be a servant, we give up the right to be in charge. There is great freedom in this. If we voluntarily choose to be taken advantage of, then we cannot be manipulated. When we choose to be a servant, we surrender the right to decide when we will serve. We become available and vulnerable.

□ "Self-righteous service picks and chooses whom to serve. Sometimes the low and defenseless are served because that will ensure a humble image. True service is indiscriminate in its ministry. It has heard the command of Jesus...

Mark 9:35 (NIV) ..."If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all."

Giving Up Your Rights

Luke 12:45-47 (NIV) "But suppose the servant says to himself, 'My master is taking a long time in coming,' and he then

begins to beat the menservants and maidservants and to eat and drink and get drunk. The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the unbelievers. That servant who knows his master's will and does not get ready or does not do what his master wants will be beaten with many blows."

□ Oswald Chambers: "Obstinacy and self-will will always stab Jesus Christ. It may hurt no one else, but it wounds His Spirit... Every time we stand on our rights and insist that this is what we intend to do, we... vex and grieve His Spirit."

Rom 12:1 (KJV) I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

"Love Slaves"

□ Richard Foster: "Consider the perspective of a slave. A slave sees all of life from the viewpoint of slavery. He does not see himself as possessing the same rights as free men and women. Please understand me, when this slavery is involuntary it is cruel and dehumanizing. When the slavery is freely chosen, however, everything is changed. Voluntary servitude is a great joy.

Phil 2:17 (NIV) But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you.

□ "The image of slavery may be difficult for us, but it was not hard for the apostle Paul. He frequently boasted of his slavery to Christ, making lavish use of the first-century concept of the "love slave" (that is, the slave who, out of love, has freely chosen to remain a slave). We do our best to soften Paul's language by translating the word "slave" as "servant." But whatever word we decide to use, let us be certain that we understand that Paul meant he had freely given up his rights."

Acts 20:24 (NIV) ...I consider my life worth nothing to me...

□ "Therefore, the fear that we will be taken advantage of and stepped on is justified. That is exactly what may happen. But who can hurt someone who has freely chosen to be stepped on? Thomas A. Kempis instructs us to be 'so subject that all men may go over thee and tread upon thee as upon mire of the street.'"



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James 1:27 (Phi) Religion that is pure and genuine in the sight of God the Father will show itself by such things as visiting orphans and widows in their distress and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

Flesh Test! How Hard Is It To...?

□ Richard Foster: "Nothing disciplines the inordinate desires of the flesh like service, and nothing transforms the desires of the flesh like serving in hiddenness. The flesh whines against service but screams against hidden service. It strains and pulls for honor and recognition. It will devise subtle, religiously acceptable means to call attention to the service rendered. If we stoutly refuse to give in to this lust of the flesh, we crucify it. Every time we crucify the flesh, we crucify pride and arrogance."

Let it be unto me
according to thy word

Don't forget, my friend, that we are children. The Lady of the sweet name, Mary, is withdrawn in prayer. You, in that house, are whatever you want to be: a friend, a servant, an onlooker, a neighbor... I, at this moment, don't dare to be anything. I hide behind you; full of awe, I contemplate the scene: The Archangel delivers his message... *Quomodo fiet istud, quoniam virum non cognosco?* —How shall this be done since I know not man? (Luke 1:34)

Our Mother's voice brings to my memory —by contrast— all the impurities of men.... mine too. (*Holy Rosary, 1*)

Our mother is a model of correspondence to grace. If we contemplate her life, our Lord will give us the light we need to divinize our everyday existence. Throughout the year when we celebrate feasts dedicated to Mary and frequently on other days, we Christians can think of the Virgin. If we take advantage of these moments, trying to imagine how she would conduct herself in our circumstances, we will make steady progress. And in the end we will resemble her, as children come to look like their mother. (*Christ is Passing By, 173, 1*)

Following her example of obedience to God, we can learn to serve delicately without being slavish. In Mary we don't find the slightest trace of the attitude of the foolish virgins, who obey, but thoughtlessly. Our Lady listens attentively to what God wants, ponders what she doesn't fully understand and asks about what she doesn't know. Then she gives herself completely to doing the divine will: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done unto me according to your word." Isn't that marvellous? The blessed Virgin, our teacher in all we do, shows us here that obedience to God is not servile, does not bypass our conscience. We should be inwardly moved to discover the "freedom of the children of God."

(*Christ is Passing By, 173, 4*)

To take advantage of the grace which our mother offers us today and to second at any time the inspirations of the Holy Spirit, the shepherd of our souls, we ought to be seriously committed to dealing with God. We cannot take refuge in the anonymous crowd. If interior life doesn't involve personal encounter with God, it doesn't exist — it's as simple as that. There are few things more at odds with Christianity than superficiality. To settle down to routine in our christian life is to dismiss the possibility of becoming a contemplative soul. God seeks us out, one by one. And we ought to answer him, one by one: "Here I am, Lord, because you have called me." (*Christ is Passing By, 174, 2*)





Announcements and Upcoming Events



What is a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**? It is a positive, renewing experience for couples that have a good marriage, but want to make it even better! This is a time for you and your spouse to spend time together and learn about the tools to nourish your Sacrament in a new way. Future Marriage Encounter Weekends will be at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis, from 26-28 April and from 1-3 November 2019, and at Mount Saint Francis Centre for Spirituality, New Albany, from 1-3 February 2019. Visit www.wwme.org for further information.

Quote from a couple who made a Marriage Encounter Weekend: “Not only did we experience a deep sense of unity and joy during the Weekend, but the intimacy and excitement continued after.”

Attention Parishioners: Would you, your employer or anyone you know be interested in advertising in our weekly Sunday bulletin? Patrick Shroyer from Diocesan Publications will be at our parish office working on ads for the new bulletin Nov 26th-30th. Call Pat at 614-302-3970 to discuss it. We thank our advertisers and Diocesan Publications who print our bulletins at no cost to our parish. Please patronize our advertisers and tell them thanks for being on our bulletin.

THE OFFICE OF CATECHESIS is once again, very excited to host the 2018 Missionary Discipleship Conference in conjunction with the Notre Dame McGrath Institute for Church Life. It is scheduled for Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at St. Elizabeth Seton in Carmel. Dr. Timothy O’Malley will be our keynote as we explore encounter, the first step in Living as Missionary Disciples. The keynote and breakouts will explore the theology of encounter, how to create an environment conducive to encountering Jesus Christ, and reflecting on our spirituality and how we can be open to encountering Jesus. Participants will also discuss ways of fostering this in their ministry. Registration forms and online registration are available at the following link: <https://www.dol-in.org/missionarydiscipleshipconference>. The entire day will be available in Spanish for our Hispanic brothers and sisters.

Our readings today are wonderfully consoling and wildly challenging. If we take them to heart, they just might change our lives. For they should call us to profound gratitude for all that God has done for us and inspire us to live lives of thanksgiving and obedience to Him in response to His overwhelming love and mercy.

In the Gospel Reading, from Mark, Jesus tells us in His own words how we can thank Him and how our lives can reflect greatness in His eyes — we can imitate Him. He tells us, “Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Our God has ransomed our lives. In truth, this “ransom” means our lives are not our own but belong to God. We must do what He asks us to do with them. And He has told us clearly what to do — serve others in love as we have been served in love by Him.

This is why service for the Christian Steward is not an add-on to our already busy lives. It is our life.

Over the course of the next week, take these readings to heart. Reflect on the remarkable love God has shown for you. Then look carefully at your daily life. Is it an imitation of the servant-love of your Brother and Savior? What changes do you need to make, perhaps just in attitude, or perhaps to the trajectory of your life as a whole, to live in grateful service to the One who loves you so?



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