

Dear Friends,

Today's reading from Isaiah is part of the section on the suffering servant. The prophecy of the suffering servant is fulfilled in the life of Jesus especially in His Passion. The prophet is calling people to see that God is ultimately triumphant even when evil and suffering seem to have won.

Jesus is also preparing the disciples to see that He will be victorious by the cross. In our reading of the gospel of Mark we are nearing the end of Jesus trip to Jerusalem where the Passion and Resurrection will occur. Jesus has been predicting what will happen. He is preparing the disciples for Good Friday and Easter Sunday, but also for life after that. Once Jesus has accomplished all that he came to accomplish, it will be their time to live out what they have learned.

Last week we saw a man too attached to wealth. This week the disciples are too attached to worldly power. Next week we will see the response of Bartimaeus to Jesus' healing miracle. All of these scenes are not just accounts of what Jesus did, but are instructions for future followers of Christ. Jesus calls the disciples then and now to use authority differently than the rulers of the world use it. Power is not about getting what I want, but about being able to serve other. Power is not about getting glory for myself, but about giving glory to God.

Just like the goods of the earth all authority on earth has its ultimate source in God. James and John will be leaders in the Church. Not only are they part of the twelve apostles, they with Peter are the three that Jesus picks to witness the Transfiguration and to pray in the garden of Gethsemane. These three will be the first leaders of the Church after the Ascension. James will also be the first of the apostles to be martyred.

By our creation in the image and likeness of God we are given dominion over this world. By our baptism we are all given a share in the kingship of Jesus Christ. We all have power to affect those around us, and the call to follow Christ. The power you have already been given just by existing. Whether or not you answer the call is up to you.

Fr. Peter Giovanoni

**Next Weekend**--we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Envelopes are in the back of the Church for your use.

<u>Stewardship Report</u>	
October 10 <sup>th</sup> Offertory	\$2,460.00
Maintenance	\$ 300.00

**Weekend Ministries  
October 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>**



**Saturday--5:00pm**

**Lector:** L. Muir  
**Altar Servers:** S. Mullinix & R. Hawkins

**Sunday--8:15am**

**Lector:** G. Dameron  
**Altar Servers:** M. Wood

**Sunday--10:30am**

**Lector:** F. Hall  
**Altar Servers:** J. Ojeda-Galindo

**Sunday--6:00pm**

**Lector:** N. Abell

**Prayer for the Sick**



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| Bobby Abell        | Mary Catherine Abell |
| Gerald Birch       | Marilyn Brewer       |
| Dolly Carroll      | Terry Carroll        |
| Betty Ann Clarke   | Sue Colon            |
| Jack Cullison      | Frances Ann Cullison |
| Chris Dawson       | Keith Demarre        |
| Erica Dingle       | Esther Durkin        |
| Tom Fairfax, Sr.   | Fritz Feltman        |
| Marcos Flores      | Mary Agnes Hill      |
| Jason Hoyer        | Cameron Kalen        |
| Jane Kenyon        | Kevin Lorence        |
| Paul Mackie        | Sid Marcus           |
| Liz Marcus         | Ann McDonough        |
| Diane Miller       | Kelly Prescott       |
| Michael Raley      | Peggy Raley          |
| Joe Parran Ridgell | Joel Rivera          |
| Janet Sanders      | Gabriel Santos       |
| Anita Tate         | Tim Urban            |

**Mass Intentions  
October 18<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>**

Monday	9:00am	Betty Aldridge
Tuesday	9:00am	Special Intentions
Wednesday	9:00am	Mike Owens
Thursday	9:00am	Special Intentions
Friday	9:00am	St. Michael's School
Saturday	5:00pm	Bob Woodburn
Sunday	8:15am	Betty Aldridge
Sunday	10:30am	Dick Carroll
Sunday	6:00pm	St. Michael's Parishioners

**Sacred Heart Church**--in Bushwood, MD is having their Annual October Drive-Thru Dinner on Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am-'til Sold-Out. The cost is \$30.00 and they accept checks or cash no credit cards.

## Readings for the Week of October 18<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>



### **Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>:**

First Reading--2 Timothy 4:10-17b

Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18--Your friends make known,  
O Lord, the glorious splendor of your Kingdom.

Gospel: Luke 10:1-9

### **Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>:**

First Reading--Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21

Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17--Here I am, Lord; I come to  
do your will.

Gospel: Luke 12:35-38

### **Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>:**

First Reading--Romans 6:12-18

Psalm 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8--Our help is in the name of the  
Lord.

Gospel: Luke 12:39-48

### **Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>:**

First Reading--Romans 6:19-23

Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6--Blessed are they who hope in the  
Lord.

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

### **Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>:**

First Reading--Romans 7:18-25a

Psalm 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94--Lord, teach me your  
statutes.

Gospel: Luke 12:54-59

### **Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>:**

First Reading--Romans 8:1-11

Psalm 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6--Lord, this is the people that  
longs to see your face.

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

### **Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>:**

First Reading--Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6--The Lord has done great  
things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading--Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

**Ladies of Charity**--Next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the sacristy. If you would like to join the Ladies of Charity please plan to attend this meeting.

**Knights of Columbus**--October is the Knights of Columbus membership drive month open to all Catholic men 18 years and older. Please consider joining Council #2065 in Ridge, MD. Joining is easy online at KofC.org under "Get Involved". Membership is free through 31 Dec 2021. Our meetings are every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, 7:30-8:30pm at our council hall. For additional information contact Rich Muir at 240-538-1888 or [richard.muir302@gmail.com](mailto:richard.muir302@gmail.com). We hope to see you soon.

## **Catechetical Corner**

Charity and the corporal works of mercy have always been part of the practice of the Church. As societies have become more complex so have issues of social justice. Society ensures social justice when it provides the conditions that allow associations or individuals to obtain what is their due, according to their nature and their vocation. Social justice is linked to the common good and the exercise of authority. (CCC 1928)

Respect for the human proceeds by way of respect for the principle that "everyone should look upon his neighbor (without exception) as 'another self,' above all bearing in mind his life and the means necessary for living with dignity." (CCC 1931)

The social justice teachings of the Church became an area of special focus in theology beginning with Pope Leo XIII in the encyclical *Rerum Novarum* in 1891. In which he reasserted the Church's right and duty to advocate for the dignity of human beings even in economic and political arenas.

No legislation could by itself do away with the fears, prejudices, and attitudes of pride and selfishness which obstruct the establishment of truly fraternal societies. Such behavior will cease only through charity that finds in every man a "neighbor", a brother. (CCC 1931)

**St. Peter Claver**--Father Larry Swink will be teaching a bible study on the Book of Revelation on **Wednesdays at 7:30pm beginning October 20<sup>th</sup>**. The study will be available both in person and virtually via zoom. Please register for the study by sending an email to [st.peterclaver@verizon.net](mailto:st.peterclaver@verizon.net) and indicate your name, cell number and whether you will be attending in person or virtually so that the appropriate accommodations can be made. Deadline for registration is Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. You will only need your bible for the study. Please spread the word. All are invited.



## **St. Michael's School News**



**Angels Wings and Things**--Items may be dropped off by appointment only by calling 301-904-7876. Visit our Facebook page for more information. The store is open on Saturdays from 9:00am-4:00pm and Sundays 10:00am-1:00pm.

## **Weekly Calendar**

October 28--Early Dismissal, 12:30pm

October 29--No School

October 29--Haunted Halls 6:00pm-8:00pm

November 27--Turkey Trot Run Walk 5K, St. Mary's City Visitor Center, 8:00am