

Jesus said to his disciples,  
"Whoever wishes to come after me  
must deny himself,  
take up his cross, and follow me."

Matthew 16:24

## Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2020

### SUFFERING

Suffering. We all know it. It is an inescapable part of the human experience. Our readings today help us understand what to do with suffering, how to redeem it for eternal glory. In a tenderly poetic passage, the prophet Jeremiah clings to the Lord, despite the suffering and hatred he endures in God's service. Since speaking on behalf of the Lord is the cause of his anguish, Jeremiah flirts with the idea of giving it all up, of abandoning his ministry. But God is "too strong," and Jeremiah remains faithful even in violent times. He knows, as the psalmist sings, that there is no life without God, for whom our souls thirst. Saint Paul acknowledges the universality of suffering and urges us to offer our suffering to God. God alone can transform our pain, our "crosses," into good for others, just as God redeemed the ultimate suffering of Jesus.

### OFFER IT UP!

As Saint Paul says, we can offer our personal experiences as a "living sacrifice." Let's offer up our daily prayers, thoughts, words, actions, joys, and sufferings. Let's unite our sacrifices to the perfect sacrifice of Jesus we celebrate in the Eucharist. Our sacrifices—little or big, happy or sad—become the stuff of miracles. Consider the example of the loaves and fishes we read about a few weeks ago. Jesus' tender heart pities the hungry crowds. Jesus asks the disciples to offer anything they can spare. Using the ridiculously inadequate offering of five loaves and two fish, Jesus goes to work. He blesses their offering, breaks it, and uses it to satisfy thousands. Baskets overflow. Jesus uses a tiny offering and transforms it into real help for people in need.

We too can offer sacrifices for Jesus to transform. When we are confronted with problems we know we can't solve, Jesus remains calm. He asks us to give what we can. Often, we have no confidence. We scoff at our own pathetic attempts. We cannot imagine how God could possibly use our boring little sacrifices of dishwashing, caregiving, or e-mail-managing to bless the world. But Jesus takes whatever we offer. He blesses it. He breaks it. He transforms it into grace for ourselves and for all people in need.

### PRAISE GOD!

The mystery of redemptive suffering transforms our lives, but it is not an easy mystery to accept. Suffering is not attractive. Especially when suffering afflicts innocent people, we cry out to God for justice and relief. Jesus' words today penetrate our hearts: "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." We beg the Lord to accept our suffering, then, and to transform it in ways we cannot imagine. Embracing the details and crosses of daily life, we look forward to the day when Jesus comes in glory, revealing to us how he used our sacrifices to bless the world.

### TODAY'S READINGS

Jeremiah 20:7-9  
Psalm 63:2-6, 8-9  
Romans 12:1-2  
Matthew 16:21-27

Sketch, *Martyrdom of Saint Peter*, 1598/99

Andrea Boscoli

Italian, c. 1560-1608

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MASS SCHEDULE (CURRENTLY SUSPENDED)  
: MON., WED., FRI. 6:30AM MON.-FRI. 8AM  
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At various times in a Catholic's life, it is beneficial that you be able to show that you are a "practicing Catholic."

This is possible by confirming your parish registry.

Here are some of the situations to which this may apply:

*Marriage in the Church*

*Baptism of a Child*

*School Registration of a Child*

*Becoming a Godparent or Sponsor*

**We urge you to:**

*Register at the Rectory*

*Inquire about using your talents for the good of the parish*

*Use your Sunday envelopes so that your generosity can be recorded.*

*Msgr. Terry*

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

*Reading 1*

**Jer 20:7-9**

You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped;  
you were too strong for me, and you triumphed.  
All the day I am an object of laughter;  
everyone mocks me.

Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message;  
the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day.

I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more.  
But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones;  
I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

*Reading 2*

**Rom 12:1-2**

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God,  
to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship.  
Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,  
that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

*Gospel*

**Mt 16:21-27**

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from  
the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised.  
Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord!  
No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan!  
You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."  
Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,  
take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,  
but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.  
What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?  
Or what can one give in exchange for his life?  
For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory,  
and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK of August 31 - September 6, 2020**

*Sunday:*

**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Monday:* 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30

*Tuesday:*

**World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**

1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37

*Wednesday:*

1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44

*Thursday:*

**St. Gregory the Great**

1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

*Friday:*

**First Friday**

1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39

*Saturday:*

**First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary**

1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5

*Sunday:*

Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20





PRAY FOR...

Healing...

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**Ricardo Villanueva**  
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PRAYER INTENTIONS

**Sunday, August 30th**  
**9:45 am**  
 Gregoria Bautista †  
 Manuel Leynes †  
 Jacqueline Cavanagh †  
 Rudy & Toni Bernaldo †  
 Casey Clough †  
 Romeo Mercado †  
 Lucy Torroba †  
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**Monday, August 31st**  
 Edgar Vinagrera  
**Tuesday, September 1st**  
 Victorio Ifurung  
**Wednesday, Sept. 2nd**  
 Manuel Venturina †  
**Saturday, Sept. 5th**  
 Magdalena Chung †

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**Julian "Bud" Rice**  
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