



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 30, 2026



Dear Friends in Christ,

In today's Gospel Jesus predicts that He will suffer and die and be raised on the third day which confuses and "silences" His disciples. Jesus makes their hopes and thoughts go upside down: What is our Master talking about? We are sure that many thoughts beginning with "WHY" or "WHAT" went through their minds.

What about you and me? If we were in the presence of the disciples at that moment, would we have the same thoughts and questions about Jesus?

Today Jesus is asking us: Which standard, God's standard or human's standard, do we follow? God's standards are very high. God's standards are often the opposite of human standards. To accept and follow God's standards, we need stronger faith. We need to truly trust in His wisdom and His plan. We need His grace and His encouragement.

Have you ever tried to avoid carrying the cross that God asked you to take? If you carried it, did you complain to Him? And if you complained to Him, did He take away that cross or did you drop it down?

Jesus mentions to His disciples that "Whoever wishes to come after [Him] must deny himself, take up his cross and follow [Him]." That is really tough, isn't it? Did Jesus not have "a better" teaching/idea than this? Did Jesus really ask us to do this?

Jesus Himself showed us what He did to reconcile us to the Father by being crucified on the cross. He had taken up our sins and placed them on the cross and carried them up to Calvary. He carried the cross to the end. Yes, He fell several times, but because of His love for His Father, because of His obedience to His Father's plan of salvation, and because of His love for us, He stood up and carried the cross to the end.

We know what Jesus taught us about carrying our daily cross to follow Him. We know what Jesus did for us. Do we still want to refuse or avoid the cross that Jesus asks us to carry?

Let us be courageous with the strength we receive from Jesus through prayer, meditation, and the sacraments - particularly the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation. Let us take up our daily cross and follow our Master, Jesus Christ. Let us carry it with love, trust, obedience, and humility, and believe that the cross(es) we carry will bring us closer to God, will help us to see ourselves clearly and know that we always need God's help and support, and one day He will take us to join all the Angels and Saints in Heaven.

"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?" Can you figure out the consequences of how our "eternal life" will be when we follow human standards? **"God will repay all ACCORDING TO HIS CONDUCT."** Our conduct will be based on GOD'S STANDARDS.

What is the standard of your conduct that you insist on following? You know the consequences, don't you?

May Jesus Christ always be our strength and courage to help us accept and practice His teachings. Amen.

Peace in Christ,
Fr. Tien

Rosary is prayed ½ hour before every Mass.

Adoration every Friday after our 9:00 a.m. Mass with the
Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 11:30 a.m. and benediction till noon.
Reconciliation ½ hour before Vigil Mass; Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.

Do you know about the Great Promise of Our Lady of Fatima? Our Lady promised "to assist at the hour of death with all the graces necessary for salvation" to those who make the Five First Saturdays of Reparation to Her Immaculate Heart. Join us on Saturday, September 5th at 9:00 a.m. for First Saturday Mass

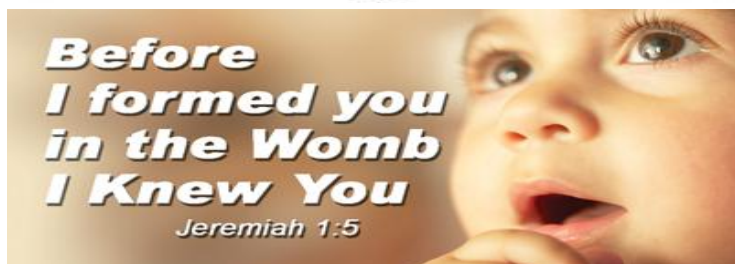


The Knights of Columbus will meet this Tuesday, September 1st, at 6:00 p.m. All Knights are encouraged to attend.

There will be a second collection this weekend for the Belmont Abbey College and Catholic University in Washington. 



The Parish Office will be closed next Monday, Sept. 7th, for Labor Day. There will still be Mass at 9:00 a.m.



Prayers for healing: Donna Barbaro, Dolores Botti, Chad Cook, William Crunkleton, Susan Darby, Lillianne Duong Davis, Tony Frede, Daniel Hellerer, Wayne Hirsch, Guyla Ivers, Anette ML Jigla, Sandra Kanter, Georgette Lee, Terry McConnell, Michelle Mercer, Dee Moffitt, Delphine Moss, Monica Moya, John Ontiveros, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Kathleen Rogers, Mike Scarborough, Roxanne Lumia Smith, Wanda Stamey, Irene Tisdale, Art Todesco, Alan Tucker, Ruby Christina Tucker, Joe and Charlene Youdell, Rosalie Perreault, David Ramsey, Susie Lopez Pineda, Kamri Peck, Kathy Tallent, Denise Burkart, Connie Blackburn, Sharon Beals, Josephine Jennings, Dominga Feria Lopez, Bill Garbinski, Nick Birchard, Mary Ann Janda, Robert Horgan



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Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, August 29

The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

5:00 P.M.  Jeanette Koegler

Sunday, August 30

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M.  Sean Aten

11:30 A.M.  Holy Souls in Purgatory by Basilia

Monday, August 31

9:00 A.M.  Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, September 1

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
NO MASS

Wednesday, September 2

5:30 P.M.  Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, September 3

Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

9:00 A.M.  Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, September 4

First Friday

9:00 A.M. Josette, Wanda, Joe and Charlene

 Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, September 5

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

First Saturday

8:45 A.M. Benediction

9:00 A.M. Fr. Tien's intentions

5:00 P.M.  Bill Holten by the Choir

Sunday, September 6

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M.  Fr. Jose Maria Parcon

 Norma Deimel by Glenn Deimel

11:30 A.M.  Marciano Diaz Ordaz

 Antonina Arango Diaz

 Marciano Diaz Acevedo



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Saint Francis Parish in your will.

