



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

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Italian, c. 1560–1608

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m., Spanish Mass 2:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES: See Mass Schedule & Intentions section of bulletin

CONFESSIONS: Tuesdays & Thursdays at 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2020

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE CROSS OF JESUS: The perception of a cross changed dramatically after Jesus' crucifixion. Before that event, death on a cross was not only horrible, it was degrading. It was a penalty reserved only for the most wretched of criminals. The word "glory" would not have found its way into the same sentence containing the word "cross." But all that changed with Jesus. Over time, believers began to venerate and honor the cross. They painted, sculpted, and carved images of it. Many lost their own lives for their association with it. Today our reverence for and relationship with the cross recalls little of the contempt originally associated with it. As it has been through the ages, it is our perception of the cross that determines how we follow Jesus. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WEEKEND LITURGY

First Reading: The name of the LORD has become like fire burning in Jeremiah's heart (Jeremiah 20:7-9).

Psalm: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

Second Reading: Be transformed; renew your mind; discern what is good (Romans 12:1-2).

Gospel: Those who lose their lives for Jesus' sake will find them (Matthew 16:21-27).

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READINGS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

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

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

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

Saturday: 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

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK (8/31-9/6)

Monday 8:30 AM: C.H. Haydon

Tuesday 5:30 PM: Steve Hale

Wednesday: **NO MASS**

Thursday 5:30 PM: Dan, Mary Dee, Bill & Danny Logsdon

Friday 8:30 AM (Students Mass Only): Betty Lou Montgomery

Saturday 8:30 AM: Maurice Begley

4:30 PM: For the Parish

Sunday 8:30 AM: Edgar, Teresa & Terry Mattingly

10:30 AM: Wilburn Kelty

2:00 PM (Spanish Mass): Presider's Intention

LITURGICAL ROLES

Weekday Lectors: (Mon.) Belle Sutton, (Tues.) Shirley Barber, (Wed.) NO MASS, (Thurs.) Perry Carrico, (Fri.) Students, (Sat.) Mary Ann Hale

Weekend Liturgical Roles for September will be sent via email.

MENTIONS, MEETINGS, EVENTS & REMINDERS

St. Dominic Catholic Church Fall Turkey Dinner & Raffle, Sat., September 12, 4:00-7:00 p.m., at KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS Hall, Springfield, KY - ALL meals will be served by DRIVE-THRU only. Raffle at 7:30 p.m. via Facebook Live on our church's FB page. The cost of the meal is \$10 (turkey, dressing, green beans, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, roll & a slice of pie). The raffle will consist of: 1st prize- \$5,000.00; 2nd prize- \$3,000.00; 3rd prize- \$2000.00. Tickets are \$5.00 a chance, but notice, we've upped the ante on the prize winnings! **Each church family is asked to: sell/ buy a minimum of 20 tickets at \$5 each & make a \$5 dessert donation (instead of making a pie). For additional tickets, please contact the parish office. We ask that raffle ticket/money & donation for pie be turned in by Friday, September 4th.**

You can drop your tickets in the collection plate, via mail, or by dropping them by the parish office. Inquiries regarding this year's event may be directed to the parish office at 336-3569; or to our chairs, Cassie Michalski 859-481-3517 & Lisa Taylor 859-481-5304. **We look forward to seeing you at the drive-thru & good luck with the raffle!! Volunteers to help with the dinner will be needed, please see the sign-up sheet in the breezeway of church.**

Altar Flowers: Have you ever wondered where the vases of fresh flowers come from that appear on the altar? Parishioners, Leona Zuelly & Kathleen Abell have given of their time for many years assembling & maintaining the arrangements that you see (June-October). These flowers are grown & cut from Ms. Zuelly's personal flower garden. Ms. Zuelly & Mrs. Abell are no where ready to hand over the torch, but would greatly appreciate some extra hands. We all know more hands, makes lighter the work! If you are possibly interested in helping out in some way, please contact the parish office at 336-3569 or stdom@bellsouth.net.

Altar Society Dues: Every parish family is asked to contribute \$10. Please use the red & white envelope found in your September/October tithing packet. These dues help with the cost of candles, bread & wine, linens, vestments, altar cloths, decorations for holidays/special occasions, general laundering expenses, etc. Special thanks to the

women of our parish who devote their time and talent to create an altar that exemplifies the glory to God.

Catechists Needed: Our parish RE (religious education) program is in need of two catechists, as well as substitute catechists. Classes are held in the school classrooms each Wednesday evening, September through April, from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., with the first class taking place on September 9th. We are very blessed with a wonderful group of dedicated catechists who willingly share their time, talents, and faith in order to ensure the future of our church, the children. We would love to have you be part of this awesome group! Please contact Angela Young for more information (336-3569 or 481-2587).

Parish Religious Education Program classes will begin on Wednesday, September 9th from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Our RE program is open to students in grades K-8 who do not attend a Catholic school. Information packets have been mailed to all families who have children that were enrolled in last year's program. If you are a new family interested in enrolling your child/children, please pick up an information packet from the table in the narthex of the church, or stop by the parish office. Packets can also be downloaded and printed from the church website (stdomparish.org>documents). If you have questions or need more information, please contact Angela Young at the parish office (336-3569).

Safe Environment Training: St. Dominic will host SET on Monday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Training is limited to 50 people and is based on first come/first served basis. Every participant must wear a mask, and no one under the age of 16 will be admitted to the training. Anyone working with children on a regular basis, as well as field trip chaperones, must attend this training and have a background check that is less than five years old. This is a one-time training, if you have attended in the past, you do not have to attend again.

Masses: Just a reminder to call ahead (Monday through Thursday) if you plan to attend Mass this coming weekend, space is limited due to social distancing requirements. Please contact us in one of the two ways, by calling 859-336-3569 or by email at stdom@bellsouth.net. Seating charts are finalized on Thursday afternoons. Peace to you all!

St. D Prayer List: Coronavirus Pandemic, World Peace, Healthcare Workers, Victims of Abuse, U.S. Military, Unborn & Elderly, Addictions, Beth Hellman, Dennis Rust, Reba Hamilton, Glenn Mattingly, Kyle Logsdon, Sr. Mary Louise Yurik, Jeannie Hatchett, Lames Thomas, Ashton Kelly, Katie Haydon, Edwin Thompson, Jane Rudd Volz, Dennis Newton, Lucille Spalding, Marcie Abell, Mary Devine, Roberta Williams, Jerry Craig, Larry Smith, Tom Miller, Margaret Faye Martin, Charlotte Disponett, Carolyn Greene, Marian & Wade Elliott, Sue Carter, Michael & Jennifer Jarboe, Debbie Hamilton, Buddy & Charlotte Smith, Wheatley Hamilton, Frank Peters, Corbin Noel, Dorothy Mattingly, Colin Walker, Cassie Robinson, Olivia Montgomery, Audrey Edelen, Marilyn Watkins, Sueanna Graves, Helen Parrot, Christy Caldwell & Nancy Hardin. *Our church always prays for and cares for our sick sisters and brothers at home, in hospitals, and in nursing homes. You are always in our hearts, minds and prayers as we celebrate the Eucharist at St. Dominic. If any who are sick want to ask in faith for the church's prayers, please do not hesitate to contact our parish office at 336-3569.*

Tithing Contributions for this past week (includes contributions during the week &/or ACH contributions, etc.): \$14,190.00