

**September 12, 2021**  
**Twenty-fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

*Isaiah 50: 5-9a*

*Ps. 116*

*James 2: 14-18*

*Mark 8: 27-35*

**We Cannot Stand Still**

"But who do you say that I am?" This question is one I must pose to people as a matter of my ministry. Who do you say Jesus is? But it is one I must ask myself.

For me Jesus is someone who is personal. He is one who is present to me making the Father known to me, the Father who is love. Moreover, Jesus is my example as to what I must do and how I am to act in good times and challenging times as well.

Jesus' words at the end of today's passage challenge all of us to authentic discipleship. We are to have a total commitment to Christ through self-renunciation and acceptance of the cross. Everyone has some cross, some challenge, to carry even as it is less than that of Jesus. With that we all must move forward in life. We cannot stand still and there is no turning back.

In the second reading James makes an interesting point. "Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works." When aware of the closeness of God to one's life a person is compelled to act with love. The good works one does are likely the result of faith. What about people who do not believe. Can they not do good deeds too?

All people may do good regardless of faith. Even if a person rejects God he or she still has a spark of the divine within. Each person is made in God's image. There is no escaping the fundamental goodness of humanity. Let me return to my personal reflection.

While every person is capable of doing good I have an advantage over one who has no faith in God. I know the Lord. I know He is the source of all goodness. I can go to that source of goodness and tap into it. In fact, given that we are so much united with Christ, especially in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, that goodness has come within me.

Given my advantage I am able to carry on fulfilling the ministry of "doing good" to others with less chance of "burning out" as a result. I return to God in prayer and in the Liturgy and by receiving the sacraments. God opens my ear that I may see His way. I then have the resolve to continue in the Lord's service.

You too may tap into the source of all goodness. Go to the well of God's grace. Pray at home and come to

celebrate the Liturgy each Sunday with all others of faith. In time you will be compelled to reach out from yourself to others with Joy while being refreshed. You will not be able to stand still. You will have to move forward and tell people who Jesus is.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**  
**Wis2:12,17-20;Jas3:16-4:3;Mk9:30-37**

Stewardship

Attendance last week:	209
Tithes Collected:	\$5,541.00
Online Giving:	\$330.00
Total:	\$5,871.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection for Catholic University of America:	\$234.00
Attendance for 8/29/21:	226
Tithes Collected:	\$2,953.50
Online Giving:	\$280.00
Total:	\$3,233.50
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection for Haiti:	\$715.00

Thank you!

**FAITH FORMATION**

**Scripture Sharing**

Every Thursday evening at 7pm to 8pm we gather in the chapel for Scripture Sharing. This is not a boring lecture but a dynamic time of sharing and learning. The way of the *Lectio Divina* is followed that permits all to take in the richness of the Sunday scripture readings. Within a prayerful setting, including a little worship music, participants read the upcoming Sunday readings and under the guidance of Fr. Bob discuss how the readings touch them.

**LITURGY FOR SEPTEMBER 12, 2021**

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN: (TAKE UP YOUR CROSS/Cortez)**

**Take up your cross, take up your cross, take up your cross and follow me. Take up your cross, take up your cross and follow me.**

1. Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself; whoever wishes to come after me must take up his cross and follow me.
2. Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.
3. Why gain the whole world but lose your soul?

**Psalm 116: I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.** /D. Pérez-Cuan)

**OFFERTORY HYMN: (SONG OF THE CROSS/Taylor)**

1. **Love, lifted on the cross for me: my Lord, my God, my salvation. Love lifted high to set me free: my Lord, my God, my salvation.**

- Behold the wood of the cross, behold the lamb that was slain. Behold your king comes victorious, behold he has risen again.
- O be exalted, O God, above the heavens and the earth. For by your cross and resurrection you have redeemed the world.
- Give glory to the Father, give glory to the Son, give glory to the Holy Spirit; give glory to the Holy One.

glory to glory. Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story. Shine on us, shine on me.

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**COMMUNION HYMN: (I AM THE LIVING BREAD/Haas)**

- See this bread; take and eat and live in me. See this cup; take and drink, remember me.**
- I am the living bread come down from heaven. All who eat my flesh and drink my blood will live, will live forever.
- I am the living bread; you shall not hunger. If you believe in me, you shall not thirst but live, but live forever.
- I am the living bread risen among you. If you believe in me, though you die, you will live; you will live forever.
- You are the living bread; life for the world. O Lord, to whom shall we go? Your words, they live forever.

**POST COMMUNION HYMN: (THROUGH IT ALL/Morgan)**

- You are forever in my life,  
You see me through the seasons.  
Cover me with Your hand  
and lead me in Your righteousness.  
And I look to You, and I wait on You.
- I'll sing to You, Lord a hymn of love  
for Your faithfulness to me.  
I'm carried in everlasting arms,  
You'll never let me go, through it all.
- Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

**RECESSIONAL HYMN: (SHINE, JESUS, SHINE/Kendrick)**

**Shine, Jesus shine; fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire. Flow, river flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.**

- Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining. Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us. Set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me.
- Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance. By the blood I may enter your brightness. Search me, try me, consume all my darkness. Shine on me, shine on me.
- As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness, ever changing form

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Joe Alfaro, Jordan Almendral, JoAnn Anderson, Michael Beard, Karen Becker, Mary Benivegna, Margarita Bogle, Tom Carver, Sean Chin, Robert Clark, Mary Collis, John Cooper, Logan Costante, Gregoria Daen, Sam DeMarco, Ines DeSalle, Roseanne DeSimone, Lisa DeStasio, John Dooney, Nelson Douaihi, Peggy Duff, Susan Fabbri, Lisa Findlay, Megan Forrester, Joshua Freeman, Richard Gossett, Ana Gilajota, Stephen Goch, Keri Greenan, Richard & Cathy Harper, Tyler Harrison, Dil Hatchett, Cindy Hogman, Tiffany Kentosh, Butch Klinger, John LaNeve, Judith Kolo, Tamika Lee, Bernie Ligget, Gail Martin, Sean Martin, Mary McKelvey, Clare McMahon, Frank McNeil, Rylee Mertz, Dan Murphy, Teresita Nazareno, Lauren Nicole, Thomas O'Brien, Barbara Perry, Della Mae Reblin, Lucy Reitano, Coleen Riley, Paul Riley, Dee Ripple, Matilda Rivier, Charles Rousseau, Anthony Ruggiero, Theresa Schluter, Brad Schroder, Ellen Seaman, Roger Sherman, Jim Smullen, Vivian Spasiano, Rick Steffan, M. Stoufer, Richard Taylor, Antoinette Teresi, Constantino Thomas, Margarita Verano, Peggy Weiss, Ed Wrisley, Nancy Zakem, Marie & Jeff, Lucas Zaky

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, September 11

- 4:00 p.m. † Michael J. Cawley, FDNY by Parish  
† Ray Archbold by Joanie

Sunday, September 12

- 9:00 a.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish  
10:45 a.m. Fr. Don Tranel by Daniel Murphy  
† Earlein Stokes by Roberto

Monday, September 13

- 8:00 a.m. NO MASS

Tuesday, September 14

- 8:00 a.m. † Souls In Purgatory by Richard & Margaret Schmelz

Wednesday, September 15

- 8:00 a.m. Past & Present Members & Benefactors of St Vincent de Paul Society

Thursday, September 16

- 8:00 a.m. † Fr. Bowles by Terry

Friday, September 17

- 8:00 a.m. † Souls In Purgatory by Richard & Margaret Schmelz

Saturday, September 18

- 4:00 p.m. Eddie Koh by Selma Carr  
Diana, Denley, Patricia, Britney, Kelle by Mom

Sunday, September 19

- 9:00 a.m. Dr. Ricardo Infante by Selma Carr  
10:45 a.m. Dorothy Tucker by Anita  
† Gertrude McGee by Bruce Gottsch