

June 26, 2022
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19: 16b, 19-21

Psalm 16

Galatians 5: 1, 13-18

Luke 9: 51-62

Absolute Dedication

The gospel states, "(Jesus) resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem..." He was beginning His final journey to the city. Jesus has completed his ministry in Galilee. Now the time to bring about his final act that brings salvation would take place.

The salvation Jesus intended to bring was not accepted by all. Rather, it is rejected by most people. The Samaritan village they were passing through did not welcome him as he was a Jew destined for Jerusalem. His disciples James and John were angry about this rejection. They wanted Jesus to use his mighty power to "call down fire from heaven to consume them." But Jesus would have nothing to do with such a violent act. He just moved on to the next village. Once again, the disciples did not understand Jesus' mission. They viewed the others as being clueless and most likely saw the people as a waste and not worthy.

It is an irony the disciples were judgmental. They pointed a finger at the "clueless" opponents. They certainly were themselves. Note the rest of the story in this passage of the Gospel.

Would-be followers of Jesus all had excuses not to follow Jesus immediately. Each person had an excuse to postpone joining Jesus on his final journey. They were resistant. Jesus however gives example of knowing the priorities. He had to move on up to Jerusalem. There was no time to wait around for these so-called disciples to get serious about giving themselves over to Jesus' mission. Time was now closing in on the end. Jesus had to complete his mission with or without them.

Once one comes to understand God is calling the second step is necessary. The second step is to learn and be mentored. This happens in the first reading from 1 Kings. Elisha realizes his call from Elijah. Thus, Elisha unburdens himself of his worldly possessions and follows Elijah. He becomes Elijah's attendant. That is, he understudies the prophet and learns from him before going out on his own. The final step in responding to a calling is to take full responsibility for the call to ministry.

Interestingly, in the second reading, Galatians, Paul tells the Galatians, by his actions and obedience to the Father, Jesus has set the people free. Thus, Paul exhorts all to "...stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery." Moreover, Paul warns, "do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather, serve one another through love."

Brothers and sisters, as you have committed to baptism in the Church reflect on your dedication to following the Gospel. Do you take notice of other people's lack of dedication to God's calling to the Gospel? Are you fully dedicated? Have you been in the past but now waning in that dedication now?

Do not panic if you are waning in your dedication. Maybe it is time to renew your dedication to your baptismal promises. Perhaps take notice of your personal prayer time. Make sure you are taking time to spend even some short minutes with the Lord a few times a day. Remember the Praise Phrase, "Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!" Repeat that a few times in a row. Also, repeat a few times over, "Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me a sinner." And be sure to come to Church on Sunday and celebrate the Word and Sacrament with the others in the parish.

In time, perhaps a short time, you will renew the Spirit within yourself. You will put aside some of the distractions you have picked up. Then you will once again be resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is66:10-14c;Gal6:14-18;Lk10:1-12,17-20
Scripture Sharing is on Thursdays at 7:00pm.

STEWARDSHIP
Time, Talent, Tithing
It is our way of showing gratitude to God for life itself. It is also your way of being part of the mission and participating in the challenge of spreading the Good News of Love.

Attendance last week:	251
Tithes Collected:	\$3,752.00
Online Giving:	\$1,162.00
Total:	\$4,914.00
Per Capita:	\$19.58

Thank You!

This week's second collection is Holy Father's Appeal (Peter's Pence).

COMMUNITY/SPIRITUALITY

Receiving Holy Communion

We refer to the reception of the Holy Eucharist as our Communion or receiving Communion because this action means just that. To receive Communion means we are *in* communion with each of the others who are doing the same as we are today. Our walking up to the front of the sanctuary and saying "Amen" when the

Body and Blood are presented to us signifies that we are one with each other. We are truly initiated into the One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic Church we call the Roman Catholic Church. United as such we are in "communion".

While we are saddened by the separation that exists between the different denominations, they may not partake of the one Bread and one Cup. The leaders of our denominations must continue to work toward a unity in theology, belief, and practice that we all may one day be one. Until then our brothers and sisters, though they may be such through profession of faith in Jesus as the Risen Lord, are not in communion with us and therefore do not come forward to receive Communion, the Eucharist. You see, their denominations do not believe in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ nor in the Magisterium of the Church, nor in the objective history or Tradition of the Church.

When we arrive to receive Communion we do the following:

1. We pause and bow our head in a reverent manner to show respect prior to the host being presented;
2. We look up as the Host is presented by the Priest, Deacon or Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist;
3. He or she will hold the Host before us and say, "The Body of Christ";
4. We say, "Amen". That signifies our assent in faith to the Real Presence of Christ in the Host as well as our belief in all Christ has done for us;
5. We take the Host in the non-dominant hand or on the tongue. Then we step aside and consume the Host with much reverence;
6. Then we repeat these steps if we receive from the Cup of His Blood;
7. Return to our seat and pray silently recognizing we have just taken into ourselves the Body and Blood of Christ. Let this deep relationship "sink in". Let gratitude rise up from the depth of your being in great Joy.

Graduation Recognition

Forms will soon be placed in the foyer concerning Graduation Recognition. Please watch for them. We would like to recognize those who have graduated from High School, College, and Graduate School this year.

"Operation Utilities Bag"

Please return the bags that you have been filling over the past few weeks. The little money you saved truly adds up for the many people the Saint Vincent de Paul Society serves every week.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Joe Alfaro, Jordan Almendral, JoAnn Anderson, Angiolina Armenti, 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, Joseph Devlin, 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, Judith Kolo, John LaNeve, Tamika Lee, Bernie Ligget, Gail Martin, Sean Martin, Mary McKelvey, Clare McMahan, 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, Jackson 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, June 25
4:00 p.m. Father's Day Novena

Sunday, June 26
9:00 a.m. Father's Day Novena
10:45 a.m. Bridget Gillen by Daniel Murphy
Mercedes Molina by son Carlos Sorino

Monday, June 27
8:00 a.m. NO MASS

Tuesday, June 28
8:00 a.m. † Edda Cardona by Selma Cardona

Wednesday, June 29
8:00 a.m. † Indiana August by Dan Murphy

Thursday, June 30
8:00 a.m. † Indiana August by Dan Murphy

Friday, July 1
8:00 a.m. † Indiana August by Dan Murphy

Saturday, July 2
4:00 p.m. † Eugene Frank Blanski by Marylou & Paul Adams
Bridget Gillen by Daniel Murphy

Sunday, July 3
9:00 a.m. † Dorothy Arnold by Parish
10:45 a.m. † Joseph F. Murphy by Daniel Murphy
† Bob Masi by Frank & Martin