
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023



THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

First: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Second: Romans 12:1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

FOCUS: *Take up [your] cross and follow me.*

Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he would have to suffer, die and be raised on the third day. The disciples did not immediately understand, but we know that those who wish to follow Jesus into eternal life must take up their cross as well. For whoever loses their life for Jesus' sake will find it.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In the first reading, Jeremiah bemoans the suffering he endures because of his faithfulness to the word of the Lord. In the reading from Romans, we are urged to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice and be transformed. In the Gospel, Jesus urges his disciples to take up their cross and follow him.



MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: The Visco Family, Michael Alan Eger and Francis Stein

10 a.m.: Michael Faso, Jr., Laurence O'Brien, Bernie Laurenzi and Clare Costello

MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m.: 62

10 a.m.: 135

RE COORDINATOR NEEDED

We are urgently seeking a part-time Coordinator of Religious Education.

For more information, please visit Catholicjobs.com or call 845-361-5816 to speak with Jessica Carpino, the present coordinator.

*"When we are overcome by sadness,
fear or suffering;
when the pains of loss overwhelm us;
when evil seems to have taken power;
let us look to the cross
and be filled with peace,
knowing that Christ has walked this road
and walks it now with us
and with all our brothers and sisters."*

—St. Teresa of Avila

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE STUDY

Have you ever listened to the readings at Mass and struggled with the message? You're not alone. In fact, that was the inspiration for **Sunday Scripture Study**. The group meets via ZOOM at **10 a.m. Wednesdays** to read the upcoming weekend's Scriptures and discuss them beforehand.

Meetings are informal. New participants are always welcome, and everyone attends as schedules allow.

For more information, call Ernie Martin at 845-800-4342.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"For God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son..."*

- JOHN 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of his own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but he does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts, that we nurture and develop them and return with increase.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Regular Sunday Collection

August 20-27: \$ 5,592.37

Envelopes: \$ 2,511.00 – Online: 3,081.37

THANK YOU!



BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSINGS

“We want you to get off to a great start this school year, and as you go to school, we want you to know that your church loves you and will be praying for you. ...”
- Fr. Sean



About 20 students from pre-K through high school came to the altar last Sunday with their packed backpacks, eager for a blessing to get the new school year off to a good start. And Fr. Sean did not disappoint. Among other things, he prayed that backpack zippers not jam; that the students find peace, focus and friends; and that teachers be infused with energy, passion discipline and endurance.

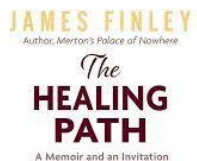
His heartfelt blessing and prayer have become an end-of-August tradition. Afterward, a group of about 60 headed to Deacon John Hall for baked goodies, juice and coffee, and spent a lively half-hour mingling.

And as the students left, tucked inside their backpacks were pencils imprinted with inspirational sayings – such as “Jesus Loves You” – to help them through any hiccups that might come their way.

THE BOOK CLUB IS BACK

James Finley, who frequently contributes to Fr. Richard Rohr’s daily blog, is the author of “The Healing Path: A Memoir and an Invitation,” the Book Club’s next selection.

The book is largely written in the form of a memoir of his own spiritual journey and is a contemplative reflection on the spirituality of healing. While it draws on the lessons Finley learned from Thomas Merton, it is also an invitation to the reader to reflect on the lessons that apply to their own stories.



The first ZOOM meeting will take place at 10 a.m. on **Thursday, September 14**, and weekly thereafter. The book is available through Amazon and other

booksellers.

New members, who are always welcome, should contact the office or email Deacon Carl directly at carlloc@yahoo.com

DISCUSSION OF MARK’S GOSPEL

The Gospel discussion group will reconvene its Zoom meetings beginning 10-11:15 a.m. **Monday, September 18**. Everyone is welcome to this session, the Ignatian Gospel Discussion of Mark.

The book that will be used is \$14 and available through Gail Van Tassel. Call her at 845-457-3432.

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