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Twenty Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time

A Sabbath Thought

The world defines an *important person* as one with power, wealth and fame. Christ offers us another way: let go of the self as our central reality so that we can follow him into a new life.

About Today's Bible Readings

ISAIAH 50:4c-9a

Even in the face of the world's harsh rejection, God's servant trusts the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

JAMES 2:14-18

Faith must not only be professed; it must also be practiced. We do that by attending to the needs of others.

MARK 8:27-35

The messiah does not seek worldly power; he desires only to obey God's will. We are to follow Christ's example by letting go of self-centeredness.

ENTRANCE RITE – Matthew 16:21; Peter 2:21

V. From that time on, Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised.

R. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in His footsteps.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ALLELUIA: 1 Kings 18:21b

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. "How long will you straddle the issue? If the Lord is God, follow Him!"

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL – MARK 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They said in reply, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ." Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him. He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

Today – Sept. 15th

24th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Sunday – Sept. 22nd

25th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Sunday – Sept. 29th

26th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

First Holy Communion of

Edgardo (Edgar) Avilés

re-scheduled to November 3rd.

Sunday – Oct. 6th

27th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Sunday – Oct. 13th

Solemnity

The Christian Family

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Sunday – Oct. 20th

29th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Coffee and Donuts

Fellowship Hour in the Church Hall following each Mass has resumed! Coffee and donuts will be served with the coffee being free and the suggested donation for each donut being \$1.00. I hope that many of you will join us.

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Debra Caldwell, Dan Shaner, Sharon Fitzwater, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Elizabeth McAlanis, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Jane and John Aldershoff, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Eileen McCoury, Alexis, Matthew and Kristy Samsel, Janet Kelly, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Bob Price, Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Eric Meck, Darryl Weinhold, Scott Kallish, Damon Grossman, Joseph Grossman, Jr., Corby Beck, Tom Beck, Skye Sadowski, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, John Bennett, Alicia Bennett, David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich, Berne Bloom, Marilyn Seiders, Peggy Smith and family, Chi Koch, Vicki Shoemaker, William Kutenits, Todd Shaffer, Cristin Burke, Kelly Wylezik Shawn Siedel, Father Carmen Bolock, Christine Mulutzie, James Horning, Frederick Smith, David Metzger, Amber Irving, Paul Edling, Natalie Frankfort, Cheryl Weinhold, Carol Urban, Kenneth Borah and Joe Bezek. **Our Father....**

If there are any changes to this list, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, September 15th; The regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 Am.

Today, September 15th; The ANS will meet in the Library after the 9:30 Mass. All women of the Parish are invited to attend and to join the Ladies Society for the Admiration of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

If there are any other events not listed here, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

BOSCOV'S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

The Ladies Society for the Admiration of the Most Blessed Sacrament is selling Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Coupons. For a \$5.00 Donation to the ANS you will receive a coupon good for 25% off for your entire purchase at any Boscov's store or online on Tuesday, October 22nd, 8:00 AM until 11:00 PM. (Exclusions Apply) Please see the flyer on the table in the vestibule for more information and contact Sally Traczuk or any ANS member to purchase your Shopping Pass now!

