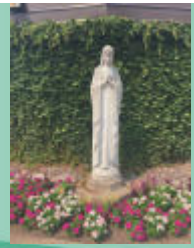


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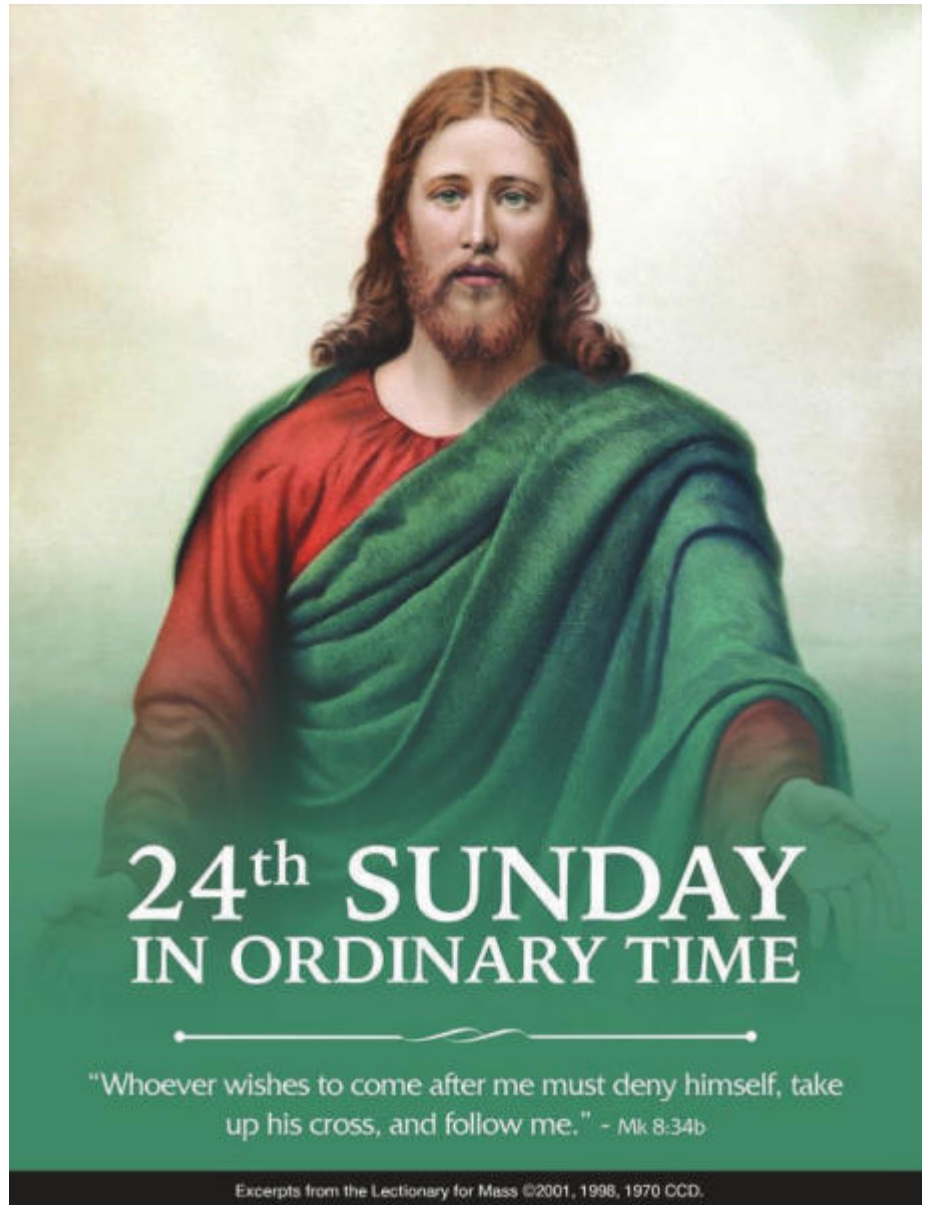
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Call the pastor at least six months before the
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Baptism

Complete the Baptism Registration Form on
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Weekend Liturgy Schedule

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 9:15 am, 11 am

Daily masses M, T, W, F 8 am

Reconciliations Saturday 3:30 pm

Readings for Sunday, September 12, 2021

Isaiah 50:5-9a

James 2:14-18

Mark 8:27-35

Mass Intentions

Mon, Sept 13 + Cornelius Twomey

Tue, Sept 14 + Hannah Kaczrowski

Wed, Sept 15 + Rev George
Thoomkuzhy

Fri, Sept 17 + Helen Prouty

Sat, Sept 18 + Christy Huber

Sun, Sept 19 (9:15) The Parishioners

Sun, Sept 19 (11) Kay Jedinak

Call the parish office to have a Mass
offered for the intention of a living or
deceased loved one.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Despite his suffering, the prophet Isaiah insisted "the Lord God is my help." In what way do you need the Lord's help today?

Second Reading:

James sees faith alone as insufficient for Christians. He even asserts: "I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works." Could you do the same?

Gospel:

We hear today Jesus' definition of discipleship: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." How well do you measure up to this definition of discipleship?

Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

Rest in the presence of God simply because God is God and you are you. This is all that is necessary. Out of this relationship will come inspiration, understanding, courage, constancy, truth, and virtues of all kind. We will find ourselves knowing the true meaning of things and developing a depth of insight that is not found following purely human venues. It is God who inspires and opens human hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, we understand all of our relationships with a richer appreciation and come to know who Jesus, who speaks of God's kingdom, really is. The trust that is fostered from resting with the Divine One allows us to see that God's ways are not our ways. There is something bigger going on in this picture of life. It is something mystical and magical that seeks to surprise us at every turn. It is not for us to cling to this world and its limitations. Our adventure is to dream bigger and brighter, realizing that it is even in suffering that the radiant light of the dawn will come. God's ways allow for our paths to be rocky, challenging, difficult, and even crippling at times. Purely human eyes cannot understand the 'why' of such experiences. The eyes and mind of God, however, reveal and detail a journey that ends in glorious resurrection joy. When we lose our axis and become too human in our thinking, Jesus rebukes us and gently reminds us how to see.

Pray for . . .

The following have asked for your prayers: Vera Kulus, Rick Reed, son of Mugs Reed, George Laurance, Juleen Lenz, Perry Westphal, Lorraine Meyer, L Marilyn Bowers, Diane Kowalzyk, Terrie Bares, sister-in-law of Mary Fletcher-Olson, Melvin Botzet, JoAnne O'Brien, Dan Kirk, Mary Reckers, Kevin Smith, Alex Marquette, Thomas Claude Smith, Jr., Aurelia Drier, Ruth Heibel, George Wolf, Nick Hitler, John Hatlestad, Tom Belson, Teresa Hickey, Martha Schliesman, Mike Diedrich, Daryl Sather, Lois Peterzen, Dennis Stoll, Anna Bergquist, Marian Botzet, Judy Dungan, Michelle Pajari, Eileen Cavanagh, Russell Fallstad, JoAnn Aronson and those in hospitals, nursing homes, the homebound, the families of the sick, caregivers, and the members of the military and their families.

Gospel Meditation

We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.



Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's picture. If we

are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them. ©LPi



Lord God almighty, bless our grandparents with long life, happiness, and health. May they remain constant in your love and be living signs of your presence to their children and grandchildren. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Cemetery and Funeral Pre-planning Seminars

The Catholic Cemeteries is sponsoring free cemetery and funeral pre-planning seminars. Select the seminar that is most convenient for you to attend and call 651-228-9991 to make a reservation. Planning packet, tours, discounts and refreshments are available at each seminar. Seating is limited. Gethsemane Cemetery (New Hope): Thurs., 9/16 at 10 am & 1 pm, Fri., 9/17 at 1 pm and Saturday, 9/18 at 10 am.

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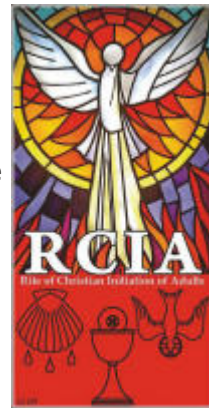
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Faith Formation Registration

Register by Sept 15 to avoid a late fee.

Registration link is on the homepage of our website.

Classes will be limited to 25 max.

Cor Jesu

Friday, September 10, 8 p.m., St. Mary's Chapel, The Saint Paul Seminary. Join in Eucharistic adoration, confession, plus praise and worship music with young adults, college age and older. Archbishop Hebda will preside. Parking is waived on South Campus surface lots at the University of St. Thomas. For more information, see 1000vocations.org.

Save the Date! Saturday, November 13

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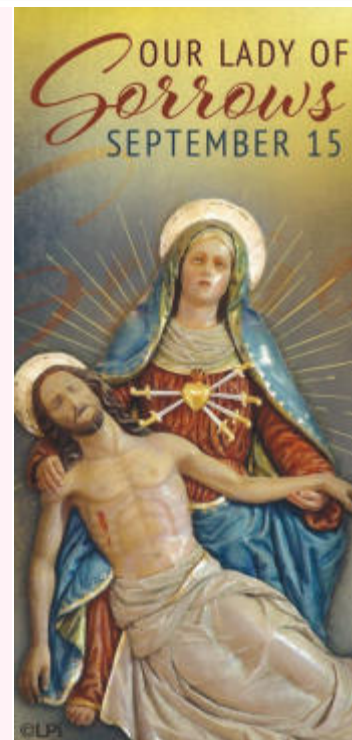
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