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WEEKEND MASSES:

Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am

Vigil Mass Saturday at 5:00 pm

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ♦ OCTOBER 17, 2021

We are Challenged...

– Fr. Bosco Padamattummal –

In Mark 10:32-34, the preceding scene of today's gospel reading (Mk 10:35-45), Jesus gives his final and most detailed prediction of his trial, suffering, death, and resurrection. He is about to enter Jerusalem (Mk 11:1-11) and confront the temple-based aristocracy. In today's gospel James and John request privileged places of authority in seats at Jesus' right and left. They recognize that glorification awaits Jesus, and they want to position themselves to be influential figures alongside Jesus. The authority he has exhibited in his ministry will lead to something big, perhaps to a royal rule, and they conspire to capitalize on that.

They were hoping Jesus would lead Israel in a military rebellion against Rome. Others were hoping he would help to reform a corrupt Temple and restore worship of the One True God to its rightful place in Jewish life. But Jesus isn't about rebellion, or religious reform. Jesus has a completely different plan in mind.

When Jesus talks about his 'glory,' he means the core of his being, his identity as the Son of God. While James and John see this as honor associated with the throne of David, Jesus knows it means suffering to the point of death. Ironically, the 'right and left' places James and John seek will actually be given to a couple of criminals who will be crucified



There should
be less talk...
Take a broom
and clean
someone's
house. That
says enough.

with Jesus (Mk 15:27). Although James and John affirm their willingness to endure suffering with Jesus, he waits until later to explain that they will fail to do so in the immediate future (Mk 14:26-50).

James and John are not the only disciples enticed by visions of a triumphant reign, for the rest of the Twelve fume over the clumsy ambition of the two brothers' request in prominence. Jesus corrects their vision by holding up Roman

sociopolitical authorities as negative examples. They regularly "overpower" and "tyrannize" others. They rely on coercion and control to maintain their dominance. Mark has already provided

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St. Mary's Parish Weekly Calendar ❖ Oct. 16-24, 2021
 Mass Intention [requested by], & parish activities

SAT. OCT. 16 *Weekday (opt. mem. St. Hedwig, Religious)*
(opt. mem. St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin) (opt. mem. Bl. Virgin Mary)

Rom 4:13, 16-18
 Lk 12:8-12
 ☞ *Pray the Rosary 20 minutes before Mass*
 ➤ **5:00pm VIGIL MASS for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time:** ☩ **Joan Walkowe**
[Her loving daughter Stacey]

SUN. OCT. 17 *29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Is 53:10-11
 Heb 4:14-16
 Mk 10:35-45 (or 10:42-45)
 8-8:15 and 10-10:15am Confession
 ☞ *Pray the Rosary 20 minutes before both Masses*
 ➤ **8:30am MASS:** ☩ **Jadвига & ☩ Boleslavs Kalvans**
[Bill & Astrida Panches]
 ➤ **10:30am MASS: For the People**

MON. OCT. 18 *Feast: St. Luke, Evangelist*

2 Tm 4:10-17b
 Lk 10:1-9
 ➤ **No Mass today in Manchester**
 12:45pm "The Real Presence of Jesus" (final session) / FFH
 3:30-4:45pm Rel Ed class / PC
 7:00pm Evangelization Mtg / FFH

TUES. OCT. 19 *Memorial: St. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs*

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21
 Lk 12:35-38
 ➤ **No Mass today in Manchester**

WED. OCT. 20 *Weekday (opt. mem. St. Paul of the Cross, Priest)*

Rom 6:12-18
 Lk 12:39-48
 ➤ **8:30am MASS:** ☩ **Leon Ball** *[Ruth Burch]*

THUR. OCT. 21 *Weekday*

Rom 6:19-23
 Lk 12:49-53
 ➤ **8:30am MASS:** ☩ **Eddie Walz: 1st anniv.**
[The Walz Family]
 6:30pm "The Real Presence of Jesus" (final session) / FFH
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal / choir loft

FRI. OCT. 22 *Weekday (opt. mem. St. John Paul II, Pope)*

Rom 7:18-25a
 Lk 12:54-59
 ➤ **8:30am MASS:** ☩ **Edward Leslie**
[John & Tina Doyle and Family]

SAT. OCT. 23 *Weekday (opt. mem. St. John of Capistrano, Priest)*
(opt. mem. Bl. Virgin Mary)

Rom 8:1-11
 Lk 13:1-9
 ☞ *Pray the Rosary 20 minutes before Mass*
 ➤ **5:00pm VIGIL MASS for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time: For the People**

SUN. OCT. 24 *30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Jer 31:7-9
 Heb 5:1-6
 Mk 10:46-52
 8-8:15 and 10-10:15am Confession
 ☞ *Pray the Rosary 20 minutes before both Masses*
Confirmation Rite of Enrollment (all Masses)
 ➤ **8:30am MASS:** ☩ **Tom Burch**
[Cathy & Jim McManagle]
 ➤ **10:30am MASS:** ☩ **Peter Patrick**
[John & Tina Doyle and Family]
 4:00-5:30pm Confirmation Class / PC ■

FR. BOSCO'S ARTICLE FROM PAGE 1, continued:
We are Challenged...

a stark example in the story of John the Baptist's death (Mk 6:14-29), in which the self-interest and self-protection of King Herod leads to injustice that caused murder of innocent man. Jesus' trial (Mk 14:53-15:15) will manifest a similar kind of strong-armed political manipulation.

The request of the apostles brings to light our natural desires to be approved of and rewarded in worldly terms. Jesus tells us his meaning of real greatness: service and the care of others. Jesus tells his disciples greatness among them is measured by their ability to live as servants and slaves even if that life means suffering oppression at the hands of those who hold power. Christian leadership is genuine when expressed in service. Jesus' words "For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many" connects to his preceding words about service and enslavement, indicating that his death will be exemplary for such a way of living.

It is easy, looking back 2000 years, to marvel at how thickheaded the disciples were when Jesus taught them about the cost of discipleship. But we fall into the same trap they did.

Dear brothers and sisters, 1) WE ARE CHALLENGED TO GIVE OUR LIVES IN LOVING SERVICE TO OTHERS: To become an authentic disciple of Jesus means to put ourselves in the humble, demanding role of servant to others, to seek intentionally the happiness and fulfillment of those we love, regardless of the cost to ourselves.

The best place to begin the process of "self-giving" service is in our own homes and in the workplace. We have to look upon our education, training, and experience as preparation for service to others. Whatever may be our place in society – whether important or unimportant – we can serve. If we want to be leaders, we must learn to be available, accountable, and vulnerable. That qualifies us for what is called *Servant Leadership*. "Life becomes harder for us when we live for others, but it also becomes richer and happier" (Albert Schweitzer).

2) IN TODAY'S GOSPEL, JESUS CONNECTS SERVICE WITH SUFFERING: Suffering and service go hand in hand. First, service always involves suffering, because one can't help another without some personal sacrifice. We must learn to be sensitive to the suffering of those around us. One way to cultivate this sensitivity is to focus on the needs of others rather than on our own needs

3) WE ARE INVITED TO DRINK FROM THE CUP OF CHRIST'S SUFFERING: The Church needs true disciples who are cross-bearers and servants. They seek and follow Christ wherever he leads. A happy family is the result of true sacrifice and humble service. The husband and wife sacrifice convenience, comfort, and time. There can be no success without sacrifice.

We are challenged to drink the cup of Jesus by laying down our lives in humble and sacrificial service for others, just as Jesus did. ✝

Altar Flowers
 OCTOBER 17, 2021
 In memory of +Steven & +Dorothy Woods
 [Dick & Judy Fahey]

Birthday Blessings!
OCTOBER 17
 Anita Greca
 Constance Schaffer
OCTOBER 18
 Ruby Rickert
OCTOBER 19
 Paul Gross
OCTOBER 21
 Giuliana Brothers
 Cyprian Dahl
OCTOBER 22
 Sarah Laskowski
 Shelby Line

Talk on Saint Joseph at the Pious Union of St. Joseph in Grass Lake
This Sunday, Oct. 17 at 6pm. Info at PiousUnionOfStJoseph.org

CATHOLIC SHOPPE UPDATE
 We are relocating! The final date at our current location is **Sat, Oct 30**. We look forward to seeing you beginning **Nov. 1** at our new location to 3154 Francis St. in Jackson (just 5 min. away).

Adoremus in Aeternum, Sanctissimum Sacramentum
 THE ONLY CURE FOR SAGGING OR FAINTING FAITH IS HOLY COMMUNION. Though always itself, perfect and complete and inviolate, the Blessed Sacrament does not operate completely and once for all in any of us. Like the act of Faith it must be continuous and grow by exercise. Frequency is of the highest effect. Seven times a week is more nourishing than seven times at intervals. —J.R.R. Tolkien

Altar Society Wreath Sale

Even though it doesn't seem like it, Christmas is around the corner and that means the Altar Society Wreath Sale. This is not really a fundraiser but rather as a service we do for the parish. We only mark up the whole sale price by a few dollars. Our products are of high quality, made in Riga, MI just before they are delivered to the parish. I never think about taking down my wreath until Valentine's Day because they say fresh with only a few needles dropping.

Look for the order forms in the weekend bulletin of **October 23 / 24**. The decorated wreaths, grave pillows, grave blankets, and centerpieces (with a chimney) will be ready for pick up the first weekend in December.

Please take advantage of these great products. We have been dealing with the family of the Goetz Greenhouse for about 12 years. They are great to work with and we have never been disappointed. Any questions, please call Sandi Kwolek at 734-428-7674 (landline) or drop a note at skwolek@comcast.net

This Weekend: Mission Cooperative Appeal

Each year our parish (and all the parishes in the Diocese) host a "Mission Appeal." Typically a representative of the mission comes and speaks to us at Mass, telling us about their work and need, and asking for our support – prayerful and financial. However, this year like last year, the Diocesan Office of Missions has arranged for the appeal to be virtual; that is, a mission appeal by video.

We are reminded that the impoverished people of God in countries all around the world have been deeply affected by the pandemic and continue to need our help and prayers. This message should encourage the us to pray for and offer donations to longstanding, core mission groups.

St. Mary's will have a second collection this weekend. Please open your heart. The work of the missionary can often mean poverty, hard labor, suspicion, and persecution. Yet how will people know that God loves them unless we whom God has sent love them? Please be generous in your support. We cannot know how many we ourselves are indebted to.

P.S. If you were not prepared at Mass today to support this appeal, please bring an envelope next weekend. Make your check payable to St. Mary's, and we will forward our parish's gift to the Diocese to send to the mission. Or mail a check to the parish office.

Continuing the Journey – Bringing light out of darkness

Are you yearning to hear more from God and bring something positive and lasting out of the pandemic? God is always seeking to bring good out of our challenges and works together with us to accomplish this. To truly collaborate with him, we must listen deeply, which can be difficult in the course of our daily lives. Join me **Sat., Oct. 30** from 9:30am-3:00pm to experience new ways of praying, using Scripture, music and movement, that will open our minds and hearts to encounter God. Together, we will each reflect on what we have learned during the pandemic, ask God to lead us, and discern our next steps. Cost is \$55.00 and includes lunch. Register online at <http://www.stfrancis.ws/prayer-in-motion.html>. For further information contact Janene Ternes of Prayer in Motion, LLC at <https://www.prayer-in-motion.com/>

Generous Scholarships & Opportunity for a Free College Visit

Attention high school seniors! Ave Maria University (near Naples, FL) is offering the Michigan Scholarship (\$28,000 over 4 years) and the Michigan Homeschool Scholarship (\$36,000 over 4 years) to local Catholic students, making an authentic Catholic education truly affordable. Additional institutional and federal aid are available. You are also invited to participate in the 2022 AMU Michigan Fly-In, which is a FREE college visit to AMU **Thurs., Jan. 27 – Sun., Jan. 30**, including airfare, lodging, food, etc. Limited spots available! For more information or to apply for the Fly-In, visit www.avemariafoundation.org.

Scrap Metal Drive

Sharon United Methodist Church invites you to donate scrap metal on **Sat., Oct 23 and 30** between 8am-1pm at the church: M52 & Pleasant Lake Rd. All proceeds benefit Sharon UMC outreach efforts in support of Haiti and elsewhere in the world. Accepting: old appliances (washers, dryers, ovens), wrought ironwork, metal fencing, old metal light fixtures, metal car parts & pieces, old metal patio sets, metal roofing, broken farm equipment. Please: no dishwashers – too much plastic. **If it is metal, we want to put it to helping others!**



The SANCTUARY LAMPS are burning this week for the following intentions:
PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK...

- 1) For the repose of the soul of +Mike Stem, father of Jennifer Nashif
(Jim & Marja Warner)
- 2) ...

Please Pray for...

- Eric & Helena Zink
- Couple from U.P. whose grandson is in ICU
- Jim Ross & his fiancée Carol
- Paul Marion
- Connie Marion
- Shirley Krzyzaniak
- Lisa (Pat Fitzgerald's daughter)
- Robin Schmidt
- Dawn Gaylord
- Emilienne Ramdé
- Sr. Ann Mahany
- Michelle Henderson
- Delores Oakley
- George Oakley
- Michelle & Jon Hagopian
- Mike Gibbons
- Bruce Sommers
- Luise Kienzle
- Christy Woody
- Jerry Kripas
- Joe Kirk
- Joyce Stein
- Loretta Widmayer

...and for the repose of the soul of
† Mike Stem
and for his grieving loved ones.

IN NEED OF PRAYER?
The St. Mary Prayer Tree will pray with you and for you! Or for your family and friends. Just call the Parish Office (734-428-8811) and we will begin praying!



St. Mary Roman Catholic Church Stewardship

WEEKLY COLLECTION Sunday, October 3, 2021

Sunday Env (55)	\$ 6,147.02
Welcome & Loose	253.00
E-Giving (10)	764.71
Assumpt of BVM	10.00
All Saints Day	10.00
All Souls Day	25.00
Combined toward budget:	\$ 7,209.73
Budget goal:	5,300.00
Amt ABOVE goal:	+ 1,909.73

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Bldg. & Maint (8)	\$ 260.00
World Mission Sunday (2)	15.00
Hurricane Ida Relief	702.00
Poor Box	73.33
Votive candles	49.00

THINK YOU MIGHT BE PREGNANT? NEED HELP? ALTERNATIVES TO ABORTION
Call (800) 712-HELP (4357)
24-hr emergency pregnancy help

Need Help? PROJECT RACHEL (post-abortion reconciliation and healing) Call the confidential phone line: 517-993-0291, or email nlc@resurrectionlansing.org

NEED HELP? "COURAGE" is a Catholic spiritual support group for those struggling with same sex attraction. "ENCOURAGE" is a separate support group for families & friends. For info in the Diocese of Lansing, call 517-342-2596 or email caverart@comcast.net

NEED HELP? An "AA" group meets Fridays at 7:00pm at Emanuel Church, 324 W Main St. (next door to St Mary's)

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