

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced.

— *Isaiah 50:7*



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IT'S ALL ABOUT CONTROL

From toddlerhood to old age, we grow in mastery of our own lives, our bodies, and our destiny. This mastery is hard won, and we don't let go of autonomy easily. Much of this self-mastery involves the avoidance of pain or discomfort, so when we hear things like "take up your cross" and "lose your life," we tend to resist the message.

James says that faith without works is dead. Ouch! That is really a direct message! One way to look at this, as well as the part about losing our life to find it, is that faith is a process of more and more openness to God's direction of our lives. It is very hard for us to give up control, but perhaps what we are being asked to do is not to become passive and babyish, but to allow God to direct where our self-mastery will lead and what it will accomplish. We are asked to relinquish the need to control the results of our efforts; to risk, as Jesus did, the loss of everything we are working to achieve. We are asked to let God take the lead and to control the results, even though we may never see those results. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong? (*Isaiah 50:5-9a*)

Psalms — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (*Psalms 116*).

Second Reading — Faith, if it does not have works, is dead (*James 2:14-18*).

Gospel — Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (*Mark 8:27-35*).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10
- Tuesday:** Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
- Wednesday:** 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
- Thursday:** 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50
- Friday:** 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday:** 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15
- Sunday:** Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents Day
- Monday:** St. John Chrysostom
- Tuesday:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Wednesday:** Our Lady of Sorrows; Yom Kippur (Jewish day of atonement) begins at sunset
- Thursday:** Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian
- Friday:** St. Robert Bellarmine; St. Hildegard of Bingen
- Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary



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Must wear mask at all times – to attend.

SUNDAY

- 8:00 a.m. (Live)
10:00 a.m. (Live & Recorded)

WEDNESDAY

- 9:00 a.m. **MASS** (Live)
6:00 p.m. **PRAYER MEETING**

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 19TH
FOR THE CHURCHES IN LATIN AMERICAN**

**FEAST OF FAITH
Offering and Intercessions**

In this holy moment—with the consecrated bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Christ, upon the altar—we pray for a share in the fruits of Christ's sacrifice. We offer to God what God has given to us, and we intercede for the Church and the world. We pray for the pope and for all the bishops, and we mention the bishop of our local church by name. We pray for the clergy and for all the people of God. We pray in a special way for those who have died. And we pray for ourselves, that one day, with Mary and all the saints, we may come to that place where Jesus already reigns. These prayers of intercession, like the General Intercessions earlier in the Mass, broaden our focus and remind us that the Eucharist is offered not just for those gathered, but for the salvation of the entire world. The Eucharistic Prayer leads us from an intense focus on Christ, present in the consecrated host in the hands of the priest, to a loving sweep of prayer that embraces the world.

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OUR SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Please notify Father Leonard when you or a family member has become homebound or placed in a hospital. Call the Church Office, 816-471-3696.

Edith Bolder, Home, Jeanette Hamilton, Home, Rosa Birch, Home
Sandra Cloyd, Home, Delores Bazy, Home, Vera brown, Home,
Kevin Brown, Home, Ray Myers, Home, John Johnson, Home,
Vauncille Bartlett, Home, Mary Ann Grayson, Home, Donald and
Mable Parson, Home, Sergio Mendoza, Home, Michael Lucas,
Home, Herman Lovett, Paris Harrington, Home, Earl Greene,
Home, Ovell and Francis Thomas, Home, Dorothy Mustin, Home,
Earnestine Nard, Home, Barbara Parks, Rehab., James Davidson,
Home, Flora Waddell, Home, Elaine Lomax, Home, Dr. James
Birch, , Rehab, Donna Dupree. Providence Hospital, Clara Mays,
Research Hospital, Joann James, St. Luke (Plaza)

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if observe or suspect sexual abuse:

- 1) Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3728 (if the victim is currently under the age 18), and
- 2) Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
- 3) After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816-812-2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcs.org *if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.*

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816-392-0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

FORWARD IN FAITH



Our collection for the month of August was

\$2,280.00!

**Look for further updates,
and for details on our upcoming plan to raise more funds.
on our next fundraising plan for this Project.**

*God bless you all,
Fr. Leonard*

THANK YOU

The Knights and Ladies of Saint Peter Claver, #57, wishes to thank you for supporting us in providing school supplies for the children of the families who are assisted by the CASA Program.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION NEXT SATURDAY

Next Saturday, **September 18**, our Social Services Ministry will provide free food from **9 a.m.-Noon**.

We will provide bagged groceries, prepared to be placed in your car, when you drive through the church parking lot. Please share this information with anyone who you know may be in need of groceries.

