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In a conversation a friend of mine used the term "counterintuitive" and it has stuck in my mind. It's a good word. It refers to that which is contrary to what good judgment or common sense would dictate.

Much of what Jesus taught seems counterintuitive. Avoiding persecution seems like a good idea. Not according to Jesus. Being the best you can be, getting the most out of life, hustling for the most stuff, seeking the leadership positions—all of these are common sense, but not according to Jesus.

In today's gospel passage we hear about James and John angling for positions of honor. The other disciples are indignant perhaps because they didn't think of it first?-and we can almost see Jesus shake his head, roll his eyes, and sigh. He has just announced that he is going to Jerusalem to be killed, for goodness sake (literally), and his best friends in the world, his disciples to whom he is entrusting his message, are clearly not getting it.

The greatest must be the servant. The first must be like a slave. If you want to save your life you must lose it. Blessed are the poor. The meek shall inherit

MEDITATION

the earth. Take up your cross. Love your enemies. Pray for your persecutors. Forgive seventy-seven times. Turn the other cheek. Love one another.

Definitely counterintuitive.



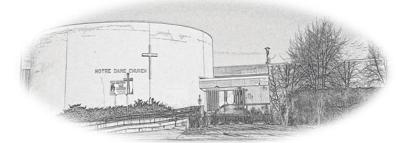
The disciples in today's gospel were following a holy man of God, a man they hoped would be their messiah and save them from the Romans, a man whose words resonated deep within them and opened their minds and hearts to something entirely new. And yet, this man was also an outlaw who was readying himself for a brutal execution and the disciples didn't yet see with "resurrection eyes." They had not yet experienced what came after the cross.

But we have. Do we get it? Two thousand years later Jesus' teaching still goes against everything that makes sense to us. Perhaps this is the very reason we should be-

lieve it. It's counterintuitive. And true. And the only thing that works.

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Saturday - 7:30pm, Sunday - 10:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday - 6:30pm - 7:00pm or by Appointment

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 21, 2018

Be careful what you ask for

Ever long for something, plan for it and then when it happens, feel sheer horror at the place you landed? It takes a very wise heart and strong to character to choose only the roads that are best for us. For most of us, we think, dream, pray and then hold on for the ride, because the destination is nearly always surprising. If we're exceptionally blessed, that surprise is a good one, more often it's a disappointment.

And the painful truth is we have no one to blame but ourselves. If we took our eyes off ourselves for a few moments, God and His goals might show through. But that's a lot tougher than it sounds. Think of disciples spending every day in the presence of God's only Son. They should have had all the spiritual direction anyone could need. Yet those twelve poor souls fell into the same trap we do, asking for personal gain, to be favored with powerful positions in the kingdom of God. And mercifully Jesus warned them about the road they were choosing - for thrones of glory in His kingdom are paid for with blood, suffering, sacrifice, martyrdom. It's the age-old story. Dream big, but be ready to pay the price. In other words, be careful what ask for, you just might get it.

Mass Intentions for the Week		
Tues	+ Ray Cowan	
Wed	+ Luke Dufour	
Thurs	Loveena McCorkell	
Fri	Doug and Yvonne Becotte	
Sat	Quinn Sprake	
Sun	Intentions of Notre Dame Parish	

Ministries - Oct 27, 2018 - 7:30pm			
Ex. Ord. Min. Comm	Y. Becotte, P. Bates, B. Phillips		
Lectors	G. Lagasse, E. Paulson		
Servers	G. Apolonio, C. Depositar, Z. Juell		
Ushers	C. Hastie, P & L Gerwien		
Greeters	H. Roland		
Ministries - Oct 28, 2018 - 10am			
Ex. Ord. Min. Comm	KC		
Lectors	KC		
Servers	KC, Gabe Lowe, Liam Halma		
Ushers	KC		
Greeters	KC		

Church Foyer Cleaner: R. Briones

PARISH INFORMATION

Baptism of children: Contact the Parish Office (even prior to the birth of your child) about the process for Baptism preparation for parents & godparents.

Marriage: Couples wishing to be married in a Catholic Church should contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to their wedding date.

RCIA: Any persons wishing to join the Catholic faith please contact the Parish Office

> **Notre Dame Parish** 65.36% of our goal \$29,547

Our thanks to all who have already sent in their pledges. We look forward to receiving a commitment from those who have not yet responded.



Oct 21 29h Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:20am Rosary 10am Mass - World Mission

Sunday

10:20am - CTW Bible Study Oct 23

12:10pm - Mass 3pm - Kids for Jesus

Oct 24 10:30am - Mass @ Rotary Manor

6pm Choir Practice

12:10pm - Mass Oct 25

3:15pm - Sacramental Prep.

Oct 26 12:10pm - Mass

Oct 27 10am Divine Mercy Stations of the

Cross and Rosary

6:30pm - 7pm Reconciliation

7:30pm Mass

Oct 28 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

> 9:20am Rosary 10am Mass

PARISH SICK LIST: Please pray for....

Gerry York, Rose Palfy, Carol Dufour, Margaret Lowther, Cathie Carver, George LaJeunesse, Cory Figura, Pat Willich, Violet Thomas, Bill Thomas, Isabel Ong, Fr. Eric Swearigen, Mary Irene Redies, Bernadette Redgate, Christine Waller, Tracey Lee Woodcox, Melina Hamilton, Vicki York, Mel Palfy, Jane Spenst (Names will be removed after 1 month unless contacted)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES: CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS-

Prince George Diocese

Teacher Positions – Continuing and Limited Duration

Details of these positions and application process can be found at: http://cispg.ca/cispg/careers



IF YOUR CHILD REQUIRES A SNACK

please leave no trace

- Be considerate of possible allergies
- Be considerate of our volunteer cleaners
- Please take a minute and use the little broom and dustpan in the fover to clean any crumbs.

Thank you



Today, April 21, we celebrate World Mission Sunday along with every parish across the globe.

We are called to offer our MISSION prayers and generous financial support, through the



Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Your donations help support Churches, hospitals, schools, and train seminarians in Asia, Africa, Latin America, Pacific Island and some of our Canadian dioceses. Please keep all missionaries in your daily prayers.

Notre Dame Parish has an account at the Bottle Depot. If you would like to donate your bottles to the Parish just bring them up to the depot and tell the clerk you would like the proceeds to go to "NOTRE DAME PARISH" and they will credit that account.

All monies raised will go to the "Building Fund"



A reminder that there are some parishioners who are sensitive to fragrances, so please be considerate of these allergies and do not wear any perfumes, this includes after-shave lotions. Thank you.



Knights Harvest Turkey Dinner



Sunday, November 4, 2018 At the ND School Gym

Dinner will be served at 5:30pm

Cost: Adults - \$15/ea Children (ages 6-12yrs) - \$10/ea Family (Immediate) - \$50 Infants (0-5yrs) - Free

Tickets can be purchased after weekend Masses and also at the Parish Office. Deadline for tickets is October 31.

Food Banks

Let us show our thanks for the many gifts we have received from God by donating non-perishable items to the local food banks. Baskets are available in the church fover to place your items in.

