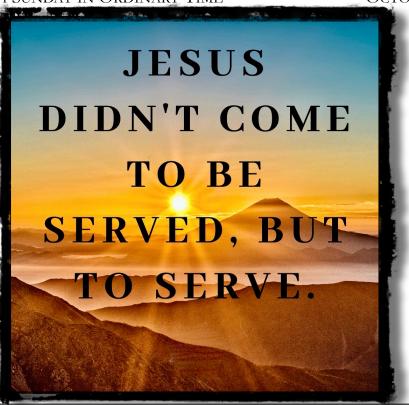


TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 17, 2021



SUNDAY MASS

SATURDAY - 4:00 PM

SUNDAY - 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Confessions

Sunday - 10:15-10:45 am

OR CONTACT US TO SET UP AN APPOINTMENT.

WEEKDAY MASS

MONDAY - No scheduled Mass

TUESDAY - No scheduled Mass

WEDNESDAY - 5:30 PM

THURSDAY - No scheduled Mass

FRIDAY - No scheduled Mass

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Gospel Reflection

Jesus summoned the twelve and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all." Mark 10:42–44

This is certainly easier said than done. This passage reveals one serious temptation that those "who are recognized as rulers" may fall into. This is the temptation of an abuse of power and a lack of humble leadership.

For example, tradition states that at the heart of the fall of lucifer and the demons was a desire for power. "I will not serve" are the words attributed to lucifer. In other words, the desire for power and to be served by others was real and very powerful for these fallen angels. So it is with each one of us.

Though we may not be in a position of great power over others, we will most likely all struggle with the desire for power. This can happen in just about any context. Take, for example, a friendship. Very often when there is the slightest disagreement on something, we want our own way. We want to be in charge. Or take the example of home life. How many enter into family life with a desire to

serve the others and to humbly submit to the others' wills? This is hard to do. It's much easier to want to be the boss and to dictate to others what is to happen in this or that situation.

In the passage above, Jesus makes it clear to His Apostles that when they exercise their "authority" over others they are not to make it "felt" by others. In other words, Jesus was not calling His Apostles to be leaders by brute force, intimidation, manipulation or by any other severe exercise of their authority. The authority that Jesus wanted was much different.

Christian authority is centered in love and humility. It's a "leadership" that is lived in true humility. This leadership wins over hearts, minds and wills of others and invites them to follow in charity and love. This must happen within the family, among friends, at church and within society.

My Catholic Life

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Bulletin Announcements

If you have an announcement for the bulletin, you may send it to office@stjosephpsj.org. Please keep it to 100 words or less and submit it by the Monday prior to the weekend you would like it to be in the bulletin.

Prayer List

Ron Treutel James Henry Trim **Jim Newton** Marie Henderson Tanya Osley Albert Magness Maureen Carroll Jeanette Amerson Yvonne Cambuli Kathleen Walsh Rita Sikora Mary Springer Karl Bowen Jack Rink Dan Wombles Carol Wood Lisa Baggett Reed Carpenter Fr. Ray Kellerman Pat Hartman Jason Richter Valarie Fabry Denise Ayotte Winston Wells Wayne Watkins

To request that a name be placed on the prayer list, please call or email the parish office. Names will remain on the list for three months. If they need to stay on longer or come off early let us know and we'll take care of it.

Birthday Mass Celebration

Please join Fr Ken for a Birthday Mass on Thursday, October 28 at 10:00. Fr Ken would like to share his special day at Mass with our parish family and would love for you to join him.

Food Donations

Don't forget our food basket at the entrance of the church which is open daily. It is there all year for dropping off nonperishables. If you're visiting the area, and have nonperishables that you didn't use, consider donating them before you make your trip back home. Thank you for thinking of those in need.

Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory

Weekly Need: \$3,200.00

Last weekend's offertory: \$3,230.00

Year-to-date* need: \$48,000.00

Year-to-date giving: \$57,823.00

*July 2021 - June 2022 fiscal year

Catholic Sharing Appeal 2021

Pledge Goal: \$16,540.82

Total Pledged: \$17,364.00 Total Received: \$14,779.22

Variance:*: -\$1,761.60

Number of Families Pledged: 43
*Variance is Pledge Goal minus Total Received

Liturgical Ministers

October 16 & 17

4:00 Marianne Warhol 9:00 Jack Rink 11:00 Barbara Eells

October 23 & 24

4:00 Rosalie Tritsch 9:00 Sherrie Bowen 11:00 Michael Osley



Second Collection

NEXT WEEKEND, October 24 & 25, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Meditation

R eflect, today, upon how you lead others. Do you expect to be the "boss" and expect others to follow you because of your authority? Or do you lead others by humility and love drawing them to Christ through your goodness? Commit yourself to Christian leadership as Jesus intended and you will be amazed at the effect it has within your family, among friends and within the larger community.

Lord, help me to be a humble leader. Help me to let Your heart of love and mercy shine forth and to lead by the goodness and kindness of Your merciful heart. Help me to set aside all pride and egotism and to become a servant of all. Jesus, I trust in You. My Catholic Life





Altar Flowers

If you would like to donate altar flowers for a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, please contact the office at least 2 weeks in advance.

Reporting Abuse

The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee is committed to the healing of sexual abuse victims. It has established Victims Assistance Coordinators, experienced and trained counselors, who are available to help persons who have been sexually abused. The coordinator for the Panama City/Tallahassee area is Dr. James Gagnon, MSW, LCSW. He may be reached at (850)877-0205. Or call the Florida Child Abuse hotline: (800) 962-2873.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 16, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm -

Sunday, October 17, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am -

11:00 am - For the People of St. Joseph

Monday, October 18, Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist

No Scheduled Mass

Tuesday, October 19, 29th Week in Ordinary Time

No scheduled Mass

Wednesday, October 20, 29th Week in Ordinary Time

5:30 pm

Thursday, October 2,1 29th Week in Ordinary Time

No scheduled Mass

Friday, October 22, 29th Week in Ordinary Time

No scheduled Mass

Saturday, October 23, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm -

Sunday, October 24, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am - For the People of St. Joseph 11:00 am - To request Mass intentions, please contact the parish office.