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23rd Ordinary Sunday

FAITH SHARING

Today's readings challenge us to the true Christian discipleship of total commitment to the will of God, putting God first in our lives.

BIBLE READINGS

Wisdom 9:13-18

The first reading, taken from the Book of Wisdom, instructs us to ask for the gifts of discernment and strength from the Holy Spirit so that we may do the will of God as His true disciples.

Responsorial Psalm

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Philemon 9-10,12-17

The second reading, taken from St. Paul's letter to Philemon, teaches us that detachment and renunciation are necessary for a true disciple of Christ. As a responsible Apostle and zealous disciple of Christ, Paul had to renounce the service of his new helper, Onesimus, and return him to his master. As a new disciple of Christ, Onesimus had to leave Paul, face his owner as a runaway slave and accept the consequences.

Luke 14:25-33

Today's Gospel reminds us to count the cost of being a disciple and follower of Christ because the cost is high: true Christian discipleship requires one to "renounce" both earthly possessions and possessions of the heart (i.e., one's relationships).

ENTRANCE HYMN (Romans 11:34-35; Job 40:2)

V. For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been His counselor? Or who has given Him anything that He may be repaid?

R. Will we have arguing with the Almighty by the critic? Let him who would correct God give answer!

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Gospel

LK 14:25-33

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

R. Glory be to You, Lord.

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.

Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion?

Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.'

Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops?

But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms.

In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

TOTAL COMMITMENT

French artists Henri Matisse and Auguste Renoir were close friends and frequent companions despite the fact that Renoir was twenty-eight years the senior of Matisse. During the last several years of his life, Renoir was virtually crippled by arthritis; nevertheless, he painted every day, and when his fingers were no longer supple enough to hold the brush correctly, he had his wife, Alice, attach the paintbrush to his hand in order that he might continue his work. Matisse visited him daily. One day, as he watched his older friend wincing in excruciating pain with each colorful stroke, he asked, "Auguste, why do you continue to paint when you are in such agony?" Renoir's response was immediate, "The beauty remains; the pain passes." Passion for his art empowered Renoir to paint until the day he died; those who continue to admire the enduring beauty of his smiling portraits, his landscapes, his still life studies of flowers and fruit will find no trace therein of the pain required to create them. Most will agree that the *cost* was worth it.

Today's Hymns

Processional Hymn

#1 Hymn Of Faith (verses 1 & 4)

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

#144 Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn

#226 Fairest Lord Jesus

Communion Hymn

#178 Jesus, Bless Your Faithful
People

Recessional Hymn

#223 Amazing Grace

WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday, September 7

23rd Ordinary Sunday

5:30 PM – Holy Mass

Saturday, September 14

24th Ordinary Sunday

5:30 PM – Holy Mass

Saturday, September 21

25th Ordinary Sunday

5:30 PM – Holy Mass

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Our email has been changed to
pastor@oursaviorpncc.org

PASTOR'S

DIRECT PHONE NUMBER

In case of all regular Parish issues please call Fr. Mariusz at 215-535-4978. This number is always linked to pastor's cell phone, so in case of real emergency please also use this number.

PASTOR'S ADDRESS

Fr. Mariusz lives at
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BULLETIN INFORMATION

If you have any information which supposed to be in our parish bulletin, please call or email Fr. Mariusz. Due date for each bulletin is always Friday, 4:00 p.m.

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters: Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish; For the health and wellbeing of Howard Friedman, Michael and Bernice Muha, Stanley Sostak, Janet Caruso, Michael and Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Anthony Tonzini, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Duane Schulte, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Stefan Revesz, Stephanie Besterci, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, John Smith, Ernie Hoffman, John and Jane Aldershoff, Peggy Harris, Ina Reese, Bob Stutz, Tom Goff, Milton Keiles, Claire Armstrong, David Gavenda, Michelle Freer, Kay Stampone, James Stenz, Dorothy Nabinger, John Russell, Ronald Brower, Dorothy Zytczk. Jan Cherneski.

For the repose of the soul of Irene Jugan, Joseph Sub.

Our Father...

INTENTION FOR THE HOLY MASS TODAY:

† Jan Dryfik (22nd Anniversary of Death)

ST. VALENTINE'S PNCC PARISH PICNIC

St. Valentine's Parish, Philadelphia, invites for the Annual Parish Picnic.

Sunday, September 15, 2019

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass, 1:00 PM – Picnic

St. Valentine's Cemetery & Pulaski Park, 875 Mill Rd, Bensalem, PA 19020

Delicious Polish Food, golabki, pierogi, kielbasa etc. Raffle tickets available.

Thank you in advance for your generosity, cooperation and support.

THE REAL COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

The real cost of Christian discipleship is meeting daily the demands Jesus makes upon his followers. The Italian freedom fighter Garibaldi offered his men only hunger and death to free Italy. Winston Churchill told the English people that he had nothing to offer them but "blood, sweat, toil, and tears" in their fight against the enemies of England. Jesus demands that his followers carry a cross—the sign of death.

Andrew died on a cross

Simon was crucified

Bartholomew was flayed alive

James (son of Zebedee) was beheaded

The other James (son of Alphaeus) was beaten to death

Thomas was run through with a lance

Matthias was stoned and then beheaded

Matthew was slain by the sword

Peter was crucified upside down

Thaddeus was shot to death with arrows

Philip was hanged

The demands that Jesus makes upon those who would follow him are extreme. Christianity is not a Sunday morning religion. It is a hungering after God, to the point of death if need be. It shakes our foundations, topples our priorities, pits us against friend and family, and makes us strangers in this world...