“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” - Mt 16:24b-25

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2020

SUN 8/30  Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
MON 8/31  1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 [97]/Lk 4:16-30
TUE 9/1    1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 [17]/Lk 4:31-37
WED 9/2    1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 [12]/Lk 4:38-44
THR 9/3    1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [1]/Lk 5:1-11
FRI 9/4    1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Lk 5:33-39
SAT 9/5    1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21 [18]/Lk 6:1-5
SUN 9/7    Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2020

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Thursday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Secular problems require savvy secular solutions. We are trained to solve problems, be successful and productive, and find our way through all that life presents to us. Corporations value those who can decipher the best avenue to take in order to resolve an issue. How do you train and renew your mind? Facts, figures, scientific tools, analytical processes, best practices, and models of varying kinds are at our disposal. If we don’t know the full and proper course of action, we can easily find it. But there is a knowledge that goes far beyond all these things that makes a direct claim on the essence of our being. It satisfies a deeper thirst and hunger that keeps us restless until it is satisfied. Our minds, hearts, and souls cannot only be nurtured purely by secular and temporal things. We must seek the enlightenment that comes from God. This allows us to see the value of suffering in order to achieve a greater good and the losing of our very self in the service of something greater. Faith only makes sense if it can bring us to this heightened awareness.
QUESTION:

How many times a day can a person receive communion?

ANSWER:

To find an answer to this question, we need to turn to the Church’s Code of Canon Law. Here we read, “One who has received the blessed Eucharist may receive it again on the same day only within a Eucharistic celebration in which that person participates…” (no. 917). This tells us that the standard answer would be that we can receive communion twice in a day.

Having said that, we also want to be sure that we pay attention to the entire instruction. The phrase “within a Eucharistic celebration in which that person participates” is important. It means a) that we always have to think of receiving communion as being within a celebration of the Mass and b) we have to be participants in that celebration – we can’t simply show up “in time” for communion.

So, when would this rule apply?

For example, if you attend Mass on a Saturday morning and then take part in the Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday evening, you could licitly receive communion at both celebrations. Or, another example, if you receive communion at a wedding or funeral Mass, you could also receive communion at a daily Mass or Sunday Vigil celebrated on the same day. We always want to be sure that we observe the rules for fasting from food and drink before receiving the eucharist (see Code of Canon Law, no. 919).

We should also remember that the Code of Canon Law instructs that anyone who is in danger of death or seriously ill may also receive communion a second time (no. 91, §2).

Secular pursuits only bring a temporary amount of satisfaction and fulfillment. As much as we may think that achieving worldly success, economic security, personal well-being, and self-fulfillment are worthy goals to obtain, they all are dependent on external variables and can lead to emptiness. We are trained to be very pragmatic and productive. Unless we are able to check off all of the boxes or comply with specific measurable requirements, our value and worth becomes questionable. Corporations, educational institutions, systems, structures, and secular ideology rarely consider deeper, more spiritual, and human contributions a person can and needs to make.

To the secular mind, the wisdom and ideals of the Gospel are making less and less sense. Consider for a moment this question: “What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” While Jesus is asking this very challenging question to people who are considering his message, many in our world are in a quite different place. Whether we realize it, many folks are asking a much different question. Why would you not want to gain the whole world and secure your life? If you look at where a lot of folks are investing their time, energy, and resources, it becomes obvious where current priorities rest.

Modern day comforts and possibilities are backing us out of our relationship with God. The fire burning in every human heart is trying to find its satisfaction in the things that humans have created and not God. Being altruistic and offering compassion for those most in need becomes a political responsibility or responsible gesture. We realize that our hearts need to be centered on something and someone who calls us out of ourselves, but we struggle and battle with naming the source of that call. God places the desire to seek, find, and love Him in the core of every soul. We are not abandoned and left to fend for ourselves. But we can easily get confused. We know that when we extend ourselves to another self-sacrificially, we are doing what is just and right. We know that we can work through suffering and loss and come out better and more whole on the other side.

Our minds need to be renewed so that they can begin to understand that there is much more to who we are, and that faith plays a pivotal role in achieving our true and everlasting goals. It is when we see that it is only faith that can bring us to this heightened awareness of ourselves and God that it will begin to make sense. Then, we can put things in proper perspective and consider being a disciple.
Stewardship

Please pray for the sick who have asked for our prayers

Koz Kosmicki  Sr. Mary Madonna Ashton, CSJ  Marlene Brickley
Kathy Olsen-Roebke  Jim Bruhn  Leona Hernandez  Marcy Jansen
Kevin Conroy  Judy Fuglie  Marge Willer  Dustin Bergh
Yvonne Hain  Grayce Hartman  Cathy Derr  Gretchen Bidwell
Bill Holzmer  Geri Loder  Alice Hamilton  Patty O’Brien
Randy Gillette  Theresa Skillrud  Paul Rebholz  Lyndon Baker
Myrt Milner  Margaret Overman  Chris Cheney  Stephen Schmisek
Jim Schema  Shari Bergman  Bill Marlow  Marcia Vaillancourt
Bob Bringgold  Carol Lucio  Jeanne Cosgrove  Linda Pelletier
Becky Thomas  Frank Strut  Sandy Lotzer  Dave Vonarx
Barb Thompson  Marla Hawley  Marcia Bennett  Carlos Garcia
Darrel Junk  Vi Stewart  Lily Kehler  Fred Friedrichs
Gloria Powers  Tom Lehmann  John Rose  Debbie Knoll
Simon Scott  Mildred Hoff  Bill Reynolds  Gloria Perkovich
Bill Novotny  Alex Bussiere  Jean Lacey  Kim Burruss

Mass Schedule & Intentions

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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FISH FOR SALE

We have frozen fish left from our Fish Fry Season that was cut short.

Box of frozen fish can be purchased for the following prices.

- 10lb box of fish to fry: $20
- 10lb box of fish to bake: $50

Contact Lori Lencowski or the office to place an order and arrange pick-up.
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### Watch Mass from SJV!

SJV is happy to announce that there are 3 ways you can join us in Mass and make a spiritual communion while we are still under modified quarantine.

- **FACEBOOK**—Sundays at 9AM 
  ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH-SSP  
  • CLICK ON VIDEO LINK TO WATCH LIVE STREAM

- **SJVSSP.ORG** OUR WEBSITE  
  • GO TO THE HEADLINES ON THE LEFT  
  • CLICK ON SUNDAY MASS  
  • AVAILABLE BY 1PM EVERY SUNDAY

**YOUTUBE.COM**  
• SEARCH FOR ST. JOHN VIANNEY-SSP  
• CLICK ON SUNDAY MASS VIDEO LINK

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On December 18th, 2015, a law was signed that permanently makes the IRA Charitable Rollover available. This rollover does not expire & allows donors 70 ½ or older to make charitable contribution directly from their IRA. For more information, please call the office at 651-451-1863.

Have you considered your stewardship through EFT’s?  
EFTs are one way to make contributions consistent, no hassle with filling out a check along with saving a tree! No paper envelopes. It is very simple.

Fill out a form from the Parish Office, decide how much and when you contribution is taken from your bank account and into SJV’s bank account. With a voided check, we submit the info & you are done. No worry about forgetting your envelope at home or what you wrote your check amount for, SJV’s bank & yours keep track of that. Call us today.