

Dear Padre,

After Mass, someone told me she overheard some people speaking wrongly about me. She defended me but wouldn't say what was said, or by whom. This troubles me. How should I deal with it?

First, consider why indulging in gossip is so prevalent. People leading uneventful lives often have an unhealthy interest in others' affairs, and they desire to gossip about it. Those who consider themselves to be poor conversationalists may gossip to feel important by imparting information that is seemingly in demand. Others resort to character assassinations out of jealousy or envy.

Because gossip easily spreads into a distortion of the truth, it can be, as Pope Francis said, "a plague more awful than COVID!" Some people permissibly spread gossip only when the truth of the rumor has been verified; for others, the truth of the matter is irrelevant. Regardless, when people gossip about us behind our backs—depriving us of our own input and version of the truth—we can feel victimized and defenseless.

Yet we aren't completely powerless. Just because something is perceived as the truth about us doesn't mean we have to accept it as such. (Nevertheless, in cases when we know what is said, we should honestly ask ourselves if there's any truth to it.) While we have no control over what people say about us, we can ultimately

decide how much attention a rumor deserves—and generally, the less time and energy we devote to rumors, the better we are!

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

When we see a mistake, a fault, a slip...usually the first thing we do is to go and recount it to others, to gossip....The great gossipier is the devil, who always goes about saying bad things about others, because he is the liar who seeks to separate the Church, to distance brothers and sisters.

ANGELUS, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020



Calendar

Monday
JUNE 27
Weekday

Am 2:6–10, 13–16
Mt 8:18–22

Tuesday
JUNE 28
St. Irenaeus,
Bishop and Martyr

Am 3:1–8; 4:11–12
Mt 8:23–27

Wednesday
JUNE 29
Sts. Peter and Paul,
Apostles

Acts 12:1–11
2 Tm 4:6–8, 17–18
Mt 16:13–19

Thursday
JUNE 30
Weekday

Am 7:10–17
Mt 9:1–8

Friday
JULY 1
Weekday

Am 8:4–6, 9–12
Mt 9:9–13

Saturday
JULY 2
Weekday

Am 9:11–15
Mt 9:14–17

Sunday
JULY 3

Fourteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Is 66:10–14c
Gal 6:14–18

Lk 10:1–12, 17–20
or 10:1–9

Do you have
a question for
the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send
your question and to learn
more about Dear Padre.

Our Parish COMMUNITY

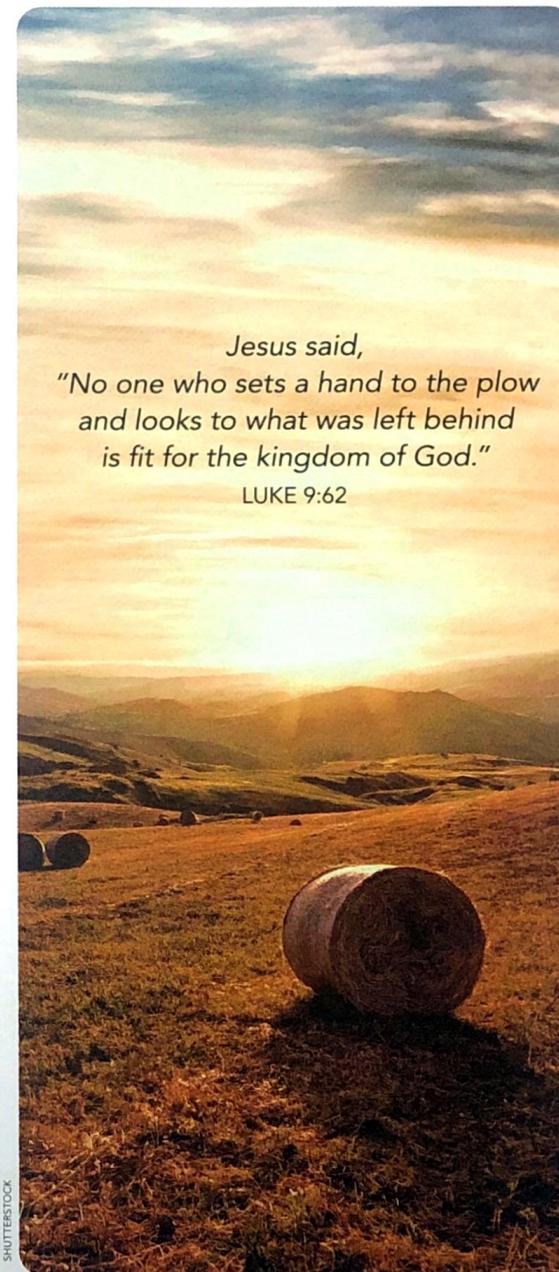
June 26, 2022

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

1 Kgs 19:16b, 19–21

Gal 5:1, 13–18

Lk 9:51–62



Jesus said,
"No one who sets a hand to the plow
and looks to what was left behind
is fit for the kingdom of God."

LUKE 9:62

What Are You Willing to Pay?

Everyone appreciates a bargain. However, there are some things we would give almost anything to acquire. Who or what determines the value of something? Some things are esteemed because they are old; some because they are rare. Often the value might really be in the meaning it holds for the one who desires or prizes it. We might want a house because it reminds us of our treasured childhood home. We might cherish a sweater that belonged to a loved one now passed. The price we are willing to pay indicates the value we give to it, and that price is not always monetary.

Elisha was in line to succeed the prophet Elijah. However, Elisha was required to consider everything else as second in importance to his commitment to this prophetic charge, even a son's responsibility to bid farewell to his parents. A parallel situation is found in the Gospel passage. At first glance one might think this is an extreme, even inhuman, demand. It should be noted, however, in neither situation was close following of a prophetic individual demanded of the person who wished to be a disciple. Each person first volunteered for that way of life before the price of following was revealed.

Various possible life directions are set before all of us. We are free to choose. However, the depth of our desire for our choice is measured by our willingness to pay the price that choice might exact. The price required for committing oneself to the reign of God is...everything!

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ What do you cherish more than anything else?
- ★ Does the object you cherish most reveal the way you are establishing the reign of God in your life?



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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, June 25	4:00 p.m.	For the People
Sunday, June 26	9:00 a.m.	Sharon Geubelle
Monday, June 27	8:30 a.m.	Ron Kaiser
Tuesday, June 28	8:30 a.m.	Jeff Cahoy & Family
Thursday, June 30	8:30 a.m.	Rob Rooney
Friday, July 1	8:30 a.m.	Marlyn Morrison
Saturday, July 2	4:00 p.m.	Rosie Perez
Sunday, July 3	9:00 a.m.	Suellen Bergkamp

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Green

6/25/2022 – Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Servers: Lucy Gannett, Jason Velasco, Ryann Bamberger

Reader: Debbie Frederick

6/26/2022 – Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Kirbe Koons, Taybree Lohman-Fuller, Joleigh Lohman-Fuller

Reader: Julie Kaps

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (color: Green)

7/2/2022 - Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Servers: Maggie Gannett, Jonathan Gannett, Nathan Gannett

Reader: Gwen Waechter

7/3/2022 – Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Kingston Guerrero, Cade Berning, Jace Berning

Reader: Mike Broeckelman

Reconciliation: Confessions will be heard every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. or by appointment.

Baptism: Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Godparents must be 16 years of age or older and have received Confirmation and Eucharist. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

Marriage: Please contact parish priest at least four to six months before the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick: Celebrated anytime by calling a priest.

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JUNE 26, 2022



My friends, our Church does have a past. There are, of course, some good, and some not so good. And some incredibly important things did happen long ago. And Jesus was a real person who lived in a particular time and place. And his passion, death, and resurrection were two thousand years ago. All of that is true.

But faith --- true faith, deep faith --- is always forward looking. Put another way --- a life of faith is not about who we were yesterday. It's not about the mistakes and sins we have made or the hurts that were inflicted on us or the troubles that have come our way.

Rather, faith is all about making honest assessments of who we are today and imagining who we want to be tomorrow. It's about embracing a whole new way of thinking and seeing and acting. And it's about following --- not someone who is behind us, but rather following someone who is right in front of us and within us --- inviting us to love more and give more and be more.

And we can't do that if we are constantly stuck in the past, constantly clinging to things we need to let go of, constantly focusing only on what was and not on what can be. That's the power of the resurrection, a power not simply on display in a story from long ago, but a power that can change us and transform us this very day, this very moment. But it requires something from us – to let go off the past cling to the Lord: live the presence and looking forwards with faith in the future.

Fr. Peter

COLLECTION for June 19, 2022: Envelopes: \$1870; Loose: \$278.30 ; Online Giving: \$198.07; Total \$2346.37; Average Weekly Expense: \$1,761.17. Income over/under +585.20

CHURCH PROJECT GOAL \$52000—Last weekend contribution: \$134; Building Fund To Date: \$12,660.26

Thank you so much for your love for our parish church and your faithful stewards.

MISSION COOP - Sister Christina Meyer, a Sister of St. Joseph of Concordia, KS, will speak to us at the masses on July 2-3. She will speak on the ministry of their Sisters in Brazil. This is an opportunity for us to become more aware of the Mission work of the Sisters of St. Joseph and to learn more about that ministry of the universal Church.

CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE We will be having a Church Rummage Sale this year. The date has not yet been decided on, but if you have anything you would like to donate please contact one of the following:

Tressa Powers at 620-260-6247 ; Jane Sullivan at 620-355-5118 ; Gwen Waechter at 620-272-1030 ; Jana Jenkinson at 620-290-5201; Carolyn Robertson at 620-290-5569 . **THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR CHURCH!**

Prayer & Action - ULYSSES is a “mission trip across the street” that helps a person grow in their baptismal identity as a priest, prophet, and king. Each day we participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and join our hearts to His on the altar. We learn about our faith and share it with joy. And we serve those who are in need. - Students come in groups (or as individuals) from parishes across the diocese and stay overnight at the local parish hall or school. They paint houses, clean overgrown yards, or whatever the homeowners need, then return to the parish for an evening of leisure. They take turns cooking for each other, listen to witness talks by the college students, play a few games, and then go to bed joyfully exhausted from a day of intentional Christian living. The cost is \$100 per person and covers the food, the t-shirt, a portion of the necessary supplies (primer, paint, brushes, etc.) and helps in paying the college students who lead the program. Students arrive at the site on Sunday evening, work four full days, then depart on Friday at Noon. - This program is ideal for a youth group or confirmation class to attend together, and especially for teens and their parents. We invite those who have completed 8th grade, through those who have just completed their senior year. If you would like to attend please contact the church 3556405 or Lisa Gannett 355-6611.

VOCATION VIEW Choose to follow Jesus wherever he goes. To say “yes” without hesitation requires great trust. The reign of God needs servants to trust. (Luke 9:51-62)

STEWARDSHIP In today’s second reading, St. Paul provides a wonderful one-sentence summary of Christian stewardship: “Out of love, place yourselves at one another’s service.”

PRAYER OF THE WEEK (by Saint John Henry Newman) My Lord, I offer you myself as a sacrifice of thanksgiving. You have died for me, and I in turn make myself over to you. I am not my own; you have bought me. I will, by my own act and deed, complete the purchase. My wish is to be separated from everything of this world, to cleanse myself from sin, to put away from me even what is innocent, if used for its own sake and not for yours. I put away reputation and honor, influence and power, for my praise and strength shall be in you. Enable me to carry out what I profess. Amen.

UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL OF THE WEEK - (Luke 9: 51-56)

Journey to the cross For the next ten chapters Jesus moves toward the place of his suffering and death. Along the way he forewarns his disciples, prepares them for missionary work, teaches the crowds, and confronts religious authorities.

Samaritan rejection Jesus was rejected by Galileans (4:16f) and Gentiles (8:26f). Here he’s rejected by Samaritans, descendants of Abraham whose cultural and religious practices had become very different from that of the Jews. Jesus then continues toward his rejection in Jerusalem, the heart of Judaism.

Calling down fire James and John try to recreate the time Elijah called down fire from heaven upon some Samaritans who had come to attack him (2 Kings 1:9f). By rebuking the two disciples, Jesus again reveals that his mission is about forgiveness, not condemnation. Luke will later present the Samaritans positively. The disciples must learn to temper their judgment with mercy and patience.

Dreams meet reality As Jesus moves toward his dangerous destination, some people respond positively and try to become his disciples. Jesus points out that it won’t be easy to follow him. • Animals have it easier than Jesus because they have shelter. Jesus and his followers move from place to place and aren’t always welcomed. • Following Jesus demands that every other obligation become secondary, even the duty of making funeral arrangements for one’s parents. Such work must be left to those who don’t commit themselves to God’s kingdom because they are no different from the physically dead. (Yes, Jesus’ words were harsh!) • People can’t plow straight if they’re looking backward. The metaphor evokes the call of Elisha. (www.oursundayreadings)

UNDERSTANDING THE FIRST READING (2Kings 19:16b, 19-21)

Elijah and Elisha Elijah began his ministry during the reign of King Ahab, who ruled northern Israel in the ninth century BC. Elijah did not readily mix with the rich and powerful. Elisha came from a wealthy background (he’s plowing with twelve oxen!) and was more comfortable among those in power.

Preparing a successor This passage begins with God’s command that Elijah anoint Elisha. Kings, priests, and prophets were often anointed when they assumed their formal role as a sign that God had chosen them. First, however, Elijah throws his cloak over Elisha as a sign that Elisha will be his apprentice. After Elijah is taken up to heaven, Elisha wears that same cloak and works wonders with it, showing that Elijah’s spirit rests upon him (2 Kings 2:9-14).

In an instant Elisha readily kisses his former way of life goodbye. By burning the farming equipment and roasting the oxen, Elisha symbolically breaks with his past life. There’s no going back now: he’s totally committed to his new life. The question “Have I done anything to you?” indicates that Elijah allows Elisha to wrap up his affairs. Elijah doesn’t force Elisha to do anything. Instead, Elisha freely chooses his new path.

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Q. One question that I constantly struggle with is the presence of suffering. Now in small cases, such as events that won't matter in a year from the occurrence or events that we will recover from, then I understand that in order to know happiness you must know it's contrast. What I struggle with is if our God is an all loving, merciful God, then why are there children dying of starvation or cancer? I don't understand why an all-powerful, ever-loving God would allow this type of suffering to happen. How can we explain this?

A. Well, that certainly is a deep question! And a good one. In fact, I'd say this is one of the all time most important questions to understand. The answer actually goes to the core of our faith and the saving Cross of Jesus. Let me do my best to explain.

First of all, we are in a fallen world. God never intended us to be in a state of "fallenness." Or, as we call it, a "state of original sin." Rather, God's original intention was what the Bible presents as the Garden of Eden. This original state, the state of original innocence, was a state of pure happiness and oneness with God and one another. The problem is that in order for us to be able to truly love God and one another, God had to give us free will. Without free will there can be no love. True love of God and others is an act that each person freely gives and freely chooses. But by giving us free will God gives us the option of turning away from Him. Thus, our first parents chose to turn away from God by committing a personal sin. And the effect of that personal sin was separation from God. And separation from God meant the loss of all God provides: life, happiness, unity, harmony, health, fulfillment and the like.

But what about us? And what about children who have not personally sinned? I think the best way to understand this is to consider the idea of an inheritance. If your parents have a million dollars and name you in their will as the heir of this money you will receive it upon their passing. However, if they squander that money and spend it all, say, in a casino, then you lose your inheritance. Perhaps that doesn't seem fair but it the way it works. So it is with us. We lost the inheritance of the Garden of Paradise because our first parents lost their right to be there when they rejected God. We, then, are born into the state of fallenness that they entered into.

So disease, disorder in nature and even death are now a part of our existence. And sometimes this causes great suffering for us. Furthermore, all people still have free will which means others can sin against us and cause us pain. And, sadly, all of these realities can affect children as well as any of us.

But the story would not be complete if we didn't speak of the answer God gave! God, the Father, seeing our fallen nature, chose to come down to this fallen state so as to reestablish a relationship with us all. He did that by sending His Son into the world. God the Son, took on our fallen human nature, entered into every kind of suffering we can endure and even died. But, as we know, death did not have the final victory. God the Son conquered sin and death by rising again! We now have the ability to unite ourselves to Him so that we can also share in that resurrection.

So God's answer was not to destroy human existence after we fell. Rather, His answer was to meet us in this fallen state so as to elevate us even higher than our first state. As for the innocent who suffer (especially children), we should know that God loves them more than we will ever realize. In Heaven this will make perfect sense. But for now we must constantly look for signs of that love and discover the countless ways that God reaches out to them in their need. (<https://mycatholic.life/catholic-question-and-answer>)

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Respect your freedom

The Statue of Liberty is the symbol of our nation's reverence for personal freedom. Yet too many of us lose our liberty to substance abuse and other addictive behaviors, including gambling, pornography, overeating, and compulsive consumerism. More subtle than these overt practices are patterns of thinking and feeling we may be losing control over: anxiety, depression, rage, racism. Today is the World Day Against Drug Abuse and Trafficking. Prayerfully reflect on behaviors or emotional states that make you feel less free, and take a step today toward liberty. (Prepare the Word)

DÉCIMO TERCER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Respeta tu libertad

La Estatua de la Libertad es el símbolo de la veneración de nuestra nación por la libertad personal. Sin embargo, demasiados de nosotros perdemos nuestra libertad por el abuso de sustancias y otros comportamientos adictivos, como el juego, la pornografía, comer en exceso y el consumismo compulsivo. Más sutiles que estas prácticas manifiestas son los patrones de pensamiento y sentimiento sobre los que podemos estar perdiendo el control: ansiedad, depresión, rabia, racismo. Hoy es el Día Mundial contra el Abuso y el Tráfico de Drogas. Reflexiona en oración sobre los comportamientos o estados emocionales que te hacen sentir menos libre, y da un paso hacia la libertad.