

Dear Padre,

Can a minister of holy Communion who visits hospitals bless a doctor? I was recently asked to do this. I didn't know how to say no, so I said a prayer over him even though I'm not ordained. Was that OK?

You did the right thing. The Church's *Book of Blessings* gives guidelines for a variety of blessings, some of which may be given by laypeople (see page xxviii). For example, parents may bless their children. Baptized laypeople

who carry out functions on behalf of the Church may also give blessings: catechists may bless their students, and eucharistic ministers who visit the sick may bless them.

Laypeople may give various other blessings, including blessing the sick, food, a new home, seeds at planting time, and throats on the feast of St. Blaise. A layperson may distribute ashes on Ash Wednesday, though the actual blessing of the ashes is reserved for the clergy. Also reserved for

the ordained are blessings of liturgical vessels and parishioners entering ministry as readers, altar servers, ministers of holy Communion, or musicians. Blessings of the cathedra (the bishop's chair in the cathedral church) and the consecration of the sacred chrism are reserved for bishops.

If you're trained to minister in the hospital and are there with the approval of your pastor and the hospital's pastoral team, you can give blessings. The *Book of Blessings* has texts to guide your words.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

The way of service is the most effective antidote against the disease of seeking first place....Therefore, as disciples of Christ, let us receive this Gospel passage as a call to conversion, in order to witness with courage and generosity a Church that bows at the feet of the least, in order to serve them with love and simplicity.

ANGELUS, OCTOBER 21, 2018

Calendar

Monday
OCTOBER 18
St. Luke, Evangelist
2 Tm 4:10-17b
Lk 10:1-9

Tuesday
OCTOBER 19
Sts. John de Brébeuf
and Isaac Jogues,
Priests, and
Companions, Martyrs
Rom 5:12, 15b,
17-19, 20b-21
Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday
OCTOBER 20
Weekday
Rom 6:12-18
Lk 12:39-48

Thursday
OCTOBER 21
Weekday
Rom 6:12-18
Lk 12:39-48

Friday
OCTOBER 22
Weekday
Rom 7:18-25a
Lk 12:54-59

Saturday
OCTOBER 23
Weekday
Rom 8:1-11
Lk 13:1-9

Sunday
OCTOBER 24
Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Jer 31:7-9
Heb 5:1-6
Mk 10:46-52

Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 17, 2021

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Is 53:10-11

Heb 4:14-16

Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Can You Drink the Cup?

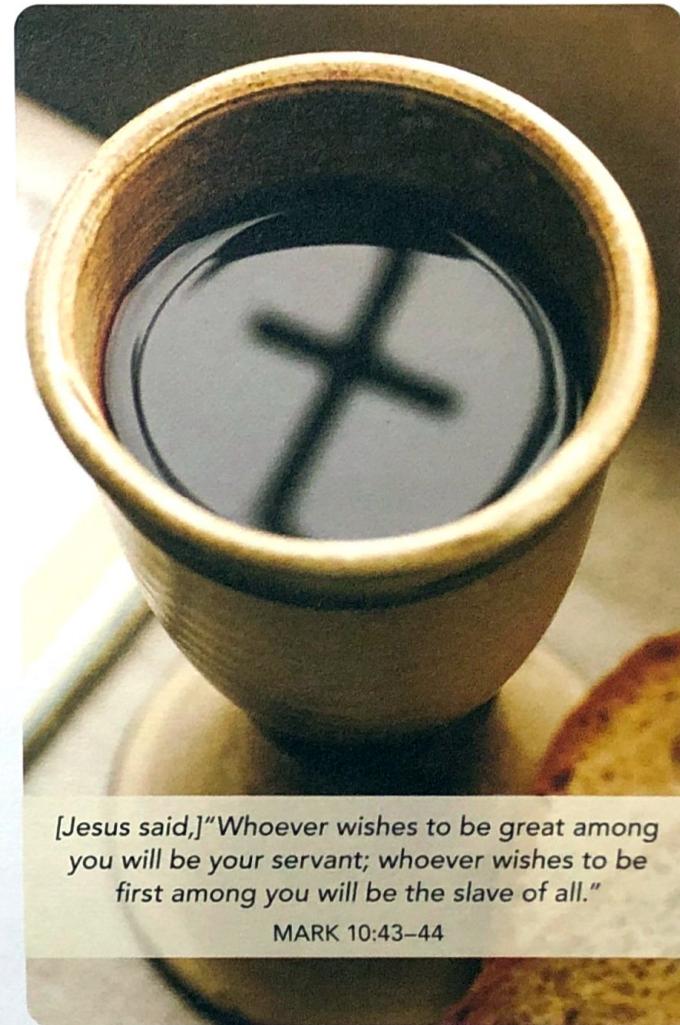
That is the question in today's Gospel that Jesus posed after James and John, two of his closest followers, asked for places of honor. They wanted to be recognized for their loyalty. Don't we all? Jesus asks them: "Can you drink the cup?" (Mark 10:38). Can you pay the price? And they both say: "We can" (10:39). Such confidence and self-assurance!

This is a Sunday that focuses on hardship—not the hardship that comes from the burdens of life itself, such as economic distress, racial and gender bias, or the loss of loved ones. Jesus was certainly concerned about these. However, today's readings have a specific focus. He asks: "Can you drink the cup that I drink?" Can you face and endure what I must? Can you follow me to suffering?

Isaiah refers to the servant of the Lord, that mysterious individual who suffers at the hands of others precisely because of his loyalty. However, his suffering is not in vain: "Because of his anguish...my servant, the just one, shall justify the many" (53:11). The spirit of this servant lives on in many stories about Jesus. It certainly does this Sunday. Like the servant, Jesus will suffer for the sake of others. How ready are James and John, you and I, for such a role?

Jesus then turns the values of society upside down. You want to be great? Then you have to serve others. You want to be first? Then, for the sake of others, you have to put yourself last. To follow Jesus means to follow him even through suffering. "Can you drink the cup?"

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



[Jesus said,] "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 10:43-44

FOR Reflection

- ★ Think of times when the welfare of another made you forget about yourself.
- ★ Do you always seek praise? Are you indignant when others are praised? What can you do about this?



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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| Monday, Oct. 18 | 8:00 a.m. | Thanksgiving for rain |
| Tuesday, Oct. 19 | 8:00 a.m. | Charles & Eileen Hoff |
| Thursday, Oct. 21 | 8:00 a.m. | Richard Randolph |
| Friday, Oct. 22 | 8:00 a.m. | Harold Smith |
| Eucharistic Adoration follows 8:00 a.m. Mass | | |
| Saturday, Oct. 23 | 4:00p.m. | Special Intention (T.P.) |
| Sunday, Oct. 24 | 9:00 a.m. | Special Intention (A.B.) |

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| Oct. 16, 4: 00 p.m. | Tom Bachman |
| Oct. 17, 9:00 a.m. | Mike Broeckelman |
| Oct. 23, 4: 00 p.m. | Debbie Frederick |
| Oct. 24, 9:00 a.m. | Alvin Bergkamp |
| Oct. 30, 4:00 p.m. | Gwen Waechter |
| Oct. 31, 9:00 a.m. | Fred Jones |
| Nov. 6, 4:00 p.m. | Karen Burden |
| Nov. 7, 9:00 a.m. | Julie Kaps |
| Nov. 13, 4:00 p.m. | Tom Bachman |
| Nov. 14, 9:00 a.m. | K of C |
| Nov.20, 4:00 p.m. | Debbie Frederick |
| Nov. 21 9:00 a.m. | Mike Broeckelman |

Reconciliation: Confessions will be heard every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. every Friday from 4:15—4:50 p.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.

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME— OCTOBER 17, 2021



“The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45)

Instead of giving an answer to the request of John and James this Sunday’s gospel (Mark 10: 35-45), Jesus asked them, “Can you drink the cup that I drink?”

There might be nothing in Christianity more difficult to embrace than those very words. You might argue otherwise. The Incarnation surely must be more difficult to embrace. The miracles must be more difficult to embrace. Surely the atonement, surely the resurrection, surely the Trinity --- those all must be more difficult to embrace, no?

Not really. Profound? Yes. Incredible? Absolutely. Hard to wrap our minds around? Without a doubt. But, my friends, none of those things demand anything truly specific from us, don’t clearly lay out for us any concrete consequences of believing those things. But being a servant of all? Being a slave of all? Drinking the same cup as Jesus?

That’s real. That’s tangible. That’s specific. That demands all sorts of things from us, demands that we think a certain way, and see others a certain way, and act a certain way. And that will almost always be more difficult than believing particular statements of faith, believing certain dogmas, believing certain doctrines.

If we ever find ourselves wondering what our faith “costs”, what discipleship “costs”, the story we heard this Sunday (Mark 10:35-45) lays it out pretty clearly. It costs everything. There isn’t a cheaper price out there. There isn’t a lower cost out there. There isn’t an easier way.

Do we want to give, but only in small doses?

Do we want to love, but not that deeply?

Do we want to forgive, but not for the really bad stuff?

COLLECTION for October 10, 2021: Envelopes: \$460.00; Loose: \$275.00; Online Giving: \$1622.05 Total \$2,357.05; Average Weekly Expense: \$1,761.17. Income over/under + 595.88.

Thank you so much to your faithful stewards for supporting our parish, diocese, and worldwide Church.

CONGRATULATIONS We would like to extend our congratulations to our newly Baptized, Ethan Zapata, son of Luis and Flor Zapata who was baptized on October 16, 2021. Welcome to God's family in the Church! May our Loving God continue to pour down His abundant blessings upon Ethan and his family.

SINCERE SYMPATHY & PRAYERS Our deepest sympathy and prayers to you and your family, on the passing of your beloved father, Ralph Lopez. May the Almighty God wrap His loving arms around you and the entire family and give you peace. May he rest in peace.

SERVERS NEEDED The church does need servers at weekend Masses. If your children would like to serve, please sign up their names at the Sign Up sheet at the back of the Church. Thank you.

OCTOBER- WEDDING ANIVERSARY Every October, couples celebrating a 5,10, 25, 30, 40, 50 or 50 plus year anniversary of matrimony are invited to a Diocesan Matrimony Anniversary Mass celebrated at the Cathedral. Because of the pandemic, once again this year, the Matrimony Anniversary Mass will not be held as a diocesan event. Each parish will honor their own couples who are celebrating a special anniversary at a weekend Mass in October. Saturday, October 30 & Sunday, October 31 Masses St. Anthony will celebrate ours. Couples will still receive a certificate and have their names mentioned in a special edition of the Southwest Kansas Catholic. We need to submit your names and the number of years you have been married by October 15. Please call the parish office at 620-355-6405 with your information or drop a note in the collection basket. Thank you.

BUDGET SHOP we are working at the Budget on Saturday the 23rd and Tuesday the 26th. We are always thankful for all your help.

OCTOBER CCD CLASSES Every Sunday for Confirmation and Every Wednesday for other classes.

ADULT CONFIRMATION & RCIA If any adult Catholic who hasn't been confirmed and would like to be confirmed this coming Easter Please call Fr. Peter (620-355-6405) or Mrs. Karen Burden (355-6388) On behalf of the Catholic faith community of the St. Anthony, we look forward to welcoming you.

VOCATION VIEW Greatness in the Kingdom is found not in ruling and lordship, but in service. Daily, we must put the needs of the other before our own. (Mark 10:35-45)

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT Good stewards must not argue about who is the most important. Today's Gospel says clearly that those who aspire to greatness must humbly serve the needs of all. Even Jesus came not to be served, but to serve.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK (by St. Teresa of Avila) Lord, grant that I may always allow myself to be guided by you, always follow your plans, and perfectly accomplish your holy will. Grant that in all things, great and small, today and all the days of my life, I may do whatever you may require of me. Help me to respond to the slightest prompting of your grace, so that I may be your trustworthy instrument, for your honor. May your will be done in time and eternity – by me, in me, and through me. Amen.

UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL OF THE WEEK - (Mark 10: 35-45)

Scrambling to be first Although Jesus repeatedly explains that God favors the lowly, his disciples still yearn for glory and prestige. James and John ask to be second-in-command, and the other disciples resent the fact that these brothers beat them to it. Even when Jesus tells James and John that they don't understand what they're asking for, the two disciples confidently claim that they do.

The cup To drink from the cup means to participate in. The metaphor is used in the Old Testament (examples include Psalm 11:6 and 16:5, Isaiah 51:17, and Jeremiah 25:15f). A person's cup might be full of joy, but sometimes it's full of suffering. In this passage the cup also alludes to the Eucharist. By drinking from this cup a person pledges to follow Christ, come what may. Baptism is from the Greek word for immersion and refers to drowning. Jesus uses the term to refer, once again, to his forthcoming suffering and death. Baptism also recalls the Christian ritual in which believers are immersed into the death of Christ.

High and mighty Roman military strength was feared throughout the region. Anyone who opposed the empire was dealt with swiftly and severely. Roman officials pledged loyalty to the emperor. Some tried to gain his favor in exchange for more power and prestige. Jesus contrasts these fearsome and self-serving tactics with the language of service. In God's kingdom those who hold positions of authority work only to bring others into his kingdom. Such leaders don't care about power or recognition.

Servant leadership Jesus assures James and John that they will share in his suffering, but he makes it clear that only God assigns people places of honor. As it turns out, the "honor" of being to the right and left of Jesus is reserved for the two criminals who are crucified alongside him (15:27). (www.oursundayreadings)

UNDERSTANDING THE FIRST READING (Isaiah 53:10-11)

Through Christian eyes Catholics hear these words on Good Friday, the day we especially remember how and why Jesus was killed. For us, Jesus is the servant. This passage, however, was first proclaimed over 500 years before the time of Christ. What did it mean to those who first heard it?

Divine punishment In 587 BC the Babylonians invaded Jerusalem, destroyed the temple, forced Israel's leaders into exile in Babylon and ruled the region for about fifty years. Prophets like Isaiah spoke of this terrible time as God's punishment upon his people for breaking the Sinai Covenant. If the Babylonian exile was God's punishment, then someone needed to accept it and repent of past sins in order for God to save his people. Many Israelites, however, doubted God would save them, and some lost faith altogether.

For many In the face of this seemingly hopeless situation, one person, the servant, acknowledges the sins of God's people and accepts the punishment of the exile. The servant's willingness to honor God is enough to bring an end to the punishment of the entire nation. We don't know who Isaiah meant by the servant or if he even had a particular person in mind at that time. This is the only text in the Old Testament in which one person atones for the sins of others. (www.oursundayreadings)

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Question: I am confused with something said in the YOUCAT (the Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church 387), which seems to forbid organ donation. Does this mean we can't be organ donors? — Maureen Normann

Answer: The YOUCAT is a catechism aimed at youths, which was developed in conjunction with World Youth Day. While it is a valuable resource, it limits its answers to a very brief question-and-answer format. As such it does not always develop what it says. The hope is to connect young people with the larger Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church published by the bishops.

The passage quoted above is a bit murky. However, YOUCAT later states more directly about organ donation: “Donating organs can lengthen life or improve the quality of life, and therefore it is a genuine service to one’s neighbor, provided no one is forced to do it” (391). YOUCAT then points to the Catechism (see 2296), which develops the matter further.

On the American scene, organ donation is seen as altruistic and an almost unqualified good; surely, it can be such. However, remember, the Catechism (including YOUCAT) is written for a worldwide setting, where, in some places such as China, prisoners have been compelled to donate their organs. In other settings, the buying and selling of organs is becoming a problem. Hence the Church wants to encourage organ donation but balance it with the respect we should have for bodily integrity and the physical and emotional health of the organ donors. Increasingly the powerless and poor are being compelled to donate or are tempted to sell their organs.

The YOUCAT quote is likely aiming here in its analysis and clarifies later the good of donation in the right circumstances.

(Catholic Curious—Your Questions Answered by Monsignor Charles Pope)

TWENTY –NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Come face-to-face with Jesus

Spiritual truths often sound mysterious and paradoxical. God is a Trinity; Jesus is human and divine; the last will be first. But not everything in the life of faith is a mystery. Take poverty. It's where Jesus said we'd always see him face to face. Poverty's roots are well understood: malnutrition, limited healthcare, unsafe housing, dangerous work conditions, unequal access to justice, and no political voice. In founding today's Poverty Eradication Day, French priest Joseph Wresinski dared us to rewrite these terms of modern civilization. Pray the Rosary's Sorrowful Mysteries and commit to undercutting poverty's roots. (Prepare the Word)

VIGÉSIMO NOVENO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Vernos cara a cara con Jesús

Las verdades espirituales suelen sonar misteriosas y paradójicas. Dios es una Trinidad; Jesús es humano y divino; los últimos serán los primeros. Pero no todo en la vida de la fe es un misterio. Por ejemplo, la pobreza. Es donde Jesús dijo que siempre lo veríamos cara a cara. Las raíces de la pobreza son bien conocidas: malnutrición, atención sanitaria limitada, viviendas inseguras, condiciones de trabajo peligrosas, acceso desigual a la justicia y ausencia de voz política. Al fundar el Día de la Erradicación de la Pobreza, el sacerdote francés Joseph Wresinski nos desafió a reescribir estos términos de la civilización moderna. Reza los Misterios Dolorosos del Rosario y comprométete a cortar las raíces de la pobreza.