

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 16, 2018

Following Messiah

Readings: [Isaiah 50:4-9](#); [Psalm 116:1-6, 8-9](#) [James 2:14-18](#); [Mark 8:27-35](#)

In today's Gospel, we reach a pivotal moment in our walk with the Lord. After weeks of listening to His words and witnessing His deeds, along with the disciples we're asked to decide who Jesus truly is. Peter answers for them, and for us, too, when he declares: "You are the Messiah." Many expected the Messiah to be a miracle worker who would vanquish Israel's enemies and restore the kingdom of David (see [John 6:15](#)).

Jesus today reveals a different portrait. He calls himself the Son of Man, evoking the royal figure Daniel saw in his heavenly visions (see [Daniel 7:13-14](#)). But Jesus' kingship is not to be of this world (see [John 18:36](#)). And the path to His throne, as He reveals, is by way of suffering and death.

Jesus identifies the Messiah with the suffering servant that Isaiah foretells in today's First Reading. The words of Isaiah's servant are Jesus' words—as He gives himself to be shamed and beaten, trusting that God will be His help. We hear our Lord's voice again in today's Psalm, as He gives thanks that God has freed Him from the cords of death.

As Jesus tells us today, to believe that He is the Messiah is to follow His way of self-denial—losing our lives to save them, in order to rise with Him to new life. Our faith, we hear again in today's Epistle, must express itself in works of love (see [Galatians 5:6](#)).

Notice that Jesus questions the apostles today "along the way." They are on the way to Jerusalem, where the Lord will lay down His life. We, too, are on a journey with the Lord.

We must take up our cross, giving to others and enduring all our trials for His sake and the sake of the Gospel.

Our lives must be an offering of thanksgiving for the new life He has given us, until that day when we reach our destination, and walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

Father Blake Evans, Pastor



“Let the children come to me.”

Matthew 19:14

Religious Education begins on Sunday, September 16th. All young people must be in religious education for two years in a row before receiving a Sacrament.



Rest in peace

Charles Hailstorks, 90, died on September 3rd. Funeral on September 14.

Virginia Wright, 85, died on September 6th. Funeral at Nativity on Tuesday, Sept. 18. Viewing at 10:00, Mass at 11:00 am

Eternal Rest Grant Unto them, Oh Lord



To all who donated and volunteer their efforts for our Youth Day Camp. The participants had a safe and fun day at Nativity. Next event: Saturday, October 13th.

Latin for the Masses: At the request of many parishioners beginning this Fall, Nativity will celebrate one Sunday Mass in Latin on the 5th Sunday of only those months that have 5 Sundays. The Mass will be sung - the *Novus Ordo* the "new mass" you know, not the Tridentine or Extraordinary Form of the mass of the Council of Trent. Readings & Homilies and Intercessions will be in English. Hymns will be in English and/or Latin as appropriate. Mass parts will be sung in Latin. Singers/cantors familiar with the Mass parts are asked to volunteer to help Father lead the chants. "Latin remains the official language of The Church." - *Pope Francis*.

Sunday, September 30 at 8:00 am Mass

Youth and Vocations: Remember to daily pray for all Catholic School/College students and our seminarians. Pray that they will listen to God to guide their vocations and be people of Virtue who live in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Mass Intentions for the Week



September 15 - 22, 2018

Sat. 9/15	8:00 am	Nativity. All Employees
	5:30pm	Karen Woods
Sun. 9/16	8:00am	+Michael S. Kelly
	10:00am	Nativity Religious Education Students & Teachers
	1:00 pm	People of the Parish
Mon. 9/17	12:00	+Anthony Peires
Tue 9/18	11:00am	+Virginia Wright (Funeral)
Wed. 9/19	12:00	+Anthony Peires
Thu. 9/20	12:00	+Rafaela C. Evans
Fri. 9/21	12:00	+Meng Foo
Sat. 9/22	8:00 am	Jim De Coursy
	5:30pm	People of the Parish

Please pray for the sick of our Parish:

*Alice R. Allen, *Amina Anderson-Pringle, *Ann Butler, *William Cammack, *Lukas Pastier, *Carmen Dolores Campos, *Carla Andrea Catacora, *Shawn Coleman, *William Corbel, *Maria Cruz, *Maurice & Flora Detiege *Kevin Fagan, *Isel Fitzgerald, *Dion A. Fortune, *Linda Foster, *Charlie Gick, *John Green, Sr., *Janet Henery, *Blanca Hernandez, *Lawrence C. Hill, *Lee Hobbs, *Sydney Horge, *Francis Howard, *Elaine Hunt, *Helen Hurd, *Larry Ivy, *Irene Jimenez, *Geraldine Jones, *Charles Johnson, *Odile Kalla, *Michael Kelly, *Busara Keneddy, *Claude Kolthoff, *Betty Lawton, *Yavonna Lewis, *Sandra Lucas, *Eric Malcolm, *Edwin & Regina Mbanude, *Theresa McNair, *Edith Mebane, *Maria Magdalena Medrano, *Agnes Moore, *Gina Myers, *Iris Newman, *Sheryl Newman, *D. Cynhia Peters, *James Pope, *Margaret Pope, *Dorothy Richburg, *Auristela Roman, *Rosa Maria Santos, *Bonafacio Selayo *Delores Sloan, *Adrian Smith, *Alice Smith, *Bernadette Smith, *Theresa Smith, *Louise Sweatt, *Suzie Thompson, *Emily Towles, *Dominic Valentine, *Dorothy Waring, *Paul Williams, *Florentina Zoretta

ATTENDANCE REPORT

9/9/18

Attendance: 458 souls
 Offerings & Tithes: \$6,104
 Spanish Mass: \$279
 Utility fund: \$216

MOTHER OF AFRICA PILGRIMAGE

Sunday, September 16 from 2-4 pm in the Upper Church at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Mass Principal Celebrant: Msgr. Eddie Tolentino, Pastor at St. Michael the Archangel. For further information, contact Sandra Coles Bell at 301-853-4469 or culturaldiversity@adw.org.



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"LIVING WITH YOUR BAGS PACKED!" Another three-part education presentation on estate planning and administration. The first presentation, Wills vs. Trusts, will be held on **Tuesday, September 18th**. The second covering Estate Planning and Charitable Giving will be held **Tuesday, October 16th**. The final presentation, on Incapacity Planning, will be on **Tuesday, November 20th**. All presentations will begin at 7pm and be held in the Lounge. Refreshments will be served.

26th International Week of Prayer and Fasting unites with the Marians Fathers, Legion of Mary and Priests for Life, Sept 29 – Oct 7, 2018. Opening day, Saturday, September 29th at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception from 9 am – 4:30 pm. Registration is FREE, but please register online at www.iwopf.org

Catholic Daughters. Our Lady of the Americas, Court 2344, will meet on Sunday, September 23rd. All Catholic Daughters are encouraged to arrive promptly at 7:30 am., for the recital of "Our Lady of Sorrows Litany" All parishioners are welcome to attend. After the Litany and Mass, the CDA Court will meet in the Lounge for regular meeting.

Do you want to know more about becoming a Catholic? Contact the RCIA Ministry at (202)-341-2707 or at mvleakesr@outlook.com

Question of the week: How am I denying myself? What is the cross I am bearing at this point in my life? With the grace of God, am I willing to carry it?