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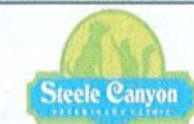
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Gospel Meditation

ENCOURAGE YOURSELF TO A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



“Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods.” We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these “gods” because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with “who is God” and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment. The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised “more.” But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only “feels” true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God’s kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods. But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It’s a choice we all have to make. ©LPi

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
Submission as Stewardship.
We aren't comfortable with the idea of submission. Our society champions equality, and rightly so — but it's a mistake to think that submission is at odds with equality. To submit ourselves fully, we must first be free. We must first be our own masters. God has granted us that freedom with the salvation He offers. We are no longer the slaves of sin.
Now He asks us to be subordinate to one another, in the name of Christ. What a completely uncomfortable task! What He's asking is for us to be subordinate to the person who irritates us the most. The person we really can't stand. The person who doesn't respect us or appreciate what we have to offer. The person we think we're smarter than, more talented than. The person we envy. That's the real challenge of stewardship, isn't it? Subordination. Inconveniencing myself by giving of time, of money, of relationship. Putting the needs or wants of another above my own when they haven't done anything special to earn it. I invite you to consider the cross — the most radical expression of submission, and of stewardship, that ever existed. If there was ever someone who deserved superiority, isn't it the God who let Himself be nailed to a tree, who gave so freely of His life, His body, His blood, His everything? To look at him in his agony is to truly understand the beauty of submission — of laying down what you have for the good of the other.
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS




Pope Francis proclaims 2021 Year of St. Joseph

August 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Ordinary Time K of C Breakfast After 8:30am Mass	2 Bible Study Join us! 7:00pm	3 K of C Meeting 7:00pm	4 Adoration 8:30am - 4:00pm	5 Adoration 8:30am - 4:00pm	6 First Friday Mass 7:00pm	7 Men's Fellowship 7:30am
8 Ordinary Time Hispanic Group Breakfast After all masses	9 Bible Study Join us! 7:00pm	10 Keenan Hall 6:30pm	11 Grupo de Oración 7:30pm-9:00pm	12 Adoration 8:30am - 4:00pm	13 BINGO Night Dinner 6:00pm Bingo 7:00pm	14 Reconciliation 4:00pm
15 St. Vincent De Paul Sunday Youth Group Breakfast After 8:30am Mass	16 Bible Study Join us! 7:00pm	17 Healing Mass 7:00pm	18 Grupo de Oración 7:30pm-9:00pm	19 Adoration 8:30am - 4:00pm	20 FEAST OF ST PIUS X	21 Reconciliation 4:00pm
22 Ordinary Time Hispanic Breakfast RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS BEGIN	23 Bible Study Join us! 7:00pm	24 Join the Youth Group	25 Grupo de Oración 7:30pm-9:00pm	26 Adoration 8:30am - 4:00pm	27 Religious Education Registrations Begin August 22	28 Reconciliation 4:00pm
29 Ordinary Time 5TH SUNDAY ROSARY 8:00AM	30 Bible Study Join us! 7:00pm	31 Join the Youth Group				ABBREVIATIONS: K of C - Knights of Columbus MMLG - Mother Mary's Ladies Guild

WEEKLY STEWARSHIP	
August 15, 2021	
Envelope Giving	\$1,444.00
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Online Giving	\$978.54
Total	\$4,128.69
Weekly funds needed for church operations	\$5,000.00
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A SPECIAL MASS FOR SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS

The office for Family Life & Spirituality invites survivors of suicide loss to attend our annual Mass on **Saturday, September 4, 2021** at 5:00pm at San Rafael Parish. You are invited to bring a photo of a loved one who had died by suicide and place it at a designated table in their honor. Auxiliary Bishop John P. Dolan will preside.

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COMMISSIONING MASS FOR ALL PARISH AND SCHOOL MINISTERS



All parish and school ministry leaders are invited to join Bishop Robert McElroy at the annual Commissioning Mass for the upcoming Catechetical year. Join us on September 9th at the Diocesan Pastoral Center Chapel at 6:30 pm. A small reception to follow the Mass. This is a free event, however, registration is kindly requested. RSVP at sdccatholicdisciples.net...

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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Question: We live in a country that upholds the separation of Church and state. What is the role of Catholics in society?

Answer: The role of the Church in the world has taken different forms over time, but the theme is the same. Be disciples in it! As the lay faithful — that is, not vowed priest or religious — we are called to live and love in the circumstances of our daily lives. St. John Paul II wrote a document about the laity. In it he wrote, “In their situation in the world God manifests His plan and communicates to them their particular vocation of seeking the Kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the plan of God” (On the Lay Members of Christ’s Faithful, 15). God wants us in the hospitals, the board rooms, the law offices, the food pantries, and the little league games! We are to engage in the affairs of the world. But when we’re there, we should live the plan of God. We need to respect those around us, engage in just business and legal practices, and love our children. We should care for the earth, use our money wisely, and get to know our neighbors. We must advocate for social policies that respect human dignity and human freedom. No matter our state in life, we are invited to build the kingdom of God!
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LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Many people give their allegiance to something until it asks them to do something challenging or radical. Then, they find themselves rethinking whether they want to be associated with it. The same holds for God. Either we serve God, or we don't. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom, love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, and trust that the Eucharist is in fact Jesus' very Body and Blood. For some, buying into these things may prove too difficult and a return to a life without them is preferred. But truth is truth and it can only be found in God. If we find it hard to accept it from the mouth of Christ, where else can we go to find it? The task before us is to commit to the truth even when it may be easier to pursue something else. Truth is always worth obtaining even when it is difficult. Jesus offers us the truth of life, a life that is found in his own flesh and blood and a life of discipleship. ©LPi

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Sunday Masses 8:30am 11:00am 12:30pm (Spanish)	Bible Study 7:00pm	Daily Mass 7:30am Youth Group 6:30pm	Daily Mass 7:30am	Daily Mass 7:30am Adoration 8:30am-5:00pm	Daily Mass 7:30am	Sunday Vigil 5:00pm
Please pray for: Rev. Patrick Mulcahy Jos 24:1-2a 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23/ Eph 5:21-32/ Jn 6:60-69	Please pray for: Rev. Jose Luis Muro 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b -10/Ps 149:1b- 2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13- 22	Please pray for: Rev. Patrick Murphy Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12- 13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51	Please pray for: Rev. Michael Murphy 1 Thes 2:9-13/ Ps 139:7-8, 9- 10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32	Please pray for: Rev. John Bosco Musinguzi 1 Thes 3:7-13/ Ps 90:3-5a, 12- 13, 14 and 17/ Mt 24:42-51	Please pray for: Rev. Raymond Philip Napuli 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5- 6, 10, 11-12/Mt 25:1-13	Please pray for: Rev. Samuel Nasada, OFM 1 Thes 4:9- 11/Ps 98:1, 7- 8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

MASS Intentions

Aug 22	Sun	8:30am	+(SI) Cooper Miranda
Aug 22	Sun	11:00am	+Katie Robbano
Aug 22	Sun	12:30pm	For all the Parishioners
Aug 23	Mon		NO MASS
Aug 24	Tues	7:30am	(SI) Jesus & Rosa Palacios Chaco
Aug 25	Wed	7:30am	For all the Parishioners
Aug 26	Thur	7:30am	For all the Parishioners
Aug 27	Fri	7:30am	For all the Parishioners
Aug 28	Sat	5:00pm	+Bernarda & +Natale Abbate


Observances for the week of August 22, 2021

Monday:	St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
Tuesday:	St. Bartholomew, Apostle
Wednesday:	St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
Friday:	St. Monica
Saturday:	St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

ADORATION
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8:30am
To
5:00pm



"The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. — Jn 6:63c-64a, 65-66

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The Knights of Columbus and MMLG will lead the rosary for everyone who would like to participate every 5th Sunday of the month.

Remember our Blessed Mother's promise to those who pray the Rosary - "I promise my special protection and greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary". Pray the Rosary with the Knights and the Ladies Guild this month it will be next **Sunday, August 29, 2021 at 8:00am.**

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: Joshua, who helped settle the Israelites into the Promised Land, knew the struggle ahead lay in Israel's fidelity to God. How does anyone best show fidelity to God?

Second Reading: Toward the end of his letter, Paul takes up the topic of husbands and wives. He speaks of the importance of mutual subordination and love. What do you see as secret to a successful marriage?

Gospel: Jesus' bread of life discourse ends with the report that "many of Jesus' disciples" no longer followed Jesus. How should we respond to family or friends who choose to walk away from Jesus? ©LPi



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