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WELCOME!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30pm Adoration
6:00pm Mass

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30pm – 4:50pm
Sunday 8:00am – 8:20am
Also by Appointment

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed
 Tuesday & Friday: Please Call for Appointment
 Wednesday: 9:30am - 3:00pm
 Thursday: 9:30am - 3:00pm
 Please leave a message if no one answers and your call will be returned.

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:

Donation	\$5,041.01
Donation Online	\$1,652.00
Maintenance Fund	\$5.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Children's Donation	\$0
Total Donation	\$6,698.01



SPECIAL COLLECTION: CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

SEPTEMBER 18th - 19th

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than thirty-eight million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at:

www.usccb.org/cchd

Sunday Readings
 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Isaiah 50:4-9; James 2: 14-18
 Mark 8: 27-35



“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 and that of the gospel will save it.” James 2: 5

Christian Joy Includes the Cross

Homily by Fr. Joseph Vu

"You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

In other words, God's ways differ from our ways, and we need to learn to follow him and not ourselves.

Christ teaches this lesson in the context of his own passion and death, which he has just predicted to his band of followers. When Peter tries to convince Christ to take a different path, to bypass the cross and its terrible sufferings, he is sharply and publicly rebuked.

And then Christ affirms, explicitly and uncompromisingly, that he and all his followers must "take up the cross," must accept suffering in this life.

- He goes so far as to say that those who refuse to accept the sacrifices and sufferings that God sends or allows will "lose their lives."
- The joy of following Christ necessarily involves the pain of self-denial and self-sacrifice; this is the paradox of the gospel.
- It is not easy to be faithful to one's conscience, to the teachings of the Church, to the Ten Commandments, to the will of God;
- it involves self-governance and, sometimes, humiliation and persecution. "No disciple is greater than his master," as Christ says later on (John 13:16).
- If he had to suffer in order to open the gates to heaven, we will have to suffer as we follow him in.

Jesus never sugarcoats his call to discipleship; to be his faithful friend will involve sharing in his cross, there is no way around it.

- But crosses, when borne together with Christ, always lead to resurrections.
- If we follow him on the path of self-denial, "losing" our self-centered lives in order to be faithful to him and his Kingdom, we will "find" true life, life in communion with God.
- Perhaps no other gospel lesson is more difficult to learn, or more important.

Spreading Smiles in the Storm

Christian joy includes the cross.

- This truth is at the heart of the gospel, even though it sometimes makes us uncomfortable.
- The more we learn to accept and value this truth, the more it will be able to penetrate our hearts and impact our lives.
- Is there anything we can do to help ourselves learn and assimilate more deeply this difficult teaching of our Lord?
- There is.

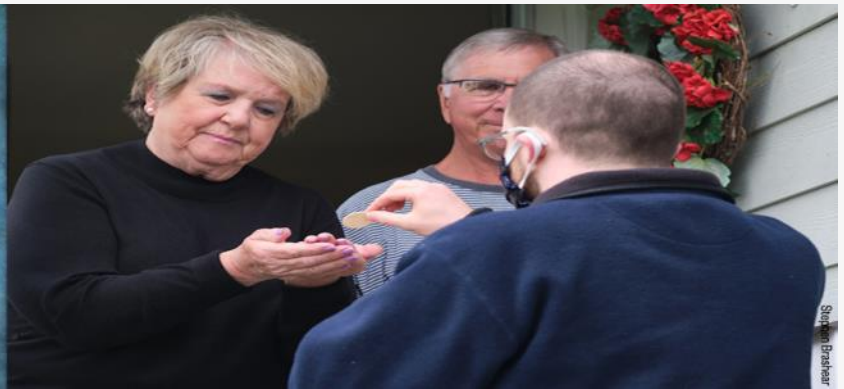
The surest way to learn how to find joy even amidst our crosses is to bring joy to others who are feeling the weight of the cross.

- This is one reason Catholic tradition has always placed such high value on simple acts of self-giving like visiting the sick and imprisoned, comforting the sorrowful, and feeding the hungry.
- When our neighbor is suffering, Christ is suffering.
- And our love for Christ can give us strength to reach out to our neighbor with acts of self-forgetful service.
- And when they experience that service, they are reminded that they matter, that they are not forgotten or alone - and that is the source of true joy.

This is God's amazing providential plan:

- He redeems the world from sin and the suffering sin causes not by eliminating the suffering, but by conquering it with love.
- And if we willingly become messengers of his love to others who are bearing heavy crosses, it will be that much easier for us to hear his message of love in our hearts when our crosses get heavy.
- We will be in tune with the deeper meaning of history; we will gradually become the ones strong enough to smile sincerely even in the middle of the storm.

As we continue with this holy Mass, in which Jesus will unite our crosses to his, let's thank him for giving meaning to our sufferings, and promise to help spread that meaning to others.



Learn about the do's and don'ts of Ministry to the Homebound, pastoral concerns and Covid- related issues. Plus time for questions and answers.

Presenters: Corinna Laughlin (St. James Cathedral) and Nick Schoen and Joe Cotton (Archdiocese of Seattle)

Zoom Link: <https://seattlearch-org.zoom.us/j/85313191397>

Questions? Please contact Joe Cotton at 206-383-4847 or joe.cotton@seattlearch.org



A red graphic with white text. At the top, it says "Toward an ever wider we" in a stylized font. Below that, it lists the dates for National Migration Week and the World Day of Migrants & Refugees. The text is: "NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK : September 20-26" and "WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES : Sunday September 26".

For nearly a half century, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated National Migration Week, which is an opportunity for the Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking. National Migration Week for 2021 takes place September 20-26, and will climax with the Vatican's celebration of the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR), which always falls on the last Sunday of September. The primary theme for this year's WDMR is "Towards an ever wider 'we'". In his letter announcing this year's theme, Pope Francis emphasizes that "this focus calls on us to ensure that 'after all this, we will think no longer in terms of 'them' and 'those,' but only 'us'" (Fratelli tutti, no. 35). And this universal us must become a reality first of all within the Church which is called to cultivate communion in diversity." In solidarity with the Vatican, National Migration Week will use the same theme as WDMR – "Towards an ever wider we" – but will emphasize the particular ways in which this theme and its application to the migration question is important for the Catholic Church in the United States. Let us take some time during the upcoming National Migration Week to reflect on how we can better welcome, protect, promote, and integrate migrants living in our midst. How can we counter the globalization of indifference that affects us all, to some degree or another? What policies can we promote that will affirm the dignity of migrants and better secure the common good? How do we work more fully to promote a Church for all?