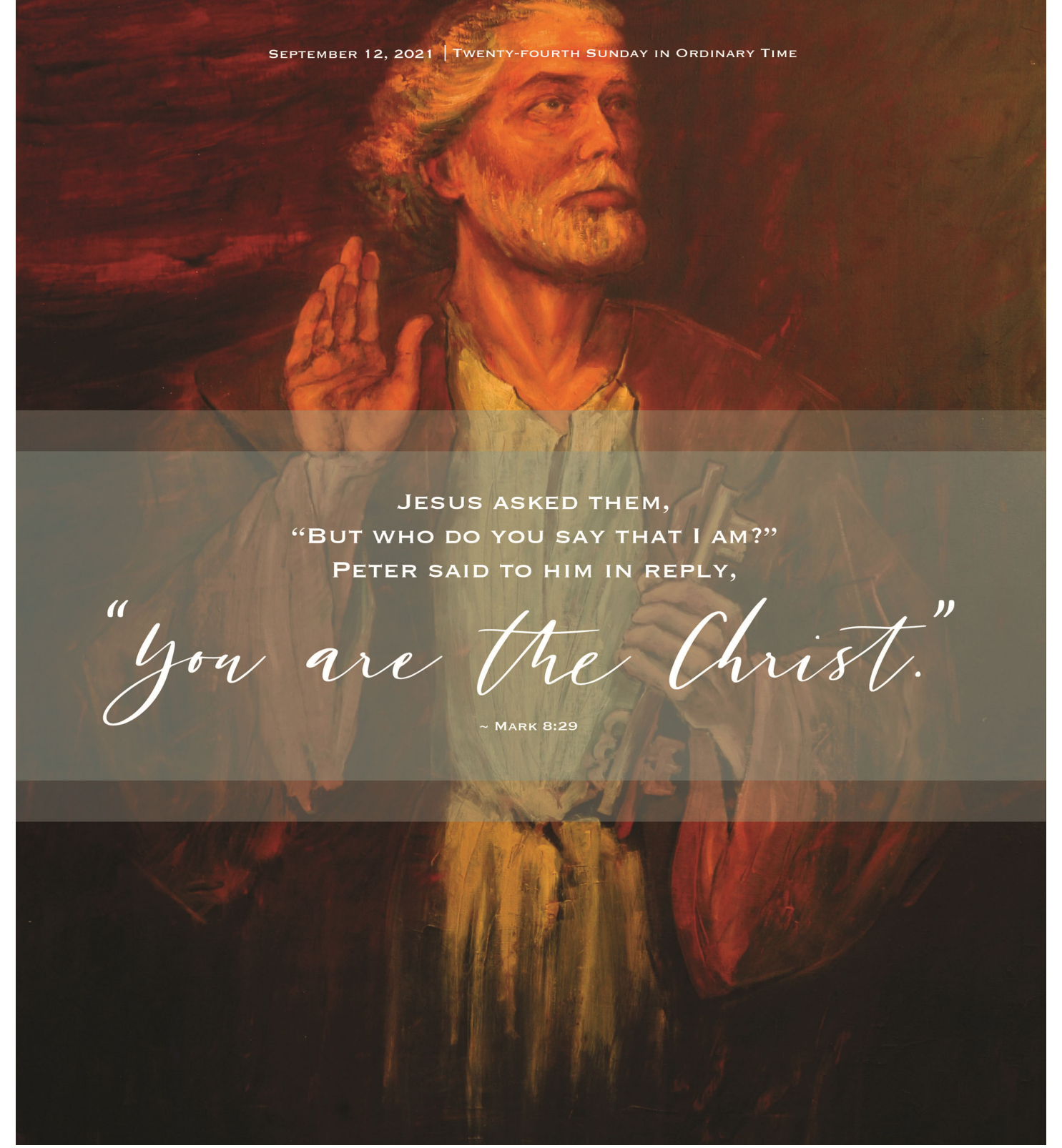




SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 | TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JESUS ASKED THEM,
“BUT WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?”
PETER SAID TO HIM IN REPLY,

“You are the Christ.”

~ MARK 8:29

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

REV. EBEN M. MACDONALD -PASTOR

REV. CYPRIAN CARLO -PRIEST IN RESIDENCE

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From the Desk of Father Mac

CALLED TO RENEW CAMPAIGN UPDATE



PARISH GOAL:	\$1,000,000
AMOUNT PLEDGED:	\$1,148,977
AMOUNT PAID:	\$707,427
BALANCE:	\$441,550

In 2018 the Archdiocese of Los Angeles launched the **Called to Renew** Capital Campaign with a goal of raising \$500,000,000 to strengthen parishes and ministries. We launched this campaign at St. Cyril's in August 2018 with a goal of raising **\$1,000,000** to be paid over a 5-year period with half of the funds to be sent to the archdiocese and the remaining half to remain here at St. Cyril's to complete projects on our parish wish list.

Thanks to our donors who made a commitment to **Called to Renew**, we exceeded our fundraising goal. Our current pledge total stands at **\$1,148,977**. To date, **\$707,427** has been paid toward pledges leaving an outstanding balance of **\$441,550**. Though the pandemic has impacted our pledge fulfillment efforts, most of our donors have been faithful to their pledges. For that, I offer my humble & sincere thanks.

Thanks to our generous donors, we have completed 3 major projects:

- Installation of a brand new heating and air conditioning system in the church (Cost: \$162,326)
- Resurfacing of the church roof (Cost: \$144,945)
- Remodel rectory reception area (Cost: \$13,000)

We also received **\$127,000** from the archdiocese to resurface our parking areas, repaint the exteriors of the church, rectory, and convent, repaint the interior of the parish hall, and new flooring in the convent, all at no cost to us!

Our ability to complete other projects such as sound system upgrades in the church and urgently needed repairs to the rectory depends on our donors honoring their commitment.

I am deeply sensitive to that fact that your financial circumstances may have changed due to the economic crisis caused by Covid-19. If you made a pledge and have not yet made a payment or have fallen behind on your payments we kindly ask that you make arrangements to make a payment as soon as possible. If for some reason, you are unable to resume your payments or need to adjust your payment plan please call the parish office at (818) 986-8234.

If you have not made a gift to this campaign or are new to the parish and would like to become involved please call the parish office to find out to make a gift or pledge. Your gift is fully tax-deductible and at this point in the campaign 100% of every dollar pledged will come back to our parish.

REVEREND EBEN MAC DONALD
PASTOR

Fr. Mac



Weekly Collection
Sunday, August 29th

Total: \$7,949
Weekly Goal: \$15,000
Weekly Deficit: \$7,051

MAY GOD REWARD YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



Our next Community Blood Drive
is scheduled for

SUNDAY SEPT. 19
FROM 8AM TO 2PM
IN THE PARISH HALL.

To make a donation appointment visit
redcrossblood.org and enter
sponsor code SCJCC.

*Blood supplies are at critical lows so don't miss
this chance to give a life-saving gift!*

BE A HERO, DONATE BLOOD



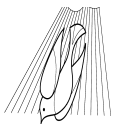
Holy Spirit Retreat Center in Encino is looking for a person to work in our retreat center kitchen. The job is full-time and the days are flexible. Working on some weekends is a necessity. The salary is \$15.00 per hour plus benefits. Some experience in cooking for groups is preferred, but we will train someone who is new to this type of work. The job involves preparing and serving the meals and cleaning the dining room and kitchen after each meal, washing dishes, purchasing and transporting food, unloading it (male staff members will assist with heavy lifting), and storing it in designated storage areas. When there are no groups at the Center other tasks will be assigned, such as housekeeping, light gardening, and deep cleaning of the kitchen and dining room. A more complete job description is available on request. If you have any questions, please contact Maria Simental at 818-285-3373.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

welcomes any adult who is interested in the Catholic faith and those Catholic adults who need to complete their Sacraments. Classes meet twice monthly, on Thursdays from 7-8:30pm. Please call the Religious Education Office to be included in the contact list.

RCIA

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION classes will begin this Fall for students who do not attend a Catholic school. We will be meeting on Tuesdays from 3:30- 4:45pm. Please call the Office of Religious Education for details 818-789-5947.



CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY Registration for new and returning candidates is now open. This group will meet on alternate Sundays here on the SCJ campus. For more information or to register please contact Program Director, Dianne Eusebio, at youthministry@st-cyril.org.

SAFEGUARDING THE CHILDREN**DID YOU KNOW?****WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE AFRAID OF FAMILY ABDUCTION**

Family abduction happens when a child is taken or hidden by one family member from another, against custody or visitation rights. In some circumstances, family abduction is considered a crime, and can be prosecuted. If you are worried about a possible family abduction, you can take action. Have a valid custody agreement that outlines who can see or take your child, and when. Advise your child's school or day-care about custody arrangements, including who can and cannot pick up your child. For more information, visit missingkids.org/theissues/familyabduction.

JOAN VIENNA-
DIRECTOR OF SAFEGUARDING THE CHILDREN
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**CANDLELIGHT ROSARY AND PRAYER GROUP**

Mondays at 7 pm in the church.

Please enter through the west doors of the church.
You can also join by teleconference.

TO DIAL IN BY PHONE - CALL +1.213.226.1066 FOLLOWED BY THE # KEY. THE CONFERENCE ID IS: 588-519-325 #

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THIS SPECIAL DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER.

**Mass Intentions****SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH**

4:00 pm Richard Lancaster- *RIP*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

8:00 am - Richard Alicata,

10:00 am -Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Simeone , *RIP*

Mr. & Mrs. Robert McNicol, *RIP*

12:00 pm - David Michael Shawler, *RIP*

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

7:30 am - Amanda Cardenas, *SPEC. INT.*

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

7:30 am - Sue Sarture , *RIP*

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

7:30 am - Christian Cardenas, *SPEC. INT.*

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

7:30 am - People of the Parish, *SPEC. INT.*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

7:30 am - Edward Dollenmayer, *RIP*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

7:30 am - People of the Parish, *SPEC. INT.*

O God,

On the anniversary of 9/11,
we call on your spirit to
empower us to shape a world
marked by ways of life that lead
to justice and peace.

We are still aware of the fear and
violence that has permeated our
world since September 11, 2001.

As we pray in remembrance of
that tragic day, help us to be
people of nonviolence and hope.

Form us into a people
determined to heal wounds
rather than inflict them.

We ask this in the name of Jesus
who came among us to
show us the way.

Amen

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem Church

SUNDAY & WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays: 4:00 PM
Sundays: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12 NOON
Sunday 12 Noon Mass LIVESTREAMED ON FACEBOOK
Vigil of Holy Days 7:00 PM
Holy Days 7:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 7:00 PM
Weekdays (MON-SAT) 7:30 AM

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 8:00-8:30 AM & 3:00-4:00 PM

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

TUESDAYS FOLLOWING THE 7:30 AM MASS

HOLY ROSARY

DAILY AFTER 7:30 AM MASS & MONDAYS AT 7PM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SECOND SUNDAYS, 2PM—PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE

WEDDINGS

MUST CONTACT THE PRIEST AT LEAST 6 MONTHS IN ADVANCE

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

8-9 AM FIRST FRIDAYS

Pray For



Regina Hagan
Mickey Pappas
Sheldon Payne
Mary Shartzter
Bob Farina
Maureen O'Connor
Dale Jergenson
Dolores Cardelucci
Valerie Ruelas
Charlene O'Brien
Dorothy Montanio

** All doctors,
nurses, medical
workers

** All those who
have lost their in-
come due to public
health closures**

** All those who are
suffering due to the
pandemic**

MARY, HEALTH OF THE SICK, PRAY FOR US

- Contact Us -

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SCHOOL	818- 501.4155
CONVENT	818- 784.1290
BIBLE STUDY	818- 789.5947
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY TO THE SICK	818- 986.8234
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Sept. 12, 2021

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Is 50:5-9a | Jas 2:14-18 | Mk 8:27-35

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I think it can be easy to romanticize faith: the post-retreat high, the inspirational homily, even the motivational wall art that pops up on Pinterest. But *keeping* the faith can be hard sometimes. And living it out? Even harder. Today's readings both challenge and encourage us, as they so often do. The Letter of James pulls no punches: Faith without works is "dead." And in today's Gospel, right after Peter says, "You are the Christ," Jesus tempers that Good News, telling him that even the Son of Man must suffer greatly. We who follow Jesus must also be willing to take up our cross. This is a daily challenge to choose life over death; to choose the transformative power of Jesus over sin that creeps into our lives; to make the choice to put others' needs before our own. None of this is easy. But as the prophet Isaiah reminds us, we don't have to do it alone; indeed, the Lord God is our help. We can choose well.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I'm inspired when the young people in our parish assist with the Sunday liturgy and do service projects in the community. As a working parent (and back when I was a "stay-at-home" mom), I tell myself, maybe someday when things slow down, I'll do more. But honestly, I think the teens in the youth group – between work, school, and sports – are busier than I am. As we listen to today's readings, wherever we may be in life and faith, what stands out? Is it James' entreaty to pair faith with works? Or Jesus' words that "whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it"? Or the prophet Isaiah's rock-solid faith? Today's readings give us many ways to witness to our faith in Jesus – through prayer, service, generosity, perseverance, works, and words. We can ask the Holy Spirit to show us which of these gifts we can share with others this week.

ACTIONS Brainstorm new ways to witness to your faith.

It could be as simple as picking up extra food for the pantry in the back of church or changing up "Grace" at dinner to add prayers for others.