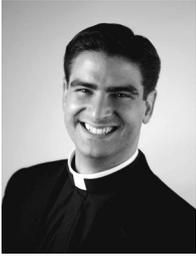


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Dear Friends in Christ,

Today's Gospel dominates our Scriptures – so much so that we can fail to notice the words of Isaiah in the first reading. Taken from the Song of the Suffering Servant, the prophet sets the scene for what will follow and for what the Church places before us today. It points to one perennial question: Does human suffering have any meaning?

Suffering is one of life's great mysteries. It can be random, unexpected, and found in many forms derived from natural evil (things of nature, such as natural disasters, disease and illness – the list is endless); and from moral evils – those acts committed by humans that are morally wrong and impact relationships, cause grief, destroy life. That list also is endless.

Surrounded by its effects, we seek to explain it or at least understand it, even when no explanation is possible. As people of faith, suffering seems to go against our most basic image of a loving God, and we find ourselves asking how could God let this happen?

So, we take comfort in Scripture. Remember the words of Isaiah: *The Lord was pleased to crush him in infirmity*, and the words of the Letter to the Hebrews: *Since Christ has been tested in every way ... let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.*

Initially, we might not find much solace here, but when we look through the eyes of faith we see that these words do not seek to explain suffering, but to help us realize that even in moments of trial, good can emerge. The Suffering Servant does not suffer in vain, but justifies many. His suffering has value.

Today's Gospel further develops this theme of finding value in suffering. The Twelve are learning that leadership and authority are not about glory, but service and self-giving. In a radical way, Jesus reverses the worldwide view of power, making suffering and service, symbolized in the cup of suffering, the hallmark of discipleship.

Therefore, in Christ we can begin to use suffering for a greater purpose – to learn from it and to join our sufferings to Christ's for the justification of others. No moment of human suffering goes unnoticed by God. It is part of life and cannot be avoided, but what gives us hope is not that Christ suffered, but that he triumphs over

suffering in the resurrection. Our hope is that we, too, can share in that victory.

Yours in Christ Jesus,  
Fr. Marco

**TRUNK OR TREAT IHM** is hosting a "Trunk or Treat" in the main IHM Parking Lot on October 31st from 2:30 pm until 4:30 pm. Parishioners are encouraged to bring their families to share candies with one another.

**FIRST FRIDAY FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT** Come join us on Friday, November 5th, for our monthly First Friday Family Movie Night! In celebration of All Souls, this month we will enjoy the "new" Disney classic "Coco". The doors to the social hall will open at 6:30pm, with the movie starting at 7:15pm. We do have a small snack bar available, with hopes of adding more items that you suggest!

**SIGN UP TO FORMED!** In order to sign up to Formed, the premier site to access Catholic Media online, go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and press "sign up" and then "sign up as a parishioner". Type in the zip code of the parish "20653", follow the directions to make an account, and then enjoy!

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S RETREAT** Encounter Grace, a local Catholic women's group, will host a Catholic women's retreat on Saturday, November 6, 2021, from 8 am - 3 pm, at St. Aloysius Parish Hall, Leonardtown MD. This retreat will focus on helping women rediscover where God is at work in their everyday lives. Tickets on sale now at [www.encountergrac.co](http://www.encountergrac.co) Email [hello@encountergrace.co](mailto:hello@encountergrace.co) with any questions.

**ALL SOULS ENVELOPES** If you would like to have a particular person prayed for during the month of All Souls, please fill out the All Souls Envelopes located at the entrances to the church. All envelopes must be turned in by the weekend of October 23/24.

**ALL SOULS MASS TIMES** Mass times for All Souls are as follows: November 1st at 9 am, 12 noon, and 7 pm.

**ALL SOULS MASS FOR IHM PARISHIONERS** A special Mass to commemorate the deceased of this past year will be held at IHM on Tuesday, November 2nd at 5:30 pm.

**COAT DRIVE** Members of St Vincent de Paul of IHM will once again be collecting coats and other winter outerwear in good condition before all Masses the weekend of November 6th and 7th. These items will be taken to the Clothes Closet at the Lexington Park United Methodist for distribution to the needy of our area. Please take time in the next weeks to look through your closets!

# THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



October 18 — October 24

<b>Monday</b>	2 Tim 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/ Lk 10:1-9
<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Helen Donovan (D)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Ps 40:7-10, 17/ Lk 12:35-38
<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Janice Hall (D)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-8/ Lk 12:39-48
<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Sabrina Markel (L)</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-4, 6/ Lk 12:49-53
<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Edgar Bozzini (D)</b>
<b>Friday</b>	Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94/ Lk 12:54-59
<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Virginia Bauer (L)</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-6/ Lk 13:1-9
<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Karlis Dinbergs (L)</b>
<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>All IHM Parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-6/Heb 5:1-6/ Mk 10:46-52
<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Francisco and Lourdes Ocado (L)</b>
<b>11:15 am</b>	<b>Tony Masseur (D)</b>
<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Rev. Marco Schad (L)</b>

## RESPECT LIFE MONTH

October has been designated as Respect Life Month. The following activity will be occurring at IHM.

### All Month

Baby Shower for Care Net Pregnancy Center. Bring in items of clothing, diapers, formula, etc. and place in the bassinets in the back of church. Prayer for Pregnant Mothers Prayer Cards. will be available on the tables at the Main and Foyer exits. Please take one and pray for pregnant mothers throughout the month.

**SECOND COLLECTION** The second collection on the weekend of October 23/24 is for World Mission Sunday. The donations collected will be used to support the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. The Society for the Propagation of the Faith is the Holy Father's chief outreach to more than 1,150 mission dioceses across the globe that depend on annual help and the prayers of all of us.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE** Please email your submission to [bulletin@ihmrcc.org](mailto:bulletin@ihmrcc.org) by Wednesday at 10 am prior to the Sunday of publication. All entries are subject to editing.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH** October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. To learn more about the Catholic response, visit the U.S. Bishop's website for their Pastoral Letter: "When I Call for Help" ([http://bit.ly/usccb\\_dv](http://bit.ly/usccb_dv)) If you or a family member or friend needs help now, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 800-799-7233 (24 hours); 800-787-3224 (TTY); [www.ndvh.org](http://www.ndvh.org). If you are in immediate danger, call 911.

1 out of 4 women, 1 out of 7 men have suffered severe physical violence in the hands of their beloved spouse. The Priest Domestic Violence Advisory Committee at Catholic Charities invites parishioners to learn more about how to help families and friends suffering domestic abuse. Help is available at: 800-799-7233 (24 hours); 800-787-3224 (TTY). For Catholic Charities resources, videos how to develop a domestic violence ministry at your parish see [www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/familypeace](http://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/familypeace).

**PRAYER CHAIN** The Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine has a prayer line where you can talk and pray with someone over the phone. The prayer line is open Monday thru Friday from 10-5. Call 1-866-202-4934.

**MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS** Mass with Healing Prayers is on Monday, October 25th. Confession starts at 6:30 pm, with Mass at 7:00 pm. Healing Service with Eucharistic Adoration starts at 7:45 pm.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

### THE SICK

#### THAT THEY MAY BE RESTORED TO FULL HEALTH

Audrey Somers, Louise Shafer, Helen Daye, Kathleen Floyd, Mary Oliver, Judith Ann Allgood, Vince Guerin, Jane Keyon, Linda F. Gieser, Jim Brown, Ralph Gough Sr., Betty LePore, Dinnette Briscoe, Bill Wagoner, Paula Coxon, Vincent Campanella, Ray Dion, Joseph Hugh Weiland, Pete Mesmer, Rylee Corliss, Rose Marie Weiland, Alan Stapanon, Ruby Garcia, Mia Garcia, Matthew Riddell

*Please note: names will remain on this list for two months, unless otherwise notified. To keep a name on the list, please resubmit by contacting [bulletin@ihmrcc.org](mailto:bulletin@ihmrcc.org), or call the Parish Office.*

#### PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

Follow us on



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**ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL PUMPKIN DASH** St. John's School is hosting the "Pumpkin Dash- the pet edition," a virtual 5K run/walk and 10K bike ride (1-mile run/walk and 3-mile bike ride for children) from October 31st through November 6th. Run, walk, or ride anywhere you'd like! Registration includes t-shirt, finisher medal or water bottle, commemorative tiny bib, pet costume contest and more! Proceeds benefit St. John's School and MedStar St. Mary's Hospital Cancer Care and Infusion Services. Register at [www.sjshollywood.org](http://www.sjshollywood.org).

**FALL OYSTERFEST** at Benedict on the Patuxent, Saint Francis de Sales Hall, Saturday, November 6, 7209 Benedict Ave. 12-3 PM. The menu includes local oysters fried, scalded raw at outdoor bar, steamed shrimp, ham, and a variety of side dishes. Cost is \$20 per adult, reserve a table for six and one person eats free. Family rates can apply. Call for more info at 301-274-3416.

**BIBLE STUDY AT ST. GEORGE IN VALLEY LEE** We invite you to join us for this 7-week study October 22nd – December 10th after 9 am Friday morning Mass as we engage in an intense study of The Nicene Creed and learn how this 4th century statement of our faith has profoundly influenced Christian spirituality, theology and liturgy in both The East and The West. Please join our 2-hour sessions as we listen/learn/discuss/fellowship and grow in faith. For more information, contact Joyce Blackwell at 856-842-2667.

**LET'S TALK ABOUT IT SERIES** Ladies! Join the Encounter Grace team on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at Immaculate Conception Parish Hall, Mechanicsville MD, for a relaxed evening as we discuss the life of St. Andrew. Just in time to celebrate his feast day, November 30, 2021! This is a free event, but we do request an RSVP: <https://www.encountergrace.co/lets-talk-about-it-series>. If require any help, please email [hello@encountergrace.co](mailto:hello@encountergrace.co).

**ST. NICHOLAS FALL BAZAAR** St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Laurel will hold their 2021 Fall Bazaar on Friday, October 29th from 2 pm until 8 pm as well as on Saturday, October 30th from 9 am until 8 pm. Expect to see booths like "Treasure Trove" and "Pages from the Past", a basket chance raffle, wine tombola, handmade crafts, as well as food concessions (Snacks, Breakfast, Lunch, & 2 Dinners). All meals are To-Go with outside seating available. The Grand Raffle will kickoff at the bazaar. Prince George's County COVID-19 Guidelines are in place with Masks Required. For information, contact Donna Cellini at [donnac803@aol.com](mailto:donnac803@aol.com), or Debbie Rausch at [rauschda@gmail.com](mailto:rauschda@gmail.com).

**MEN'S MORNING OF RECOLLECTION** with Fr. Larry Swink on Saturday, October 30th from 7 am to 11 am at St. Peter Claver in St. Indigoes. This morning recollection will feature a Holy Hour, Mass, Confession, and a talk by Fr. Larry. The topic of Father Larry's discussion will be "never forget devotion to the souls in Purgatory." Just in time for All-Souls Day!

**PRO LIFE ART CONTEST** The Archdiocese of Washington will be hosting their first annual Pro-Life Contest. Youth are invited to share projects in any of three categories: protest art, visual art, and video art. For more information about submitting art and descriptions of each category, go to [youthrallyandmassforlife.org](http://youthrallyandmassforlife.org) or contact [prolife@adw.org](mailto:prolife@adw.org). Art must be submitted by midnight on January 1, 2022. Submission accepted from youth ages 13-18.

**LIVESTREAM MASS** Join us for our livestream Masses: the 4 pm Mass on Saturdays in English, and 1 pm on Sundays in Spanish at [mass.ihmrcc.org](http://mass.ihmrcc.org).

**MEN'S DISCERNMENT MASS AND DINNER** On October 17th from 3 to 6:30 pm at St. Peter's Church on Capitol Hill, 313 Second Street, SE, Washington, D.C. Mass begins as 3:00 p.m., followed by Evening Prayer, a brief talk, and dinner. This Event is for men (18 and older) who are open to a call to the priesthood. This is a great opportunity for the men to hear inspiring vocations stories and speak with priests and seminarians Our homilist will be Msgr. Charles Pope, Pastor of Holy Comforter–St. Cyprian. No cost for this event, but registration is required. Register at <https://dcpriest.org/2021-fall-mens-discernment-mass-and-dinner>.

**QUO VADIS COME AND SEE RETREAT** November 6th to 7th at Saint John Paul II Seminary. The retreat is an overnight visit to experience seminary life firsthand. This retreat is for young men in grades 11 or 12 who are interested in learning more about the priesthood and seminary. Retreatants will have a chance to talk and pray with seminarians, listen to insightful talks, and enjoy sports. There is no cost for this event, but registration is required. Register at <https://dcpriest.org/2021-come-and-see-retreat>.

**OPEN HOUSE** St. Mary's Ryken Fall Open House is on Sunday, October 24th at 1 pm. Families are invited to tour our campus in-person, meet President Wood and Principal Bowes, faculty, staff and students, and learn more about our college preparatory, Catholic environment for students in grades 9-12. Please RSVP at [www.smrhs.org/OpenHouse](http://www.smrhs.org/OpenHouse).



October 17, 2021

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 53:10-11 | Heb 4:14-16 | Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

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

What do we do best? Some of us might be math whizzes, others can send a golf ball exactly where we intend. How do we get there? Practice, natural talent, and a good coach or teacher. Following Jesus, though, is another matter entirely. As today's readings remind us, we grow as Christians not by building ourselves up but by giving ourselves away. In Isaiah, we hear about the suffering servant who "did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." That suffering servant is Jesus, who admonishes the Apostles as they jostle for position as his right-hand man. Ultimately, the greatest among them will be "a slave of all," Jesus reminds them. His words challenge us to put as much energy and prayer into finding ways to better serve others as we do other areas of our lives. We can look to Jesus, Mary, St. Joseph, and all the saints as role models.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

**PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

I bet most of us can think of a friend who seems like a natural "giver." He shovels the neighbor's walk without being asked. She sends flowers or a meal during a difficult time. Serving others can take so many forms, from a simple hug or phone call to volunteering at a soup kitchen. In today's readings, Jesus invites us to bear witness to his sacrifice through humble service. It may not come naturally for all of us all the time, but that's where God's grace and the Holy Spirit come in. We can ask for the strength, creativity, flexibility - whatever we may lack - to recognize the needs around us and respond. Before we know it, our generosity will overflow and encourage others as they, too, seek to grow in Christian service.

**ACTION** Watching the news or even scrolling through your social-media feed can be overwhelming at times. Instead of tuning out, find a small way to help - through prayer, a donation to a Catholic organization, or a phone call or card to a friend going through a difficult time.