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of the Assumption

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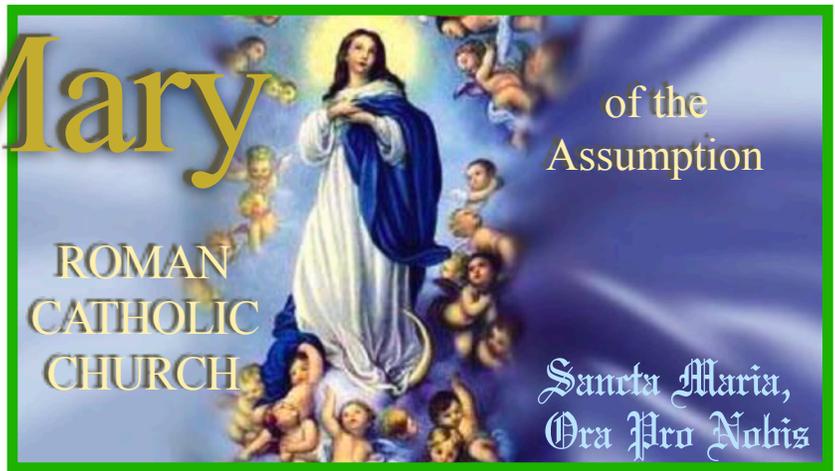
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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 8, 2019

“Humility: Action, Not Feeling” Fr. Bosco Padamattummal

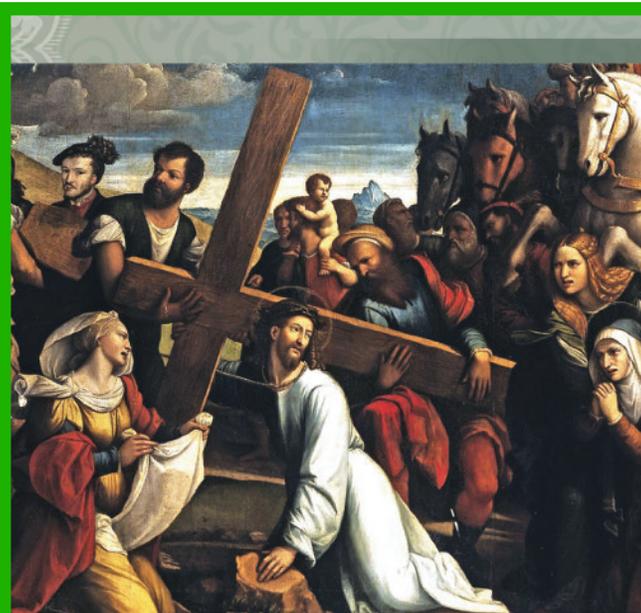
Jesus is addressing the crowd who is following Him, hearing Him and seeing His miracles and being attracted to Him and is in the process of deciding what to do with Him. His words reveal the extreme character of discipleship: the language is unmistakably absolute, definitive, severe, you might say. But this is not anyone speaking other than God Himself; God incarnate, the Lord, Jesus Christ. He establishes the standards of discipleship. Our Lord's words, frankly, weren't very friendly; they were frightening. They weren't even comforting; they were threatening. They certainly weren't easy; they were hard. His invitations to salvation; while motivated by love and compassion, filled with grace and mercy, offering forgiveness, peace and joy were still demanding at what anybody would say is a very extreme level. In fact, the Old Testament tells us that the commandments are all summed up in one great commandment, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength." And that's what Jesus is calling for, a dominating love, a surpassing love, a love beyond all other loves, a supreme love. And He is thwarting superficiality. He had this large group of followers. Most probably some were nominally committed, some just out of curiosity. This Gospel passage makes it clear that as He raises the standard, makes the demands more absolute, more exclusive and more extreme to be His disciple; the superficial disciples begin to drop off.

As you move through the book of Acts, in chapters 11, 14 and 15, you find disciples and Christians becoming

synonymous. And so, really, this section is about how one becomes a true disciple. This is how you come to the banquet of God, this is how you come to heaven, this is how you receive eternal life. Becoming a disciple of Christ is not an invitation to add something to your life. It is a call to salvation, a rescue from hell to heaven. And what Jesus asks for here is so amazingly extreme. I mean, the language in what we just read is very extreme: hating your family, carrying your cross, hating your own life, giving up all your own possessions. It is an attitude of extreme commitment.

Let me tell you some of the other things that Jesus said. Matthew 10:34, "Do not think that I have come to bring peace on the earth. I didn't come to bring peace, but a sword." Jesus is saying it'll cost you everything. That is the extremity of true discipleship. First, being Christ's disciple demands abandonment of past priorities. Secondly, it demands an assessment of present powers. Thirdly, it demands allegiance to future potential.

That seems contrary to what the Bible teaches because we're commanded to love everybody. We're commanded, for example in Exodus 20:12, to honor our parents. Certainly that implies loving them. We're told in Ephesians 5:25 to love our wives. And we're taught to love our children. And the best way, maybe, to clear that up is in Matthew 10:37, "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me." It's about loving more and loving less. That's essentially what that love-hate



23rd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:27

"Y el que no carga su cruz y me sigue, no puede ser mi discípulo". - Lc 14, 27

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PARISH CALENDAR

Mass Intentions, [Requested By], Parish Activities

SAT., SEPT 7	Weekday/First Saturday/BVM
Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5 (436)	8:30 am First Saturday Mass: †Rita Townsend [Linda McGee] 3:30-4:30 pm Confession 5:00 pm Vigil Mass: †Russell Aiuto [Alice Kidd]
SUN., SEPT 8	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33 (129) Pss III	8:00-8:15 am Confession 8:30 am Mass: †Wanda Antieau [Alice Kidd]  10:00-10:15 am Confession 10:30 am Mass: For the People Coffee Hour following each Sunday Mass
MON., SEPT 9	St. Peter Claver
Col 1:24-29/2:3/Lk 6:6-11 (437)	12:10 pm Mass: † Gerald Damian [Claudia Damian] 1:00 pm Amazing Greys - FFH 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting - PC
TUES., SEPT 10	Weekday
Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19 (438)	8:30 am Mass: †Rita Townsend [Cherry Badger and Family]
WED., SEPT 11	Weekday
Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26 (439)	8:30 am Mass: INT: A miracle for Dorothea Irvin [Lisa Chisnell]
THURS., SEPT 12	Weekday/Most Holy Name of Mary
Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38 (440)	8:30 am Mass: †Bonnie VanBeylen [Bill and Sandi Kwolek]
FRI., SEPT 13	St. John Chrysostom
1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Lk 6:39-42 (441)	8:30 am Mass: †Douglas Muldoon [John and Tina Doyle and Family] 11:00 am Senior Appreciation Mass and Luncheon - St. Mary Chelsea
SAT., SEPT 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17 (638) Pss Prop	3:30-4:30 pm Confession 5:00 pm Vigil Mass: †Charles VanBeylen [Bill and Sandi Kwolek] 7:30 pm Praise and Worship Night - Church
SUN., SEPT 15	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10 (132) Pss IV	8:00-8:15 am Confession 8:30 am Mass: For the People 9:30-10:30 am Religious Education - FFH 10:00-10:15 am Confession 10:30 am Mass: †Joseph and †Helen Germek [Kathy and Martin Brogley]

Need Help?

Alternatives to Abortion: Right to Life MI Hotline 800-57WOMAN or visit www.optionline.org	"AA" group meets Fridays and Sundays at 7:00 pm - Emmanuel Church Kitchen.
"Courage" is a Catholic (endorsed by Diocese) spiritual support group for those struggling with same sex attraction.	"Encourage" is a separate support group for the families and friends of 'Courage' clients. Call 517-342-2596
"Project Rachel" (post-abortive reconciliation and healing) Call the confidential phone line: 517-993-0291 or email nlc@resurrectionlansing.org	For more news and events in the area, please visit our website: stmarymanchester.org

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concept is conveying. This is a call to love no one the way you love God. What He is saying is that when you come to Me and you want to be My disciple, you will love Me to the degree that it makes all other loves and all other loyalties subordinate. And whenever our family comes into conflict with the Lord, our love for the Lord dictates what we do. We cannot serve two masters. It is not that we hate them in actuality as if they had no place in our hearts. In the



context of the first century, of course, this was pretty clear to them because, when a Jewish person made a commitment to Jesus Christ, he would immediately alienate his family. When a Muslim or Hindu becomes Christian their families may not agree with their decision. Alienation of the worst kind can occur in that situation. In our Western culture we sometimes struggle to understand what this means, but it is still true when you come to Christ from a different religion.

Dear brothers and sisters, to be a Christian is a call to salvation where we have to give up everything in terms of relationships and possessions that hinder our love of God. It is not a call to a superficial kind of response. The kingdom of God is a treasure that is valuable, the pearl is that priceless. We should have the beatitude attitude to be a true disciple, "Blessed are the poor in spirit." That is what St. Paul did when he said, "everything I had I considered manure." He had respect, a good reputation, position as a scholar of the Jewish religion and wealth. When he encountered the Risen Lord, he was completely transformed and left everything to be a follower of Christ. ❖

Area News

Planning meetings for the Fall 2019 Ann Arbor 40 Days for Life Campaign will be held on Wednesdays **Sept. 11th** and **18th** at 7 pm at Bob Evans, 2411 Carpenter Rd. Contact Sandie at PLAN2pray@gmail.com or 734-657-1936 or 40daysforlife.com/annarbor

St. Louis Center is Hiring Direct Care staff. Visit stlouiscenter.org for more details or to apply.

You were Made for More featuring Christopher West at St. Patricks in Brighton **September 25th** at 7:00 pm. Seating will be limited, so get your tickets soon by visiting <https://bit.ly/2HoHkGI>

National Day of Remembrance for Unborn Children will be commemorated **September 14th** at the Holy Spirit Cemetery 9565 Musch Rd, Brighton at 10:00 am. More times and locations can be found here: abortionmemorials.com/sites.php



St. Mary
Roman Catholic
Church
Stewardship

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS
Sunday, August 25, 2019

Sunday Envelopes\$5,080.00
Loose Cash & Checks\$71.00
Welcome Envelopes\$6.00
E-Giving\$165.64

Weekly toward budget\$5,322.64
Weekly goal\$5,300.00
Amt. **ABOVE** goal.....\$22.64

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:
Buildings and Maintenance... \$85.00
American Evangelization ..\$10.00
Poor Box\$33.49
Votive Candles.....\$52.00

Parish Family
Birthdays

- Sept 8.....Megan Miller
- Sept 8.....Frank M. Remski
- Sept 9.....Cassidy Sangster
- Sept 9.....Ricardo Villarreal
- Sept 10.....Kay Hartman
- Sept 10.....Marjorie Kuboff
- Sept 10.....Jim Warner
- Sept 11.....Carol Selecki
- Sept 11.....Ethan Woods
- Sept 14.....Sarah Cencer
- Sept 14.....Cecilia Niehaus
- Sept 14.....Melissa Yekulis

Sanctuary Lamps

are burning this week for:

1. Happy Birthday Jim!
(Love you, Marja)

Coffee Hour

TODAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH
SPONSORED BY YOUTH GROUP



Altar Flowers

For the week of **September 8th**
"Happy Birthday Jim!"
sponsored by
Your loving wife, Marja



Parish News

Religious Education News

Grades 1-8 will begin religious education classes on **Sunday, September 15th**. Classes begin at 9:30 am and meet in the Fr. Fisher Hall on the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of the month. Second Sundays will be reserved for whole group lessons and service projects, meeting in the church or Parish Center. First Communion and First Reconciliation will be a part of the 1st/2nd grade class sessions and candidates must attend weekly. If you still need a registration packet, they are in the church vestibule. We look forward to working with families as we try this format for a year. If you have any questions please email stmarymanchester.dre@gmail.com.

Surveillance Expertise Sought

Fr. Bosco would like anyone with expertise in installing security cameras to contact him about setting up a new surveillance system at our Parish Center in the near future. Please call the Parish Office at 734-428-8811 if you can offer any help or advice with this important project.

New Parish Bible Study

Ever wondered what God's plan of salvation is? Do you think He has a plan? What's the "plot" behind Old Testament history? To find out, register for the "Genesis to Jesus" Bible study, starting this Fall on the third Monday of each month, at 7:15 pm in the Fr. Fisher Hall. Registration is necessary so we know how many workbooks to order; there will be a discounted fee of \$15 for their purchase. To register, contact the parish office. This is a great opportunity

to get a complete overview of the Old Testament and how it points to the New. Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule.

Attention Seniors

Amazing Greys will resume meetings on **Monday, September 9th** following the 12:10 pm Mass. Please join us in the Fr. Fisher Hall for a potluck lunch.

Annual Senior Recognition

The Annual Senior Parishioners Recognition Event hosted by the Washtenaw Catholic Council on Aging is scheduled for **Friday, September 13th** at St. Mary in Chelsea. Mass is at 11:00 am and lunch will follow in the parish hall. Please contact the parish office at 734-428-8811 to RSVP.

Help Restore Hope

The Diocese of Lansing Catholic Women's Conference will be held on **Saturday, October 12th**. Watch for more information soon to help navigate yourself on the journey to this event. Visit LansingDiocesecwc.org for more information. Sponsorships are available, contact Becky Loveland for more info 313-330-5617.

Masses and Memorials

If you would like to sponsor the Sanctuary Lamps, Altar Flowers or request a Mass for an intention or memorial, openings are available. Call the Parish Office at 734-428-8811.

Adorn your Yard

Consider adding a simple white cross to your landscaping in order to give glory to God and witness to the resurrection. The Knights of Columbus made it easy by constructing simple white crosses just the right size. You can purchase one for \$5 at The Flower Garden.

Please Pray for:

- Matt Beals
- Duane Beuerle
- Country of Burkina-Faso
(ongoing terrorism)
- Dana
- Maxine Delaschmit
- Walt Faubion
- Ray Gavin



- Mike Gibbons
- Tom Klaczyk
- Wilma Lentz
- Babette Medlock
- Patrick Muldoon
- Paula Saft
- Thomas Strong
- Bruce Sommers
- Eddie and Judy Walz
- Sharon Warren

Banns of Marriage
II. Tyler Arie Gouwens
&
Katherine Anne Remski

September 20, 2019