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Get Behind Me, Satan by James Tissot

Fr. Matthew Marshall
Pastor

August 30, 2020

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2020

1) Jeremiah 20:7-9
2) Romans 12:1-2
3) Matthew 16:21-27

FOCUS: Trust in and follow the way of Jesus.

Peter can be excused for thinking as a human does, for he is human! But what gets him in trouble is his mistaken idea that he knows better than Jesus – that he knows better how Jesus ought to carry out his mission. This is reminiscent of the Fall: Pride in one’s own knowledge over that of God’s. We’re all susceptible to that, and Jesus reminds Peter – and us – that his way is the way. All we need to do is trust, and follow.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Jeremiah accuses the Lord of duping him, for his prophecies are met with laughter and mocking, derision and reproach. Paul encourages the Romans to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice. In the Gospel, Jesus reveals that he must suffer greatly, and Peter attempts to dissuade him. Jesus accuses Peter of thinking not as God does, but as human beings do. He then tells his disciples that in order to follow him, they must take up their cross.

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From Fr. Matt

Thank you everyone for being so flexible with the new Mass schedule. We will try this for a time and then reassess at a later date how this is working for everyone: both parishes, me, and the wider community.

It has also become increasingly common for pastors to have their e-mail impersonated by persons looking to steal resources from unexpecting parishioners. PLEASE TAKE NOTE: I will only implore the time, talent, and treasure of St. Mary’s parishioners via direct phone call, our Bulletin, a letter, or in person. Please do not offer your personal information or monies to anyone claiming to represent St. Mary’s or myself, especially through a form as easily manipulated as an e-mail. "Be shrewd as serpents and simple as doves.” (Mt 10:16) I am looking into some other e-mail options to try and avoid issues of this nature. Stay tuned for more info.

Parish Announcements

Reminder New Mass Schedule
With Fr. Matt now serving both Coon Valley and Viroqua, Mass times have been adjusted. Here in Coon Valley, we will retain our 4:00 PM on Saturday and the 8:00 AM on Sunday, we will no longer have a 10:30 AM Mass. For weekday Masses, we will retain 6:00 PM on Tuesday and no longer have a Wednesday or Friday morning, rather we will have a Thursday morning at 8:00 AM.

Food Drive
We will have another food drive September 20, 11:30A – 2:00P in the St. Mary’s, Coon Valley, parking lot. Food pantry TBD.

Parish Financial Support Options
- US Postal Service: mail directly to the parish office.
- Bill Pay through online banking, add St. Mary’s as contact (if possible, use your envelope number as the account number).
- Use our online service at: diolc.org/st-mary-coon-valley (a 3% fee will be assessed by the provider of the giving portal, your contribution will be recorded for the full amount).

Staying Connected
- The parish bulletin will continue to be available on our Website—www.stmarycv.org
- We are mailing the bulletin to those over the age of 80 (if their age is recorded in our database)
- Copies of the bulletin will also be available in the church for pickup during private prayer times.
- If you know of someone who does not have internet and could benefit from having the bulletin mailed to their home, please contact the parish office with the person(s) name(s).

Explosion in Beirut – You Can Help On August 4, a massive explosion rocked Beirut, Lebanon, injuring more than 5,000 and killing at least 137. Officials are still evacuating residents, while trying to grasp the cost in human life and misery. Along with Caritas Lebanon, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is distributing emergency supplies, clearing rubble, and preparing medical and mental health teams for dispatch. Your donation can help. Visit crs.org to learn how.

First Saturday Devotions
First Saturday Devotions are starting again at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Join us on Saturday, September 5 at 11:15 a.m. for a meditation on the Holy Rosary followed by the Holy Rosary at 11:45 a.m. and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 12:15 p.m. Confession will be available from 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 a.m. and also following Mass.

Catholic Home Study Course for Adults
Learn more about your Catholic Faith by studying at home and then joining this monthly facilitated study group. An informational meeting will be held on Saturday September 5th at 9:30 a.m. at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the Pilgrim Center Orientation Room. Call 608-782-0011 for more information.

Wisconsin and U.S. Bishops Address Racism
Bishop Callahan and his brother bishops of the Wisconsin Catholic Conference have issued a statement addressing the brutal killing of George Floyd and the painful reality of racism. You can read it, and find brief videos and other resources, at diolc.org/racism.

Wisconsin Farmer Wellness Hotline
Diocese of La Crosse farmers now have another resource they can use when facing extreme stress and other challenges. They now have access to a free and confidential counseling resource, by contacting the Farm Center at the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. This is a 24/7 Farmer Wellness Hotline; it can be reached at 1-888-901-2558. Licensed mental health professionals contracted by the department will provide immediate, in-the-moment care. In addition, long-term options are available. Persons who prefer an in-person session can request to meet with a local provider through the Farm Center’s (1-800-942-2474) longstanding Counseling Voucher Program.

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Resources for Seniors:
There is a new service for advising seniors. Please visit this website: https://www.senioradvice.com/assisted-living
insert your zip code and find valuable information related to senior assisted living.

Week of August 30th Readings

**Monday 31 August**
1 Corinthians 2:1-5
The Corinthians found Paul a poor speaker and were unimpressed. He turns this around by saying, in effect, “I don’t want you to be impressed by fine speeches and even logic, because as the center stands the contradiction of the cross.”
Luke 4:16-30
This compact account, brought forward and expanded by Luke, is really a symbolic tableau, anticipating the ministry of Jesus, his destiny, and the later expansion of the Way in the Acts. Jesus is portrayed as a prophet, whose word is penetrating.

**Tuesday 1 September**
1 Corinthians 2:10-16
What should we say of the Holy Spirit in our lives? We could do worse than pay attention to the first and last affirmations of this reading: “The Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.” “But we are those who have the mind of Christ.”
Luke 4:31-37
What kind of authority did Jesus have? Truly effective authority, as we see in this remarkable story.

**Wednesday 2 September**
1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Continuing his argument with the Corinthians, Paul starts by admitting that after his preaching there was more to be said by the likes of Apollos. Nevertheless, preachers are only those who plant and water. It is God who gives the growth.
Luke 4:38-44
Our Gospel today shows us Jesus as a very busy person who also needed to “recharge his batteries”, as we say. Luke’ underlines throughout the prayer and prayerfulness of Jesus.

**Thursday 3 September**
St Gregory the Great, bishop of Rome, doctor
1 Corinthians 3:18-23
The Corinthians were inclined to think of themselves as spiritually advanced and, in various ways, superior. Such boasting has no place and Paul knocks it firmly on the head.
Usually, the call stories are stripped of all human interest. Luke makes the response of the first disciples more credible by showing that they did indeed have some previous experience of Jesus.

**Friday 4 September**
1 Corinthians 4:1-5
Judging others, especially people in leadership, is a constant “pastime”, even in earliest communities of faith. Paul has no truck with such human assessments: only God is his, and our, judge.
Jesus was challenged because in his ministry he was not traditional. For example, he did not promote fasting. The early church did take up fasting and our Gospel is an attempt to explain why this is okay even if

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Jesus himself did not promote it. The marriage symbolism is part of the preaching of the Kingdom.

**Saturday 5 September**
1 Corinthians 4:6-15
Once more, Paul tries to set aside party politics in the life of the community. He gives a very moving account of the lowly role of the apostle—a tour de force. At the same time, he does not neglect to remind the Corinthians of the origin of the faith among them and he (alone!) is their one father.
Today’s Gospel is a funny little story and one could be bold and ask what were the Pharisees doing in a cornfield on the Sabbath!! The main point, however, cannot be missed: Jesus’ ministry was utterly new, calling for novelty in thought and practice.

**KIDS CORNER**

"Take up Your Cross" Match-up

Jesus began to tell the disciples that He would have to suffer and be killed. How did the disciples react? What did Jesus say then?
Connect the phrases on the left with the ones that follow on the right.

1. Peter said, “God forbid, Lord!"
   A. will find it.
2. Jesus said, “Get behind me, Satan!”
   B. take up his cross and follow me.
3. You are not thinking as God does
   C. You are an obstacle to me.
4. Whoever wishes to come after me
   D. No such thing shall ever happen to You!
5. Whoever wishes to save his life
   E. but as human beings do.
6. and whoever loses his life for my sake
   F. whole world and forfeit his life?
7. "For what profit would there be"
   G. will lose it.

Answers to match-ups are at the end of the issue. You can also follow us on www.thekidsbulletin.com