



## Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Times

September 15, 2024

### IT'S ALL ABOUT CONTROL

From toddlerhood to old age, we grow in mastery of our own lives, our bodies, and our destiny. This mastery is hard won, and we don't let go of autonomy easily. Much of this self-mastery involves the avoidance of pain or discomfort, so when we hear things like "take up your cross" and "lose your life," we tend to resist the message.

James says that faith without works is dead. Ouch! That is really a direct message! One way to look at this, as well as the part about losing our life to find it, is that faith is a process of more and more openness to God's direction of our lives. It is very hard for us to give up control, but perhaps what we are being asked to do is not to become passive and babyish, but to allow God to direct where our self-mastery will lead and what it will accomplish. We are asked to relinquish the need to control the results of our efforts; to risk, as Jesus did, the loss of everything we are working to achieve. We are asked to let God take the lead and to control the results, even though we may never see those results.

### FEAST OF FAITH

#### Offering and Intercessions

In this holy moment—with the consecrated bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Christ, upon the altar—we pray for a share in the fruits of Christ's sacrifice. We offer to God what God has given to us, and we intercede for the Church and the world. We pray for the pope and for all the bishops, and we mention the bishop of our local church by name. We pray for the clergy and for all the people of God. We pray in a special way for those who have died. And we pray for ourselves, that one day, with Mary and all the saints, we may come to that place where Jesus already reigns. These prayers of intercession, like the General Intercessions earlier in the Mass, broaden our focus and remind us that the Eucharist is offered not just for those gathered, but for the salvation of the entire world. The Eucharistic Prayer leads us from an intense focus on Christ, present in the consecrated host in the hands of the priest, to a loving sweep of prayer that embraces the world.

### Remember In Prayer

Fr Robert Ponticello , Martha Jo ,  
 Kaylee Bowling , Michaelle Box ,  
 Pam Thing , Abel Cortez ,  
 Diana Schachle, Tony Sapone  
 Brian Jones .Michael Cox  
 Timothy Zaunbrecher,

### THE CROSS TO BEAR

If you bear the cross gladly, it will bear you.

### St. Regina's Church Staff

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong? (Isaiah 50:4c-9a).

**Psalm** — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

**Second Reading** — Faith, if it does not have works, is dead (James 2:14-18).

**Gospel** — Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:27-35).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 11-17, 33; Ps 40:7-8a; G. Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14; Ps 100:1b-2,3,4,5 ; G. Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 & 22; G. Luke 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2; G. Luke 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7,8b &15; G. Luke 8:1-3

Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 ; G. John 3:13-17

Sunday: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 ; Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6 & 8; G Mark 9:30-37

### Thank You

Thank you to Sunset Valley Farm for hosting our Parish Picnic. Everyone had a fantastic time!

Spaghetti date, Sept 20th . Volunteers will be needed to prepare the meal and bake cakes .The sign -up sheet is in the front .

P.R.E. classes will begin  
 Wednesday September 25th  
 5:45pm until 6:30 pm

Sept 1st  
 LECTOR Janet & Marina  
 SERVERS Jesus  
 Eucharistic Minister Ann C, Anita, Jim M  
 COUNTER Tom & Beverly

Sept 8th  
 LECTOR Mary  
 SERVER Carlos & Max  
 Eucharistic Minister Peggy, Tom, Beverly  
 COUNTER Mary & Ann F

Sept 15th  
 LECTOR Peggy  
 SERVERS Jesus  
 Eucharistic Minister Janet, Florencia, Ann F.  
 COUNTER Tom & Beverly

Sept 22nd  
 LECTOR Beverly  
 SERVER Carlos & Max  
 Eucharistic Minister Jim, Florencia, Ann F  
 COUNTER Mary & Ann

Sept 29th  
 Lector Mark  
 Server Jesus  
 Eucharistic Ministers Ann C. Anita, Jim  
 COUNTER Tom & Beverly

### SUNDAY COLLECTION

9-8-2024

\$909.00

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\$15.00

Spaghetti

\$400.00