

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2026

O Lord, you are good
and forgiving!



Masses For The Week

Sun 30 Twenty-Second Sun in Ordinary Time
09:00 am +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandra Leyendecker)
Thr 03 St Gregory the Great, Pope & Church Doctor
12:05 pm +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandra Leyendecker)

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
*When Peter tries to deny the Lord his Passion—
“God forbid that such a thing ever happen to you!”—the Lord rebukes him. Why? Because Christ’s death on the cross would fulfill the “good and pleasing and perfect” will of the Father for our salvation. In union with Jesus, we offer our bodies as a living sacrifice to God. And no matter how much our sharing in Christ’s cross may make us an object of the world’s laughter and mockery, the love of God is like a fire burning in our heart. This love, in all its life-giving glory, is what Christ reveals on the cross.*

The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning for
+All Souls in Purgatory (Sandra Leyendecker)

Good News!

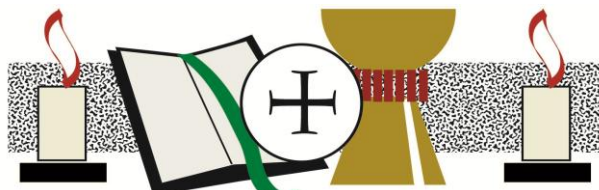
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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Jeremiah 20:7–9 / Romans 12:1–2
/ Matthew 16:21–27
MIGUEL DULICK

Would it surprise you to know that Jesus uses the same Greek verb to chase Peter away—“Get behind me, Satan!” (Matthew 16:23) that he used to call him in the first place “Come after me” (Matthew 4:19)? Pity the translator who must assign opposite meanings to the same word! Jesus changed Simon’s name to Peter when he called him, and now he changes it to Satan for his demotion. But, as harsh as the rebuke is, maybe we could say Jesus does want Peter behind him, but not *too* far behind. In fact, immediately after dealing with Peter, Jesus issues a general call, using the same “trigger” word: “Whoever wishes to *come after* me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”

The cross! That’s how the controversy started, when Peter “took Jesus aside” (literally, “collared” him) to forbid even the thought of any passion or any cross. (See Matthew 16:22.)

How am I tempted as Peter was to avoid any talk of a cross? I don’t even want to admit I’m a sinner, much less that there is a cross for me. Paul, in his letter to the Romans, has some advice for all of us who think like Satan: “Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God,” and “Do not conform yourself to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God” (Romans 12:1–2). Everything for Jesus. ●

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LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Cristina Zarate, Mina Aldaco, Ramona Alaniz, Edna Flores, Ana Maria Finley, Mary G. Finley, Margarita Inocencio, Lucia Rodriguez, Maria Teresa Cassiano, Dotty Guffey, Rodrigo Medina, Armando Colchado, Elida Aldaco, Michelle Angela Nelson and Renee Chapa.

CCD REGISTRATION LAST DAY TODAY

Last day for registration is today, August 30 after the 9 a.m. Mass. **EVERYONE MUST REGISTER DURING THESE DAYS. NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

To Register Your Child(ren) in our Parish’s CCD Program (First Communion & Confirmation):

1. Parents must be active [**already have been coming to Mass with child(ren)**] and registered members of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. If not registered, parents must register at Parish Office in person. Then the family must remain active for one year to qualify to register for the following year in our CCD Program.
2. Parents **must** bring a copy of the child’s **Baptismal Certificate** and **First Communion Certificate** to Registration.

NO CERTIFICATES.
NO REGISTRATION!
NO EXCEPTIONS!

All CCD Classes will be held on Sundays
From 10:15 am to 12:00 pm
beginning on September 6

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

Any adolescent [**already have been coming to Mass with parent(s)**] who has reached the age of 14 by September 1 of this year and has not been confirmed is encouraged to register.

SECOND COLLECTION – CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

Generous Catholics who donate make the Catholic University possible through their annual Appeal. This year, the Catholic University Appeal will be next weekend September 06. Thank you for your generosity!

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open our eyes and our hearts

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Last Sunday’s Collection

Envelopes: \$ 1,284.00

Loose: \$ 48.77

Children’s Envelopes: \$ 00.00

Total Sunday Collection: \$ 1,332.77

Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 2,457.23

Dear Padre

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Are we required to disobey or break an evil law?

According to St. Thomas Aquinas, a just law has four characteristics. It must be (1) an ordinance of reason, (2) for the common good, (3) properly promulgated, and (4) by a legitimate authority. According to St. Augustine, evil is a lack of something that should be there. When applied to law, if one of the four characteristics is missing, the law lacks something that should be there, and thus is evil. An unjust law, in other words, is an evil law. As Christians, we are generally encouraged to obey the laws of the state. As the Apostle Paul states, “Let every person be subordinate to the higher authorities, for there is no authority except from God” (Romans 13:1). At the same time, we also have the responsibility of forming our consciences according to God’s revelation in Scripture and Tradition as interpreted by the divinely ordained teaching authority of the Church. Although we are not bound to follow an unjust law, the degree to which we should actively disobey it depends on the level of evil the law promotes. Because of its serious nature, a law promoting abortion, for example, should be actively resisted through peaceful protests and appropriate legal and civil activism. Laws that promote lesser evils need to be carefully evaluated by Church authorities and our own well-informed consciences. ●

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Whoever wishes
to come after me
must deny himself
take up his
CROSS
and follow me
but whoever loses
his life for my sake
will find it
for the
SON of MAN
will come in his
FATHER’s glory
and he will repay
everyone
according to
his conduct

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