

KEEPING FAITH FIRST- WORD SEARCH

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Catechizing Corner!

Jesus gives his disciples a dose of reality in today's gospel. He wants to make sure they understand the implications of his mission. There is to be no confusion. They have accepted and confessed Jesus as messiah. Now they must understand the will of God. They must understand Jesus' mission. As the promised One, he will suffer. This messiah is a suffering servant. He is ready to fulfill his mission.

Following Jesus involves more than a confession of faith. It means following him even if it leads to persecution, misunderstanding, and suffering. Following Jesus means that we embrace his life—all of it. It means that we are willing to lay down our lives for others. Jesus' teaching about the cross does not demand that we become martyrs. Rather, it extols "fearlessness in following the crucified Lord."

Mary Birmingham, Word and Worship Workbook.

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Disciple's Reflection for the *Question of the Week*

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

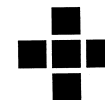
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A Call to Prayer

The Word of God
 Matthew 16:21-27

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 Questions of the week

Closing Prayer



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Holy Family is a welcoming Catholic Eucharistic community of disciples of Jesus Christ connecting faith with life and reaching out to those in need!

Call to Prayer

Begin by calling upon God: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Let us pause for a moment and listen attentively to this week's passage.

The Word of God Matthew 16:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised.

Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him,

"God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you."

He turned and said to Peter,

"Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me.

You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Gospel Glossary

Scribes were Jewish religious scholars who knew the Scriptures very well.

To **rebuke** means to correct someone, or to tell them to stop doing something.

To **deny himself** means that one trusts in Christ rather than wholly in himself.

Profit means to gain something, to get something more

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must **deny himself**, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What **profit** would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

The Gospel of the Lord



Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:

Adults: What does Jesus mean when he said you must deny yourself to follow him?

What can you do to change your life and be a better follower of Jesus?

Teens: Jesus said Peter was "an obstacle" to Him. What are the obstacles in your life that keep you from living out God's will?

Children: Has there been a time when you did not do or get something you wanted, in order to help somebody else?

Families: Peter wanted Jesus to avoid suffering. Can you think of a time when you took the easy way out to avoid doing something hard?

Closing Prayer

Lord, You have called us to be your disciples, to live in faith, walking always in your footsteps. By your suffering, death, and resurrection, you have made us children of God. As you have loved us and asked us to love one another, help us to love and embrace everyone in our lives.

Fill us with love, compassion, forgiveness, patience, understanding, and tolerance, even when we face the pain of hatred, rejection, and failure.

Guide us to be good disciples. May we seek always the praise and glory of God and the good of all people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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