

## Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary time– 17 October 2021

Isaiah 53:10-11; Psalm 33; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45

We tend to envy those who have made it to the top for their power and prestige. On the surface we see privilege and status, but much deeper are the obligations that come with leadership. Today's readings regard the top as the position of greatest service.

The servant in the first reading represents those who are willing to share in a new and daring enterprise. By accepting this call the servant opens himself to suffering on behalf of the people. The leader's suffering will restore all to life with God.

The author of Hebrews portrays Jesus as the model of self-giving -- a model who encourages all people. The author speaks of Jesus' divinity but does not disparage his humanity. Jesus is tempted; he is human. Therefore, the Lord is able to help all who are tempted. Jesus' suffering leads to perfection -- a perfection that results in eternal salvation.

In today's gospel passage, James and John seek positions of honor when the Lord comes into his glory. Jesus explains that real honor is bound up with suffering. The "cup" is nothing less than the passion. Some people exercise their status in a show of power. By contrast, those who aspire to greatness in the Lord's kingdom must be servants. Genuine honor is found only in generous service.

-- John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.

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**What Do You Wish?** We go to Jesus all the time, asking, pleading, wanting. We ask to be healthy; we plead to be safe; we want this, that, and the other for ourselves and for those we love. In our going to him, Jesus asks: “What do you wish me to do for you?” Then he listens. Sometimes our asking is right on. Sometimes it is pushy, overly ambitious, seeking top-dog status. Then Jesus says, do not be a bad king or queen; instead, act like a slave, be a servant. Grasping the cross is the way to the Kingdom of God.

- ◆ What honor or prestige do I want that I really do not need?
- ◆ When next I ask Jesus for what I wish, what needs of others will I also add to the list?

How will I serve and when will I serve others this week?

### Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 24 October 2021

Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 126; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52



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### ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

2020 State Rte. 146 E, Vienna, IL – 62995

Parish Council Chair: Steve Pobst

Trustees: Matthew Slife, Jared Bergmann

Sundays – 8:00 am

Weekdays – Fri 6:00 pm

### The Greatest Service

Today's liturgy is about service. In the opening prayer we ask for “strength and joy in serving God as followers of Christ.” The First Reading is from the fourth servant song of Second Isaiah: the prophet sings of one who “gives his life as an offering” ([First Reading](#)). The Gospel is about disciples who want to be important. Jesus teaches them this lesson: “whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the needs of all” ([Gospel](#)). In the prayer over the gifts, we ask for the “freedom to serve you with

Our Lord and Master calls us to be a community of service. Our strength comes from following in the footsteps of this Master, who “has not come to be served but to serve.”

What is our service to the world? If all we do is affirm the world's wisdom, what kind of service is that? After all, it is the wisdom of the world that has led us into the dark alleys of hatred, alienation, and killing. “It cannot be like that with you.” We must provide an alternative to the wisdom of the world: that is the greatest service we can offer.

*The fundamental moral criterion for all economic decisions, policies, and institutions is this: They must be at the service of all people, especially the poor.*

U.S. Bishops, [Economic Justice for All](#), 1986: 24

*The process of development and liberation takes concrete shape in the exercise of solidarity, that is to say in the love and service of neighbor, especially of the poorest.*

Pope John Paul II, [Sollicitudo Rei Socialis](#), 1987: 46

Gerald Darring from SLU Sunday Site

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October 17, 2021

Schedule of Masses

Sun	Oct 17	8:00 am Mass	Peter Warner
Wed	Oct 20	5:30 pm Mass	Parish Council
Fri	Oct 22	6:00 pm Mass	General Intentions
Sun	Oct 24	8:00 am Mass	Billie Anderson

Birthdays

Oct 20 Madaline Bergmann  
Rick Stoerger  
Oct 22 Sandy Belske  
Zachary Garrett

Liturgical Ministers

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Oct 17 8 am	J Nelson	B Bowers	P Widowski	M Palmer M Bergmann	*S Widowski, P Widowski <u>Cantor</u> S Pobst
Oct 24 8 am	M Slife	B Morse	V Anderson	Vol	*Jo Nelson, Je Nelson <u>Cantor</u> S Pobst

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THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

Sun	Oct 17	Mass.....	8:00 am
		Liturgy committee meeting.....	9:00 am
		PSR classes.....	9:00 am
Wed	Oct 20	Mass.....	5:30 pm
		Parish Council Mtg.....	6:00 pm
Fri	Oct 22	Mass.....	6:00 pm
Sun	Oct 24	World Mission Sunday	
		Mass.....	8:00 am
		PSR classes.....	9:00 am



INCLEMENT WEATHER REVIEW TALK will be given by Mike McMahan today after Mass.

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT FOR THIS YEAR’S DRAW-DOWN PARTY AND RAFFLE.** If you volunteered to sell tickets, prepare food, donate to prizes, set up for the party or cleaned up...we could not have done it without you. Special thanks to Madonna Slife who led us in this fund raising endeavor.

CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE approximately 30 minutes before each Sunday Mass.

LITURGY PLANNING COMMITTEE meets after today’s Mass. We will be planning for Advent and Christmas season.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY** following 5:30 Mass. Please pick up your agenda in the foyer before leaving Mass today.

**HOT DOG ROAST IS CANCELLED FOR THIS SATURDAY**

**PLEASE JOIN US FRIDAY, OCT. 29** at 4:30 pm in the Parish Hall to enjoy snacks and assemble and fill our *Boxes of Joy* from your many donations. We will finish in time to attend 6:00 pm Mass

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

Oct 24 World Mission Sunday  
November month Food Drive for Vienna Pantry begins  
Nov 5 Eucharistic Adoration 5-6:30 pm  
Nov 6 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Mass 8:30 am  
Nov 8 Faith Alive Appreciation Dinner on Monday at 6 pm in Shawnee Worship Ctr.  
Nov 18-20 St. Paul turn to operate Faith Alive Thrift Store

**October 17<sup>th</sup>** – “I was born in Chihuahua, Mexico, the home state of St. Pedro Maldonado, a martyr and Knight of Columbus. Almost every parish had a portrait of St. Pedro. His serene countenance and Padre “Chalio”, our local parish priest, together became the face of the priesthood for me as a boy. When I was 11, we immigrated to the United States. I still wanted to be a priest but I later put this desire aside to pursue my version of the American dream. I went to college and planned for successful career in industrial engineering. Upon graduating, however, I came to a moment of honesty and clarity: I was not the happy man I had once dreamed of being. I then decided to put everything aside and try seminary. The rest is history.”

Fr. Maricio Carrasco; Diocese of Little Rock; *Columbia Magazine*