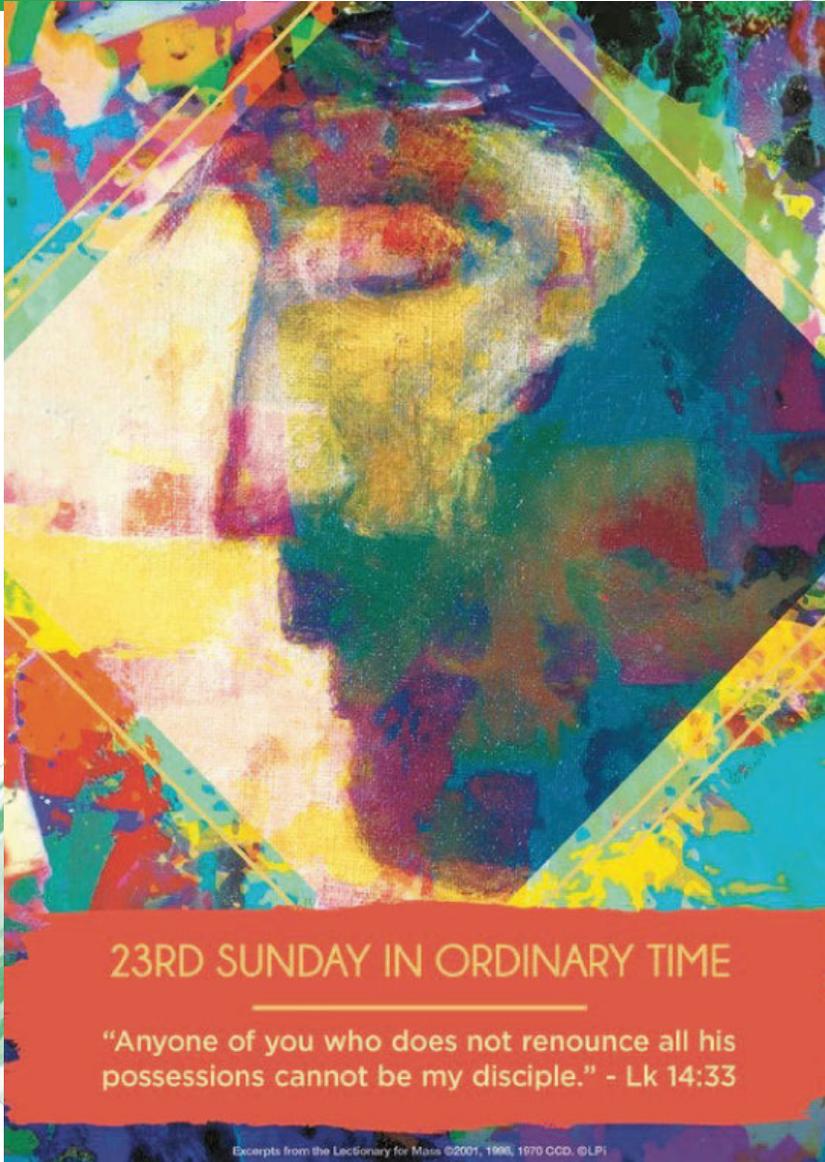


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23RDSUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass

Monday | 8:30 am St. Joseph's
Tuesday | 8:30 St Francis
Wednesday | No Mass today
Thursday | 8:30 am St Francis
Friday | 8:30 am St Joseph's

Weekend Mass

Saturday | 4 pm St Joseph's
St Francis (Summer only)
Sunday | 8:30 am St Francis
10:30 am St Joseph's

Confession

Saturday | 3:15 pm St Joseph's
Sunday | 8 am St Francis

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We, the Roman Catholic community of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Joseph's are called to live the Gospel message of Jesus through Hospitality, Worship, Faith Formation and Service to others.

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ST. JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday (6) 4 pm

Carmie Repka

+ Joan Raven

Sunday (7) 10:30 am

Our parish family

Monday (8) 8:30 am

Msgr. William L. Martin, Rev. Edward A. Heenan

Friday (12) 8:30 am

Rev. James W. Toole, Msgr. Leo R. Clark, Rev. Joseph Hennessey, Rev. J. Vaughn

Saturday (13) 4 pm

Robert M. Halgas
Debra Cechnicki

David & Debbie Walendziak
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Sunday (14) 10:30 am

Our parish family

ST. FRANCIS MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday (7) 8:30 am

Priscilla Horesco
Bob Kosineski, Sr.

+ Horesco family
+ Family

Tuesday (9) 8:30 am

Rev. John Santoro

Thursday (11) 8:30 am

Rev. Jeremiah Morley, Rev. John J. Hardiman, Rev. Stanislaus Sweirzowski

Sunday (14) 8:30 am

Patti St. Peter

+ David & Yolanda Gifford

The red Sanctuary Candle burns all week to remind people of the Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. You can memorialize our candle at either parish for a week for a deceased loved one, a living person or a special intention. The Intention and Donor's names will be published in our weekly bulletin.

The suggested donation for the 7-day candle is \$20.

All submissions must be made at least 2 weeks prior to the week you are requesting to accommodate bulletin printing deadlines. Please call the office for scheduling requests.



INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY ~ Over the last two thousand years Jesus has been given many titles, from Bread of Life to Our Savior. One of his first titles, going back to when he first stood and proclaimed God's word in the synagogue, is Rabbi, or Teacher. How appropriate to focus on that title on this first Sunday of September, a time of year when millions of young people are returning to school. Today we hear Jesus teach the crowds what it means to be a disciple. May he teach us as well as we gather together in his name.

WORD OF LIFE ~ "Suicidal individuals - with or without a terminal illness - typically do not want to die... The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, 'Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?'" USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Every Suicide is Tragic" usccb.org/every-suicide-tragic



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE

Mini reflection: For someone who talks about love so much, it seems weird that in today's Gospel Jesus is calling us to hatred. It makes us question everything we think we understand about him, about God, about discipleship.

How to Hate the Christian Way

When I was a kid, we had the Dumb Stupid Hate Chair.

It was a chair in my parents' foyer where an offending child had to sit for five or ten minutes if they uttered the words "dumb," "stupid" or "hate." The rules in my house growing up were very clear. We don't call anyone stupid. We don't call anyone dumb. And we hate no one and nothing.

Well, today, Jesus has to sit in the Dumb Stupid Hate Chair.

For someone who talks about love so much - for whom love is a legacy and a commandment - it seems weird that in today's Gospel Jesus is calling us to hatred. It makes us question everything we think we understand about him, about God, about discipleship.

I'll let you guess which of the kids in my family spent the most time in the Dumb Stupid Hate Chair (Hi! It was me). But I didn't really think my sister was stupid, and I didn't really hate my brother. Those were just the words I used, even though they were strictly forbidden - maybe because they were strictly forbidden. They were the strongest words I knew, and you need strong words for strong feelings.

Jesus knew that hate is a really strong word. It's a word that gets people's attention. And I think what he wants to do today, more than anything, is get our attention. He wants to force us to consider the ways in which our attachments to this world - and even to other people - supersede our attachment to God. He wants us to radically evaluate what (and who) we love and how we love it and how much of our souls, our lives, ourselves we have let this love consume.

It's a tough assignment, and we don't like it. Maybe we kind of hate it. That's okay: hate has its place. So take a seat in the chair and give it a ponder.

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK ~ Today, Jesus tells us the cost of true discipleship - and it turns out, it's everything. We must reject the world in order to love God. What attachments are holding us back from the relationship we could have - we *should* have - with our Lord? © LPi

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 ~ Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33; Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23; Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19; Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26; Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 6:27-38; Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Lk 6:39-42; Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49; Next Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

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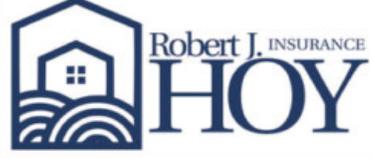
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