

Getting Ready for Sunday!



Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus showed His disciples that the choice to follow Him and to live loving and full lives would have a big cost.

Gaining good exam results are gained from giving more time to study instead of leisure!

Help others to suffer less, demands that we others our time instead of only doing what we want for our own comfort.

Trying to run away from a difficult task doesn't make it go away!

Matthew 16:21-27



From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.



**Jesus didn't try to avoid going to Jerusalem, even though He knew that He would suffer there!
Jesus did what was right at all times!**

Are you avoiding doing what you know is right because it won't be easy?

And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying:

God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.

Peter was trying to avoid what was difficult!

Have you been trying to delay doing something that is difficult, even though you know that it must be done?



But he turned and said to Peter:

Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.

Even Peter followed the path of selfishness (where evil exists)!

What is the balance in your life between selfishness and selflessness?



Then Jesus told his disciples:

We can try to run away from pain by-

- **blaming others for our pain**
- **convincing ourselves that life should be easy!**
- **delaying standing up for others**
- **Not bothering to use our gifts in case we fail**

If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.



For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?



**Forget yourself and get on with
your God-given life!
God chooses YOU and believes in
you!**



For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.



**Bloom where you are
planted!**

Bible Search

Read **Matthew 16:21-27** in your family Bible-this is the Gospel reading at Mass this Sunday.



Consider



What is it that you NEED to do for yourself or others today?

Praying to Jesus



Pray for the grace to do your best with the gifts you have been given?

Ask God to help you to consider what Jesus is calling you to do?

