

# 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.**

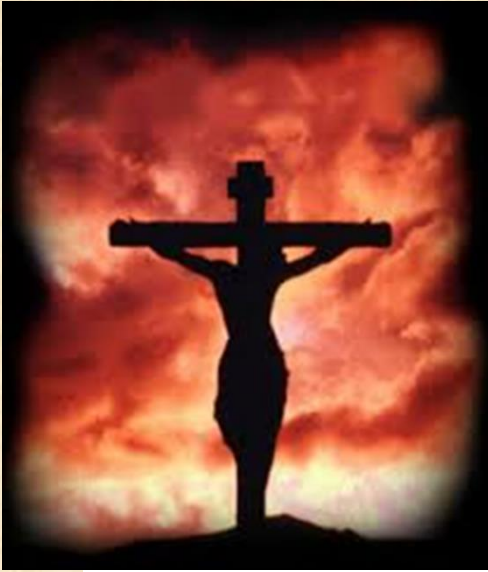
**Gaining good exam results are gained from giving more time to study instead of leisure!**

**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



**Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day.**



**Reflection: 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!**

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



**Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him:**

*Heaven preserve you, Lord; this must not happen to you.*

**Reflection: Peter was trying to avoid what was difficult!**

**Reflection:  
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 an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.***

**Reflection:**

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

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





# Then Jesus said to his disciples:

*If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.*

## Reflection

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**



***What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?***



**Reflection: God chooses YOU and believes in you!**





***For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.***



**Reflection: 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?**

