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The Twenty-Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Sunday September 19, 2021

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THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

MUSIC PLANNER

SAINT DOMINIC CHURCH
EAGLE ROCK, CALIFORNIA
24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
LIVE STREAM MASS

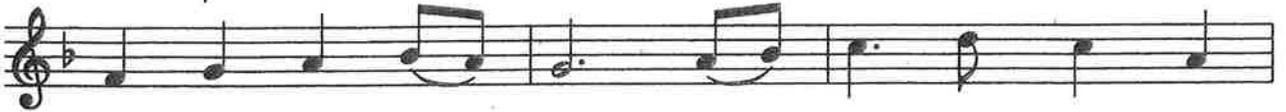
September 18 at 5:00 P.M. (Saturday) and September 19 at 9:00 A.M.

Focus: Jesus picked up a child and said "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be last...Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me. And whoever receives me, receives not me, but the One who sent me."

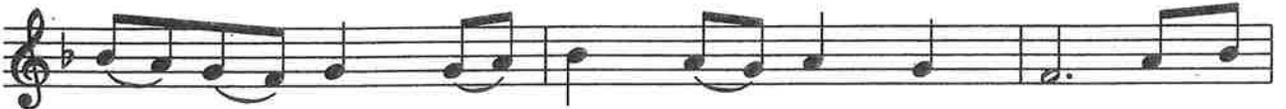
Gathering Song:	"All Are Welcome" - Haugen (verse 2)
Penitential Rite:	spoken
Gloria: sung	"Glory To God" - Janco [Mass Of Wisdom]
Responsorial Psalm:	"Psalm 54" [Respond And Acclaim]
Gospel Acclamation:	sung: [Respond And Acclaim]
Presentation Of The Gifts:	"As A Little Child" - Martin (oct. #586) - choir (SUN.) <i>"Take Up Your Cross" - Cortez (SAT.)</i>
Holy, Holy, Holy:	"Holy" - Chepponis [Jubilation Mass]
Memorial Acclamation:	"We Proclaim Your Death" - Chepponis [JM]
Great Amen:	"Amen" - Chepponis [JM]
Lamb Of God:	"Lamb Of God " - Janco [MOW]
Communion:	"Prayer Of Abandonment" - Booth "Take And Eat" - Joncas
Closing:	"Take The Word Of God With You" - Walker



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
3. Let us build a house where love is found In
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -
5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their



1. all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
2. words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren
3. wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on
4. yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,
5. songs and vi - sions heard And loved and trea - sured,



1. chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for - give. Built of
2. dare to seek To dream God's reign a - new. Here the
3. ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the
4. serve and teach, And live the Word they've known. Here the
5. taught and claimed As words with - in the Word. Built of



1. hopes and dreams and vi - sions, Rock of faith and vault of
2. cross shall stand as wit - ness And as sym - bol of God's
3. love of God, through Je - sus, Is re - vealed in time and
4. out - cast and the strang - er Bear the im - age of God's
5. tears and cries and laugh - ter, Prayers of faith and songs of



1. grace; Here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
2. grace; Here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
3. space; As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
4. face; Let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
5. grace, Let this house pro - claim from floor to raf - ter:



- 1-5. All are wel - come, all are wel - come, all are wel - come



- 1-5. in this place.

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(9:00)

September 19

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 54:3-4, 5, 6 & 8 (134)

Response: (Organ/SATB)

Optional Descant

The Lord up - holds my life.

Am Dm Em Am

The Lord up - holds my life.

The Lord

Verses: (Cantor or SATB)

Dm Am

1. O God, by your name save me,
O God, hear my prayer;

2. For the ruthless seek the my haughty
The ruthless seek the my life;

3. Behold, God is my helper;
Freely will I offer you sacrifice;

Em Em7 Am

1. And by your might defend my cause.
Hearken to the words of my mouth.

2. Have risen up a gainst me,
They set not God before their eyes.

3. The Lord sustains my life.
I will praise your name, O LORD, for its goodness.

(11:00)

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Tony Alonso

Psalm 54

Refrain ♩ = 100

Descant

The Lord up - holds, up - holds my

Melody

The— Lord up - holds my life. The— Lord up - holds my

(♩ *Last time*)

life. The Lord, the Lord up - holds my life.

(♩ *Last time*)

life. The— Lord up - holds my life.

The English translation of the Psalm Response from the *Lectionary for Mass*
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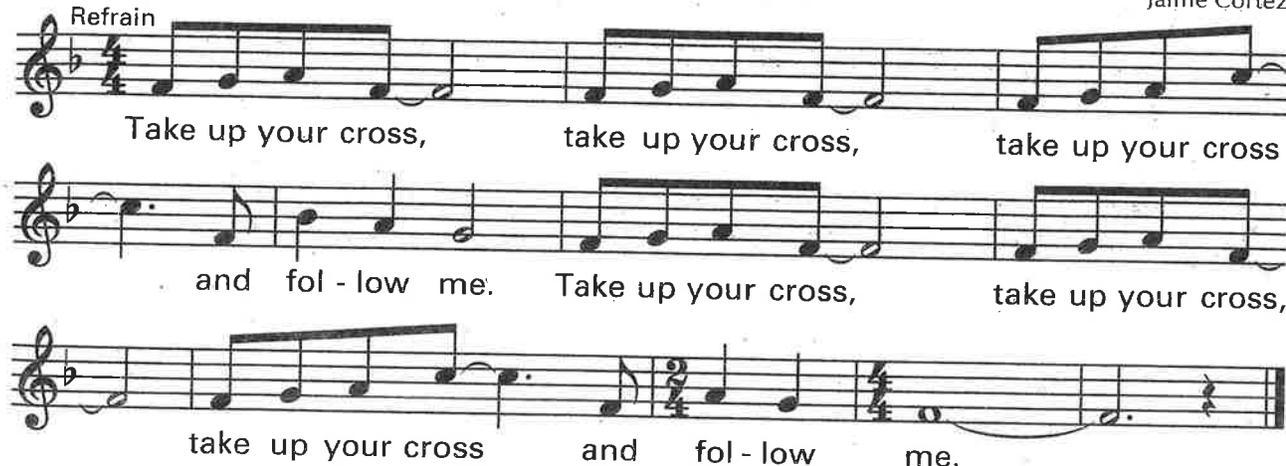
TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

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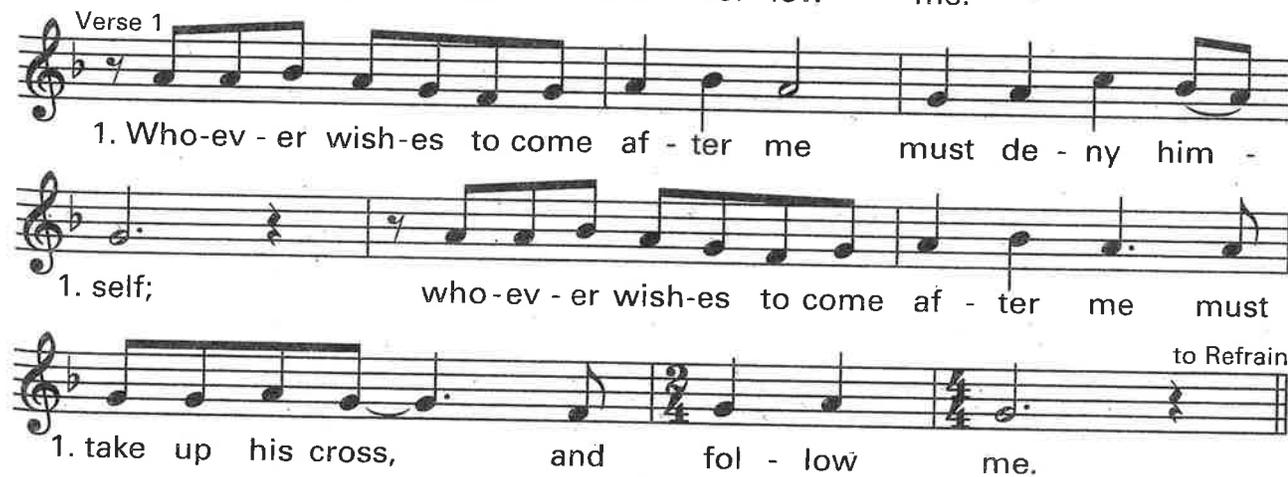
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Refrain



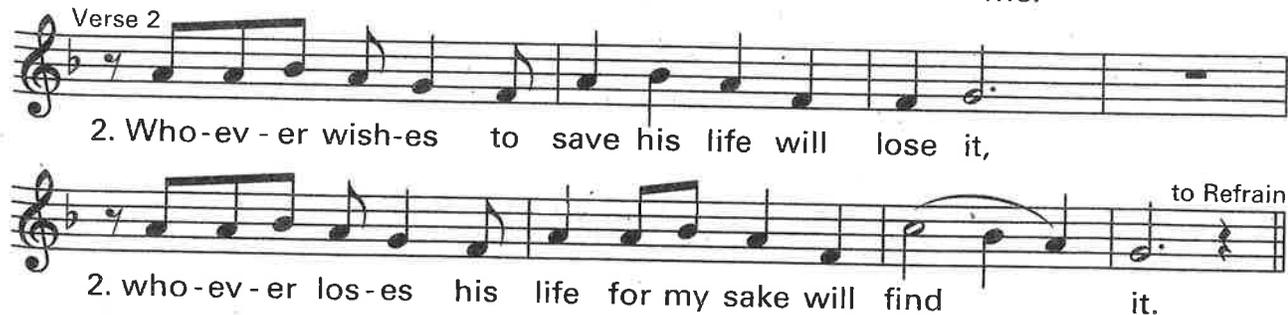
Take up your cross, take up your cross, take up your cross
and fol - low me. Take up your cross, take up your cross,
take up your cross and fol - low me.

Verse 1



1. Who - ev - er wish - es to come af - ter me must de - ny him -
1. self; who - ev - er wish - es to come af - ter me must
1. take up his cross, and fol - low me.

Verse 2



2. Who - ev - er wish - es to save his life will lose it,
2. who - ev - er los - es his life for my sake will find it.

Verse 3 (Bridge)



3. Why gain the whole world but lose your soul? soul?

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JUBILATION MASS - J. Chepponis

Holy, Holy, Holy

Assembly f

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, - Ho - ly Lord God of
hosts, Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high est.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a dynamic marking of *f* (forte). The melody is characterized by a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some longer notes held over. There are several fermatas (indicated by a '9' above the note) and a *rit.* (ritardando) marking. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

When We Eat This Bread

Assembly f

The mys - ter - y of faith. When we eat this Bread and
drink this Cup, we pro - claim your Death, O Lord, un -
til you come a - gain, un - til you come a - gain.

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JUBILEE MASS - Chepponis (cont.)

GREAT AMEN

Assembly *f*

A - men, a - men, a men. A - men, a - men, a men, a - men.

LAMB OF GOD

mp Cantor *mf*

*Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

WE PROCLAIM YOUR DEATH

Assembly

The mys - ter - y of faith. We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain, un - til you come a - gain.

Lamb of God - MS

Richard Proulx, 1937-2010
Adapted by Michael O'Connor, O.P.

Cantor/Choir/Assembly

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.

D Em7 D/F# D G D/F# Bm A

This system contains the first line of music. It features a vocal line in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (D major) and a 4/4 time signature. Below the vocal line is a piano accompaniment consisting of a right-hand treble clef and a left-hand bass clef. The lyrics are written under the vocal line. Chord symbols are placed below the piano accompaniment.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.

Bm A/C# D D/F# G D/F# Bm A

This system contains the second line of music, continuing the vocal and piano parts from the first system. The lyrics and chord symbols are consistent with the previous system.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

D/F# Em7 D G/D C D Em7 Em/D C D

This system contains the third line of music, concluding the phrase. The lyrics and chord symbols are consistent with the previous systems.

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5 PRAYER OF ABANDONMENT

Tom Booth, text Br. Charles of Jesus

1. Father, I give myself to you, do with me as you will. For whatever you do, I thank you, I am ready for all.
2. Let only your will be done in me, as is done in your creation, I ask nothing else.
3. Father, I surrender, I place myself in your hands because you are my Father and because I love you, into your hands, I commend my spirit.

Refrain

1

Take and eat; take and eat: this is my bod - y
Take and drink; take and drink:

2

giv-en up for you. this is my blood giv-en up for you.

to Verses
(Fine)

Verses

1. I am the Word that spoke and light was made;
2. I am the way that leads the ex - ile home;
3. I am the Lamb that takes a - way your sin;
4. I am the cor - ner-stone that God has laid;
5. I am the light that came in - to the world;
6. I am the first and last, the Liv - ing One;

1. I am the seed that died to be re - born;
2. I am the truth that sets the cap - tive free;
3. I am the gate that guards you night and day;
4. A cho - sen stone and pre - cious in his eyes;
5. I am the light that dark - ness can - not hide;
6. I am the Lord who died that you might live;

1. I am the bread that comes from heav'n a - bove;
2. I am the life that rais - es up the dead;
3. You are my flock: you know the shep-herd's voice;
4. You are God's dwell - ing place, on me you rest;
5. I am the morn - ing star that nev - er sets;
6. I am the bride-groom, this my wed - ding song;

to Refrain

1. I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.
2. I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.
3. You are my own: your ran - som is my blood.
4. Like liv - ing stones, a tem - ple for God's praise.
5. Lift up your face, in you my light will shine.
6. You are my bride, come to the mar - riage feast.

Verses

1. Take the word of God with you as you go.
2. Take the peace of God with you as you go.
3. Take the joy of God with you as you go.
4. Take the *love of God with you as you go.

1. Take the seeds of God's word and make them grow.
2. Take the seeds of God's peace and make them grow.
3. Take the seeds of God's joy and make them grow.
4. Take the seeds of God's love and make them grow.

Refrain

Go in peace to serve the world, in peace to serve the world.

Take the love of God, the love of God with you as you go.

*Add other words if needed, such as "faith," "hope," etc.

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Closing:	"I Want To Praise Your Name" - Hurd

ALL ARE WELCOME
(All Belong)

Jesse Manibusan and Jennah Manibusan

Refrain

All are wel - come in this place. Be-hold Love's a-maz-
- ing grace. All are wel - come! All are wel - come!
Bring your hopes, bring your dreams. Mer-cy flows and Love
re-deems! All are wel - come! All be-long!

Verses

1. Wel-come, all the bro-ken - heart - ed, all who sor-row
2. Wel-come, all who suf-fer vio - lence, all who long for
3. Wel-come, all who are for - got - ten, ex - clud - ed and
4. Wel-come, all who work for jus - tice, bring-ing hope,
1. and des - pair.
2. safe - ty and for peace. } You are not a - lone, for you
3. dig - ni - ty de - nied!
4. char - i - ty and peace!

1-4. are God's own! To-geth-er, we sing and we pro - claim!

to Refrain

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

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Refrain

Take up your cross, take up your cross, take up your cross
and fol - low me. Take up your cross, take up your cross,
take up your cross and fol - low me.

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2 I WANT TO PRAISE YOUR NAME Hurd

1. Praise with the trumpet, Praise with the harp, Praise with the timbrel, the dance and the lyre; Let everything that has breath give praise to God. (refrain)

Refrain: I want to praise Your name. I want to sing Your goodness. Glory, O God; Glory.

2. Mountains and valleys, Rivers and seas, Stars in the heavens and fish in the deep; Let all creation give praise to God on high. (refrain)

3. God's people, the old and the young; Let all who hunger to do God's will give praise. (refrain)

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
SEPTEMBER 19, 2021**

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Opening Song – please refer to the music pages above in your packet

Priest:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
R. Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

Gloria – please refer to the music pages above in your packet

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect

Priest:

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbor, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading I Wis 2:12, 17-20

The wicked say:

Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us;
he sets himself against our doings,
reproaches us for transgressions of the law
and charges us with violations of our training.

Let us see whether his words be true;
let us find out what will happen to him.

For if the just one be the son of God, God will defend him
and deliver him from the hand of his foes.

With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test
that we may have proof of his gentleness
and try his patience.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death;
for according to his own words, God will take care of him.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm will be sung – please refer to the music pages above in your packet

Reading II Jas 3:16—4:3

Beloved:

Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist,
there is disorder and every foul practice.
But the wisdom from above is first of all pure,
then peaceable, gentle, compliant,
full of mercy and good fruits,
without inconstancy or insincerity.
And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace
for those who cultivate peace.

Where do the wars
and where do the conflicts among you come from?
Is it not from your passions
that make war within your members?
You covet but do not possess.
You kill and envy but you cannot obtain;
you fight and wage war.
You do not possess because you do not ask.
You ask but do not receive,
because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Alleluia is sung – please refer to the music pages above in your packet

Gospel: Mk9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee,
but he did not wish anyone to know about it.
He was teaching his disciples and telling them,
“The Son of Man is to be handed over to men
and they will kill him,
and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise.”
But they did not understand the saying,
and they were afraid to question him.

They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house,
he began to ask them,
“What were you arguing about on the way?”
But they remained silent.
They had been discussing among themselves on the way
who was the greatest.
Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them,
“If anyone wishes to be first,
he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.”
Taking a child, he placed it in the their midst,
and putting his arms around it, he said to them,
“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me;
and whoever receives me,
receives not me but the One who sent me.”

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
Through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

[at the words that follow, up to and including “and became man,” all bow.]

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection
of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

Priest:

As Jesus tenderly put his arms around a child in today’s Gospel, so he embraces each of us
in his love and listens to our every prayer.

Lector:

1. For the grace to die to our false self and find our true greatness through
surrendering to Jesus and serving others...
We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

2. For leaders of Church and State, that they might give example by humble and compassionate leadership in caring for others especially for the poor and vulnerable...
We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.
3. For those who suffer from an overblown ego and for those who feel inadequate and unlovable: may they be enlightened by the Holy Spirit to see their true selves and their true worth in God's eyes...
We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.
4. For blessings upon the Archdiocese of Los Angeles as we celebrate 250 years of Catholic faith this year: may we continue to bring the love and goodness of God to all those in need...
We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.
5. For those who continue to suffer from the pandemic, natural disasters, oppression and injustice: may the Lord be their Rock of Refuge, and may countries work together to overcome these evils...
We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.
6. For _____, whom we remember in a special way at this Mass...

5:00 P.M. Vigil Mass:	Luis Arroyo, for the eternal repose of his soul
7:30 AM Mass:	Diane Hoffner, for the eternal repose of his soul
9:00 AM Mass:	Ruth Martinez, for her birthday
11:00 AM Mass:	Javier Layos, for the eternal repose of his soul
1:00 PM Mass:	Nita de la Torre, for her intentions
5:00 PM Mass:	the people of St. Dominic's Parish

We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

7. For all the intentions in our Book of Intentions and those we hold in the silence of our hearts (PAUSE)...
We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest:

Lord Jesus, we come before you as children, humbly recognizing our need to surrender our lives to you. Please accept us and these prayers which we make in your name, Jesus the Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

During this time of Offertory, we invite those of you viewing Mass from home to prepare your donation to the parish which you may send later at your convenience. Thank you for your continued generosity.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Song – please refer to the music pages above in your packet

Priest:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

People: Blessed be God for ever.

Priest:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

People: Blessed be God for ever.

Priest:

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People:

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

Priest:

Receive with favor, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Preface and Eucharistic Prayer follow...

THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil...

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in

accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Sign of Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

The Lamb of God is sung.

Priest:

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People:

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment
receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there
and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Priest:

Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Concluding Rites

Announcements

- 1. Fr. Roberto will make all the announcements this weekend**
- 2. Bilingual Healing Mass on Friday, October 1 at 7:30 p.m. Last week, it was announced**

for a week earlier, but we had to change the date. Anointing of the Sick only will be offered that evening, not individual prayer.

3. Fr. Francis continues his grief support group this Wednesday for those of you who have lost loved ones. There is more information in the bulletin.
4. Monday night Bible Study has begun on Monday evenings. See the bulletin for all the details.
5. Don't forget about our "color run" fundraiser in our parking lot on Saturday, September 25th. You can sign up to walk, jog or run or you can sponsor someone who is doing that. **Pre-Sale food tickets available in the parish office for the day of the Color Run.** Fr. Roberto is personally challenging our school principal, Tiffany Sawyer, that he will run further and get more donations than she will, so please support him!!
6. Volunteers are needed to help with the cleaning of the church on Wednesday mornings. Leave your name and phone number in the parish office.

Final Blessing and Dismissal

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, descend upon you and remain with you forever.

People: Amen.

Priest: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

People: Thanks be to God.

Closing song – please refer to the music pages above in your packet

A Message from Fr. Roberto

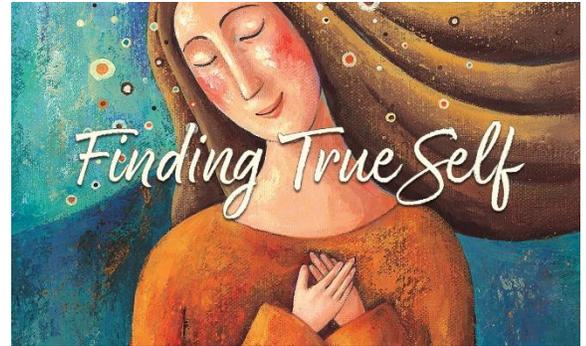
A Successful Grand Opening!

Thanks to all of you who attended the grand opening of the Fr. Scanlon Community Center last week. What a special moment it was for our parish community to see the realization of Fr. Paul's vision after so many years of dedicated, hard work by so many. I want to thank all of you parishioners who gave to the capital campaigns these many years and who helped in other ways. I especially want to thank our parish's **Pastoral Council, Capital Campaign Committee, Centennial Committee and Parish Staff** who have been instrumental through the years in bringing us to this great accomplishment. God bless you all!

The Antidote to Ego: Vulnerability

The following is an article that comes from the Center for Action and Contemplation, founded by Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM. This quote is adapted from the book "Job and the Mystery of Suffering: Spiritual Reflections," by Fr. Rohr, Crossroad Publishing, 1996, pp. 25, 182–183). See: <https://cac.org/vulnerability-a-divine-condition-2021-08-01/>. It gives another perspective on my homily this weekend about achieving true greatness by surrendering our false self/ego.

“We live in a finite world where everything is dying, shedding its strength. This is hard to accept, and all our lives we look for exceptions to it. We look for something certain, strong, undying, and infinite. Religion tells us that the ‘something’ for which we search is God. But many of us envisioned God as strong, complete, and all-powerful—a God removed from suffering. In Jesus, God comes along to show us: ‘Even I suffer. Even I participate in the finiteness of this world.’



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“After two thousand years, Jesus is still a revolutionary symbol, revelation, and reality. He turned theology upside down and taught, in effect: God is not who you think God is. The enfleshment and suffering of Jesus reveals that God is not apart from the trials of humanity. God is not aloof. God is not a spectator. God is not merely tolerating human suffering or instantly just healing it. God is participating with us in it. Living it alongside us and with us. That is what gives us eternal purpose and hope. Like Job, we sometimes feel as if our flesh is being torn off and yet we do not die (Job 19:26). Through encountering the Living God in our pain, we can experience another kind of life, another kind of freedom.

“Pain and beauty constitute the two faces of God. On the one hand we are attracted to the unbelievable beauty of the divine reflected in the beauty of human beings and the natural world. On the other hand, brokenness and weakness also mysteriously pull us out of ourselves. We feel them both together.

“Only vulnerability forces us beyond ourselves. Whenever we see true pain, most of us are drawn out of our own preoccupations and want to take away the pain. For example, when we rush toward a hurting child, we also rush toward the suffering God. We want to take the suffering in our arms. That’s why so many saints wanted to get near suffering—because as they said again and again, they meet Christ there. It ‘saved’ them from their smaller untrue self.”

Homily Reflection Guide

Preaching Series: Surrender to Win

Week 2

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Key Scriptures, Questions, Reflections

1. **“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” (Mark 9:35—from today’s Gospel)**
 - In what ways can you honestly say you serve others?
 - Competition can be a good motivator for us to excel. However, it can also dominate our lives. Are you continually driven to succeed or to be better than others at all costs?
2. **“The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.” (Matthew 23:11-12)**
 - Can you think of a time when you exalted yourself and ended up being humbled? What did it teach you?
 - A truly humble person acknowledges their gifts without pride, but also without denying their gifts or putting themselves down. Are you able to do that?

Key Points from the Homily

- God honors the human ideals, desires and efforts to achieve greatness. In today’s Gospel, Jesus puts these ideals, desires and efforts into an important and bigger context: the context of what true greatness is in the eyes of God.
- Like the apostles in today’s Gospel who are arguing about their own greatness, we too, at times, can be so caught up in our own egos and agendas that we don’t have the slightest clue about what God is saying to us, doing for us, or wanting for us.
- Our ego/false self is a huge obstacle to finding peace, freedom and happiness, from winning at life and from achieving true greatness in our lives.
- Our true self is who we are in God’s eyes; our false self is the more superficial image we often project to others.
- Our ego is always comparing and competing with others; asking itself, “What do people think of me? What will help me look good?” It can spend a lot of time and energy seeking validation, security, significance and adequacy.
- This ego/false self has to die if we want to grow spiritually, if we are going to win at life and achieve true greatness in the eyes of God.
- To our ego, greatness is most often about physical or mental qualities, possessions or accomplishments. These are not bad things in themselves, but way too many people make them the ultimate focus of their lives, and the ultimate measure of greatness.
- Jesus undermines this superficial and misguided mindset by placing in front of his apostles a child who has none of these status markers, showing them that true greatness and our true worth and security do not come from any of these external things but from God and who we are in the deepest part of ourselves. Once we realize that, there is nothing to prove or protect or argue about.
- A huge part of surrendering to Jesus is surrendering our ego since the false self does not want to surrender to anyone, not even to God. That is because, more than anything else, our ego wants to be in control.

- It is a lifelong battle to let go of our ego, but as we do so, we will be free from all the time and energy of feeling inadequate or insecure, comparing, competing, protecting and validating ourselves.
- We can still compete and strive for greatness by utilizing the gifts, strengths and talents God has given to us for ourselves, to a certain extent, but most especially for the good of others.
- So, yes, try to be the best you can be, strive for greatness, but not the greatness your false self craves for and demands. Rather, strive for the true greatness that comes dying to your ego, the true greatness that comes from surrendering to Jesus and serving others.
- Surrender your ego, surrender to be truly great. Surrender to win.

Quotes about the Ego/False Self

- **“When the small gods go, God arrives.”** (From: *“Finding Your Hidden Treasure: The Way of Silent Prayer”* by Benignus O'Rourke, 2010).
In other words, we have to get rid of our ego/false self before God can come to us.
- **E.G.O. = Edging God Out – Ken Blanchard**
- **Our ego is constantly saying to us:**
 1. **I am what I have**
 2. **I am what I do**
 3. **I am what other people think of me**
 4. **I am separate from everybody else**
 5. **I am separate from what’s missing in my life**
 6. **I am separate from God**

See: <https://pollycastor.com/2018/01/14/ego-means-edging-god-out/>
- "I hope we can say ego is not bad. It is necessary. The only problem is that our culture teaches that ego is the only game in town. We take it a little too seriously and take the private ego as if it is full reality. The nature of the ego is that it tries to fix, name, control, and insure everything for itself. (From: “Everything Belongs,” by Richard Rohr, OFM, 2003)
- "To my ego, my wealth, my intelligence, my moral goodness, and my social class are what they are only in contrast to the person next to me. But the still center, my true self, does not need to oppose, differentiate, or compare itself." (Ibid, p.72)
- "What is the “I” in me that is hating? What is the “I” that is offended? What part of me is envious? Who is the “I” that needs more money to be happy? This is the “I” that must be examined and often released for the sake of seeing clearly. This “I” fixation, the “I” that I think is me, is the one that will die when I die. This passing self of images and who I think I am is ephemeral and impermanent. It is revealed to be a creation of my mind, a mist or illusion. True contemplation, true religious experience, dissolves the fortress of “I” by abandoning its defenses... Ibid, p.85)

**Quotes from “Into Your Hands, Father
—Abandoning Ourselves to the God Who Loves Us”
(Wilfrid Stinissen, Ignatius Press, San Francisco, 2011)**

- "Every person comes into the world with a dream of doing something great with his life, something that will make an imprint and bear fruit. God himself inspires this dream. He is, of course, the one who makes the human person great." (p. 61)
- "God knows us. He knows how fixed we are on ourselves and how inclined to make our own ego the center...When self-love no longer receives any nourishment, in the end it can only starve to death. (p.33)
- Our ego lives, thanks to and through our activities. When we surrender our faculties to God and let him manage them, the ego has nothing more to do; it dies from lack of work. (p.86)
- The ego is a cramp; therefore we do not get rid of it by exerting ourselves, but by relaxing. We let go, again and again. Not I, but you. Less and less I, more and more you, according to the golden rule formulated once and for all by the greatest of prophets: "He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30) (pp. 84-85).
- A great help in preserving and increasing this inner peace is striving to work in a calm, relaxed, and self-controlled way. Stress is often a sign of an all too obtrusive presence of one's own ego. God is never a stress factor. (p. 100).

Prayer of Abandonment
– Blessed Charles de Foucauld

Father,
 I abandon myself into your hands;
 do with me what you will.
 Whatever you may do, I thank you:
 I am ready for all, I accept all.

Let only your will be done in me,
 and in all your creatures —
 I wish no more than this, O Lord.

Into your hands I commend my soul:
 I offer it to you
 with all the love of my heart,
 for I love you, Lord,
 and so need to give myself,
 to surrender myself into your hands
 without reserve,
 and with boundless confidence,
 for you are my Father.