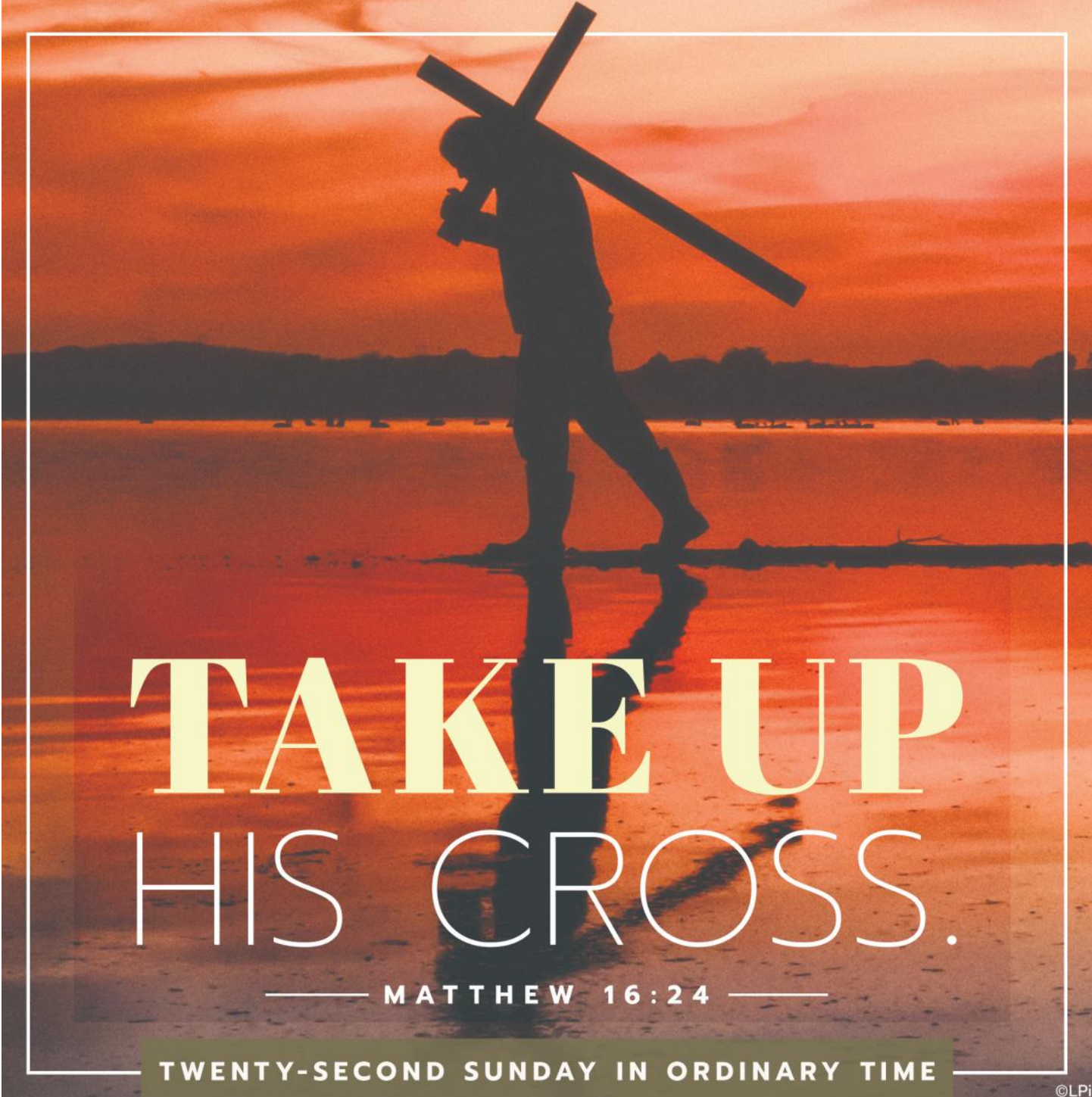


St. Joseph Parish

A silhouette of a person carrying a cross on their shoulders, walking across a wet beach at sunset. The sky is a deep orange, and the person's reflection is visible in the wet sand. The text "TAKE UP HIS CROSS." is overlaid on the image.

TAKE UP
HIS CROSS.

— MATTHEW 16:24 —

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. As we journey through the middle of Matthew's Gospel, he moves us to a theme that is a very prominent and difficult teaching of Jesus. The Lord begins to discuss the mystery of suffering and the mystery of the cross. Jesus says that every disciple must take up their cross and follow Him. You've often heard me say that the promise of God is not to make our life easy, but to be with us as we carry our crosses in life. The end of this Sunday's Gospel reminds us that in everything we do, we should keep our eyes fixed on the final judgment and the promise of resurrection and eternal life!!

This past week, I placed a joyful phone call to Fr. John Musinguzi to give him the good news that a check for the Mission in Rwanda has been sent in the amount of \$17,926.00! On behalf of Fr. John, thank you for your amazing generosity in support of the Propagation of the Faith!

Last Saturday over 160 parishioners who participated in the Welcome, Christ Renews His Parish retreat weekends gathered in our Center to celebrate faith, renewal and fellowship. We all enjoyed a festive meal provided by Rubio's. Men of God sign up now for the Men's Fall retreat. Ladies, the Fall Retreat is full, however you can put your name on a waiting list!



Summer Blessings, Msgr. Kevin

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I say to myself, I will not mention him,
I will speak in his name no more.
But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones. (Jer 20:9)

Psalm:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

Second Reading:

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God,
to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. (Rom 12:1)

Gospel:

"For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." (Mt 16:25)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Plenty of people are drawn to Jesus. Curious about him. Inspired by him. But can they carry the cross? Today, Jesus tells us that we cannot have one without the other — it is Christ and the cross, or nothing at all. Which will we choose?

Observances for the week of August 30, 2026

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thursday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

Virtuous zeal refers to an all-consuming love, which has for its object the Lord Himself. Closeness with God is impeded by anything contrary to the teachings of Jesus Christ, so no person can be "zealous" for God if they are violent or hateful.

Prayer for Vocations

Dear God,
Give us the courage and strength to answer when You call! Give us clarity and trust to hear Your soft invitations. Give us the love to respond, and the bravery to take the steps that will bring us ever closer to You.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 30, 2026

Sunday:

Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/
Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Monday:

1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101,
102/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday:

1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab,
13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday:

1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/
Lk 4:38-44

Thursday:

1 Cor 3:18-23/ Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/
Lk 5:1-11

Friday:

1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/
Lk 5:33-39

Saturday:

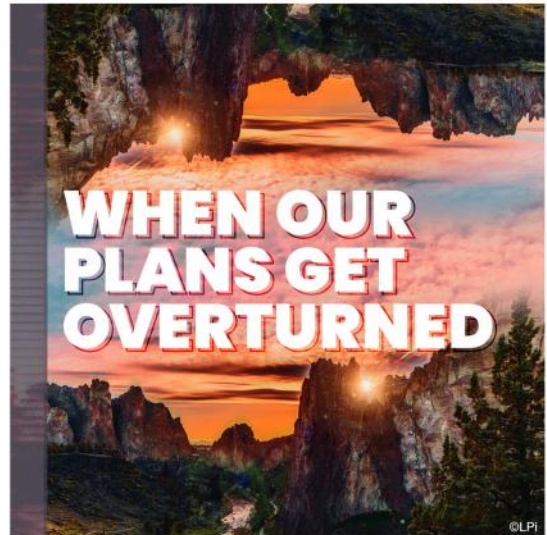
1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/
Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday:

Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/
Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Do you know what it is like to be thrilled by the power of Christian faith one moment and then utterly fail in it the next? I do. That is Peter in today's Gospel. After last week's bold confession, he now hears Jesus speak of suffering and death, and something in him recoils. He takes Jesus aside and tries to correct him. Jesus responds with the shocking rebuke, **"Get behind me, Satan."**

Peter is the mirror of every disciple. We love Jesus until he contradicts the script we have written for our lives. Peter does not reject Jesus. He rejects a *suffering* Jesus. So do we, whenever we avoid a hard responsibility, resist a demanding relationship, or cling to comfort instead of choosing love. We want a Lord who supports our plans, not one who overturns them.

Yet Jesus does not discard Peter. He redirects him. **"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."** In effect, Jesus says, stop trying to lead me. Let me lead you. Discipleship does not begin with heroism or clarity but with surrender. It means trusting that God's path to life often passes through places we would never choose.

Peter is all of us. We move from insight to confusion, from confidence to correction. That is why we should have hope. Jesus patiently teaches us again and again. Trust me. Get behind me. Follow me. When we stop fighting the crosses that come and start carrying them with him, we discover a freedom deeper than comfort and a love stronger than fear.

— Father John Muir

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026 | 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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and are burdened,
and I will give
you rest.”

— MATTHEW 11:28

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Become the man God
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OCTOBER 24TH & 25TH, 2026



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- Please scan the QR code to
Register

Orientation will be on
Sunday, August 30th
at 3:30pm in the St.
Joseph Center!



Classes start on
Sunday Sept. 13th
from
10:00am to 11:15am



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YOUTH MINISTRY **VOLUNTEERING**

At St. Joseph Catholic Church, our youth ministry is growing, and we're looking for caring adults who want to make a difference in the lives of teens.

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- ♥ A heart for youth
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- Preparing Arts & Crafts Activities
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- Youth - Led Devotionals
- Outreach Opportunities



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KNOW SOMEONE WHO'S INTERESTED?
Walk - in! Come and See!

Location:
St. Joseph Center - Meeting Room @11:00AM
(Followed by 12:30PM Mass together)

Date:	Time:	Meeting Room:
Sep 13, 2026	11:00AM - 1:30PM	SJ meeting room (Large Center)
Sep 27, 2026	11:00AM - 1:30PM	SJ meeting room (Large Center)
Oct 4, 2026	11:00AM - 1:30PM	SJ meeting room (Large Center)
Oct 18, 2026	11:00AM - 1:30PM	SJ meeting room (Large Center)
Nov 8, 2026	11:00AM - 1:30PM	SJ meeting room (Large Center)
Nov 22, 2026	11:00AM - 1:30PM	SJ meeting room (Large Center)
Dec 6, 2026	11:00AM - 1:30PM	SJ meeting room (Large Center)

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Adoration

**Come spend an hour with our Lord Jesus Christ
in the Blessed Sacrament.**

Enter what Catholic author Matthew Kelly calls
"The Classroom of Silence," and answer Jesus'
invitation:

**"Could you not watch with me one
hour?" (Matthew 26:40)**

Join **Deacon Joe & Dianne Lumsdaine** for
Eucharistic Adoration
this **Friday, September 4th at 8:00 a.m.**

WHEN YOU PRAY

A CLEAR PATH TO A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

You know prayer is important but still find it challenging. Perhaps it's hard to find time, or you're unsure what to do when you pray. Or maybe you feel discouraged by your weaknesses and your inability to overcome them.

If you have any of these feelings, you are not alone. Many of the saints struggled in prayer. They were like us. But each time they fell, they got up again and learned to rely more on God's grace.

What God did in the lives of countless saints, he wants to do in the lives of ordinary people like us. And that's what this study is about: the journey of prayer God wants to take us on.

7-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

JOIN US ON THE JOURNEY OF PRAYER!

IN-PERSON WITH SR. EVA
Starts Wednesday,
September 2nd
at 9:00am in the PLC
Parish Life Center (PLC)

ON ZOOM WITH MIKE & CHRIS
Starts Thursday,
September 3rd
at 7:00pm on Zoom
7 Weekly Sessions

COST: \$25
for Workbook

"Pray as you can, not as you can't."
- St. Francis de Sales

FOR MORE INFORMATION
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LET'S GROW CLOSER TO GOD THROUGH THE POWER OF PRAYER.

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MASS AT 8:00 A.M.
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OPEN VENERATION
8:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.

RELICS AVAILABLE FOR VENERATION

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- + Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
- + Saint Hyacinth of Poland, OP
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- + Saint John of the Cross
- + Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque
- + Saint Michael's Seme

- + Saint Philip Neri
- + Saint Rafqa
- + Saint Philomena
- + Saint Charbel Makhlouf
- + Saint Teresa of Ávila
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STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH. BE INSPIRED.
Don't miss this grace-filled event!



“You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God.” - 2 Cor 9:11.

Food from the Heart: THANK YOU! We collected 11 shopping carts of family food and \$986! We purchased food as requested by Catholic Charities of Long Beach.

Sept 17 7:00 PM - Committee Meeting: As we begin our 41st year of channeling the generosity of our St. Joseph parish community to the poor and marginalized of Long Beach, help us inspire our upcoming activities.

Sept 26-27 - Feed-a-Baby Food

Drive: Collecting non-perishable baby food and products for Catholic Charities, New Life Beginnings and Transitions in Motherhood.

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HE IS HERE
2026
WEDNESDAY | 09 | SEPTEMBER
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Archbishop José Gomez
Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Fr. Paul Sustayta
Pastor, Blessed Sacrament Hollywood

Deacon Steve Greco
Executive Producer, Adore Him: He Is Here

Blessed Sacrament Church
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Hollywood, CA 90028

6:00 p.m. - Doors Open
6:30 p.m. - Gathering Music
7:00 p.m. - Program
7:30 p.m. - Eucharistic Procession through Hollywood
8:00 p.m. - Silent Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour

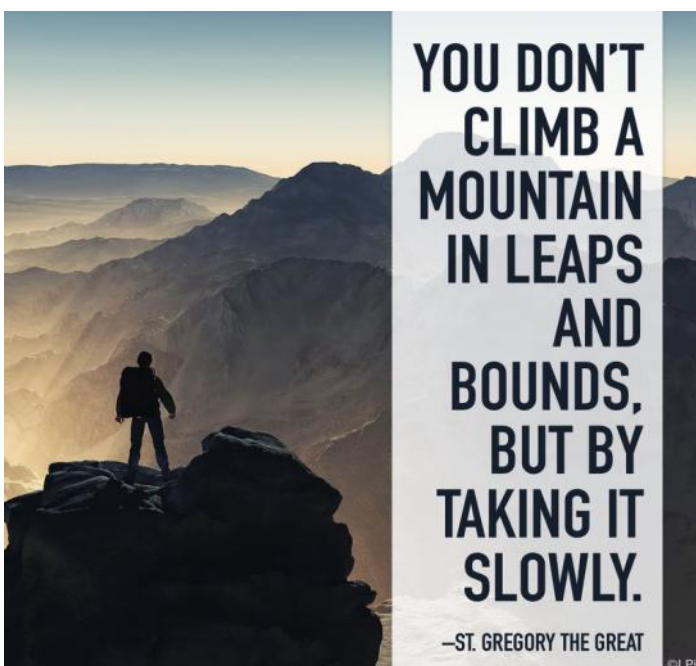
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Back to school season is a good time to refresh children & teens on internet safety



Back-to-school season is an ideal time to refresh internet safety rules with the children and teenagers in your care. For example, it is helpful to establish clear guidelines like what types of sites they can visit, apps they can download, and when they can have access to electronics. Families can also consider “blackout” periods that require disconnection – possibly during dinner and leading up to bedtime. Netsmartz ([missingkids.org/netsmartz](https://www.missingkids.org/netsmartz)) offers resources for keeping children and teens safe online

St. Joseph Senior Group Meeting

Join us! **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

in the St. Joseph Center

Presentation by Meals on Wheels at 9:30 am
Come early to hear about this important ministry!

Games start at 10:00 am

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HOSTED BY: LAURIE WALLACE

We are presenting a series of workshops throughout the year exploring the linkage between the mind and creativity to enhance our self-awareness. Each workshop is designed to stand alone but follow theme presented.

Third in the series, this workshop, first presented in 2025, "Bilateral Drawing" is an introduction to creating abstract art using both hands at the same time. Linking the left and right side of the brain, this exercise produces images that can then be altered, cut, and collaged into new and entirely surprising ways. The results of this drawing experiment offers one more way to get in touch with internal feelings and thoughts without judgement.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

There will be an introduction and short meditation presented. There are no mistakes in the final result.

- No previous art experience is required.
- All materials will be provided, and participants are also encouraged to bring their own art materials if they wish.

Laurie Wallace is co-facilitator of a women's prayer group, a graphic designer, ceramicist and has taught art to children and elderly.



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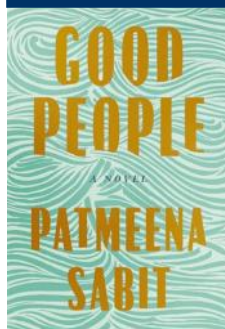
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Book Club



Our next Book Club meeting is Wednesday, November 18th at 7pm on Zoom

Good People by Patmeena Sabit.

In the debut novel by Afghan American author, Good People is a literary mystery told through a kaleidoscope of perspectives, exploring family, cultural tension, and the American immigrant experience.

All are welcome. For more info, email
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GENERAL AUDIENCE

St Peter's Basilica
Wednesday, 26 August 2026
[Multimedia]

Catechesis. The Documents of the Second Vatican Council. III. Constitution Sacrosanctum Concilium. 8. *The motivations of the liturgical reform*

Dear brothers and sisters,

In this final catechesis on the Constitution Sacrosanctum Concilium, today I would like to look at the reasons why the Council Fathers sought to promote a reform of the liturgy. In this regard, the third Letter from the Council, which Cardinal Giovanni Battista Montini, then archbishop of Milan, sent on 28 October 1962 to the faithful of his Church, is particularly enlightening. The liturgy, he wrote, “is a sincere expression of both the divine and the human. It is language. On the one hand, it is a vehicle for divine teaching; on the other, it is a voice in dialogue with God. It is clear that it cannot renounce its didactic function, nor can it fail to offer faith and piety the opportunity to be expressed with spontaneous intelligibility”. [1] Motivated by these convictions, the future Pope Saint Paul VI affirmed that the faithful “cannot and must no longer remain silent and passive. Their physical presence cannot be reconciled with their spiritual absence”. [2]

The similarity between these statements and those which would appear in no. 48 of the Conciliar Constitution is evident: "The Church ... earnestly desires that Christ's faithful, when present at this mystery of faith, should not be there as strangers or silent spectators on the contrary, through a good understanding of the rites and prayers they should take part in the sacred action conscious of what they are doing, with devotion and full collaboration. They should be instructed by God's word and be nourished at the table of the Lord's body; they should give thanks to God; by offering the Immaculate Victim, not only through the hands of the priest, but also with him, they should learn also to offer themselves; through Christ the Mediator they should be drawn day by day into ever more perfect union with God and with each other, so that finally God may be all in all". These words express a renewed awareness of the value of the liturgy. Through the Church's ritual actions, whilst the memorial of the work of salvation is celebrated, the opportunity is provided to experience a true relationship with God, coming into contact with the salvific event. Since the gestures, the words of the sacred liturgy are critical to realizing this experience, the participation of the faithful cannot be passive.

The Conciliar reform, by placing at the centre that which constitutes the heart of the ecclesial experience, was intended to allow the liturgy to shine forth as "the primary source of that divine exchange in which the life of God is communicated to us". [3] From this conviction arose the need to make the richness of the biblical texts and prayers more accessible to all the faithful, and to streamline the order of the celebration compared with that set out in the liturgical books then in use.

Indeed, since the liturgy is a living entity, throughout the centuries it has always been subject to developments and changes. The Magisterium adapted its forms to the needs of different eras. It is therefore not surprising that the Second Vatican Council too, with the utmost respect for the heritage of tradition, and precisely in order to make it more accessible, considered it necessary to revise the liturgical books.

The aim that the Fathers had in mind is explained in no. 21 of the Constitution

Sacrosanctum Concilium: "In order that the Christian people may more certainly derive an abundance of graces from the sacred liturgy, holy Mother Church desires to undertake with great care a general restoration of the liturgy itself. For the liturgy is made up of immutable elements divinely instituted, and of elements subject to change. These not only may but ought to be changed with the passage of time if they have suffered from the intrusion of anything out of harmony with the inner nature of the liturgy or have become unsuited to it. In this restoration, both texts and rites should be drawn up so that they express more clearly the holy things which they signify; the Christian people, so far as possible, should be enabled to understand them with ease and to take part in them fully, actively, and as befits a community". The distinction, within the liturgy, between divine, immutable elements, and human elements, which instead "admit of various modifications, as the needs of the age, circumstance and the good of souls may require, and as the ecclesiastical hierarchy, under guidance of the Holy Spirit, may have authorized", dates back to Pope Pius XII's Encyclical Mediator Dei (*Acta Apostolicae Sedis* 39, 1947, 541–542).

Moreover, the desire for a "general reform" did not come about suddenly, but had been evident in the actions of successive Popes since the beginning of the twentieth century, in keeping with the demands of the Liturgical Movement. The assertion that the faithful should not attend celebrations "as strangers or silent spectators" had already been raised in Pope Pius XI's Apostolic Constitution *Divini Cultus*. Furthermore, one may recall Pius XII's interventions regarding the ordering of the rites of Holy Week, which he rescheduled to the hours corresponding to the events of Easter, after they had for centuries been brought forward to the morning hours. Nor should it be forgotten that Saint John XXIII regarded it necessary to simplify the rubrics of the Breviary and the Missal, approving this with the Motu proprio Rubricarum instructum of 25 July 1960, in which he referred the proposal of fundamental principles for a reform of the liturgy.

The liturgical reform promoted by the Second Vatican Council is thus firmly rooted in the living tradition of the Church. A correct understanding of it also enables us to reject the abuses that occurred in certain sectors of the Church during the post-Conciliar period, and which, unfortunately, still occur from time to time today, where some of the principles underlying the reform itself have been taken to extremes or misunderstood.

In this regard, it is worth recalling that the Conciliar Constitution affirms that "Liturgical services are not private functions, but are celebrations of the Church, which is the 'sacrament of unity', namely, the holy people united and ordered under their bishops. Therefore liturgical services pertain to the whole body of the Church; they manifest it and have effects upon it" (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, no. 26).

It is therefore the primary responsibility of pastors, of bishops but also of each individual priest, to safeguard and promote a liturgy which, while respecting liturgical norms, shines with noble simplicity (cf. no. 34) and thus manifests the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. Such a liturgy will also be a fundamental vehicle for evangelization, the instrument of grace through which, as the Council teaches, we may learn to offer ourselves and, through Christ's mediation, be perfected in unity with God and amongst ourselves (cf. no. 48).

[1] G. B. Montini, «Third Letter from the Council», *Rivista Diocesana Milanese* 51 (1962) 921-923: 922.

[2] *Ibid.*

[3] Solemn Closing of the Second Session of the Council, *Allocution of the Holy Father Paul VI* (4 December 1963).

Special greetings:

I greet all the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors taking part in today's Audience, particularly the groups from Malta, Senegal and Canada. A special greeting to those serving in the National Offices of the Pontifical Mission Societies. Upon you and your families, I invoke the joy and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. God bless you all!

Summary of the Holy Father's words:

Dear brothers and sisters, in this final catechesis on the [Second Vatican Council's](#) Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, [Sacrosanctum Concilium](#), we recall the reasons the Council Fathers promoted a liturgical reform. When the Church carries out a reform of the liturgy — a constant process of development across the centuries — there is an important distinction to be made between the divine, immutable elements, and the human elements, which may undergo various modifications. The need arose for the faithful to celebrate the liturgies more consciously and actively, not “as strangers and silent spectators,” but participating fully in the salvific mystery. In this way, the Christian people learn to recognize sacred realities, offer themselves with and through the hands of the priest, and become more open to receiving God’s grace. At every celebration of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, let us ask for God’s help to be strengthened on our journey and to enter into a deeper relationship with the Lord.

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil

5:00 p.m.

Sunday

**Mass on the Grass
Outdoors**

8:30 a.m.

Indoor Mass

10:30 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Daily Mass (M-W)

8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturdays

3:45-4:30 p.m.

Adoration

First Fridays

8:00-9:00 a.m.

Third Tuesdays

7:00-8:00 p.m.

