

**Welcome to Holy Mass at Holy Cross Church
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, October 18, 2009
11:00 am**

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and all others in need of healing in our parish community

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading I

Isaiah 53: 10-11

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs and have a long life.

[But the Lord was pleased to crush him in infirmity.] If he gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life, and the will of the Lord shall be accomplished through him.

Because of his affliction he shall see the light in fullness of days; through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33: 4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

R: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Upright is the word of the Lord, and all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the Lord the earth is full.

R: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

See, the eyes of the Lord are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness, to deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine.

R: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Our soul waits for the Lord, who is our help and our shield. May our kindness, O Lord, be upon us who have put our hope in you.

R: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Reading II

Hebrews 4: 14-16

A reading from the letter of Hebrews

Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.

We have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God; let us hold fast to our profession of faith. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weakness, but one who was tempted in every way that we are, yet never sinned. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and favor and to find help in time of need.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Gospel

Mark 10: 35-45

A reading of the holy gospel according to St. Mark

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many.

Zebedee's sons, James and John, approached Jesus. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to grant our request." "What is it?" he asked. They replied, "See to it that we sit, one at your right and the other at your left, when you come into your glory." Jesus told them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup I shall drink or be baptized in the same bath of pain as I?" "We can," they told him. Jesus said in response, "From the cup I drink of you shall drink; the bath I am immersed in you shall share. But sitting at my right or my left is not mine to give; that is for those for whom it has been reserved." The other ten, on hearing this, became indignant with James and John. Jesus called them together and said to them: "You know how among the Gentiles those who seem to exercise authority lord it over them; their great ones make their importance felt. It cannot be like that with you. Any one among you who aspires to greatness must serve the rest; whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the needs of all. The Son of Man has not come to be served but to serve – to give his life in ransom for the many."

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Thoughts from the Pulpit

[Mark 10: 35-45]

Authority at Service

In the Gospel today, James and John want the top places in Jesus' Kingdom. Obviously they calculated that his kingdom would be modeled on worldly kingdoms.

People seek authority for different reasons: some people like the power; it makes them feel important; others like prestige; others like higher salary; in all – they seek to promote themselves. Also there are some rare cases where people honestly seek authority to serve others.

There is an authority that controls, dominates, imposes and crushes. The lust for power is rooted not in strength but in weakness. There is an authority that brings people together, makes them feel safe, and promotes their gifts for building a stronger loving community.

But also there is an authority that serves, builds trust, and loves to the end. In Jesus' Kingdom, this authority has been established by our Savior. It rests on the foundation of the Apostles. Here the greatest would be those who were willing to serve others rather than serve themselves and even to give their lives as the sacrificial gift to the Lord. All the Apostles had marked their commissioned authority with the martyrdom, hardship, and total service for the Church.

James the Apostle was the first of the apostles to suffer martyrdom (Ac 12:2) - he was beheaded at Jerusalem.

Andrew, Apostle, was tied to the cross, where he preached to his persecutors until he died.

Bartholomew, Apostle, was skinned alive.

Peter, Apostle, was crucified at Rome with his head downward.

James son of Alphaeus, Apostle, was thrown from a lofty pinnacle of the Temple and then beaten to death with a club.

Thomas, Apostle, was run through with a lance in the East Indies.

Matthias, Apostle, was stoned and then beheaded.

Jude Thaddeus, Apostle, was shot to death with arrows

Philip, Apostle, was hanged at Hieropolis in Phrygia.

Matthew, Apostle, was run through with a sword at a distant city of Ethiopia.

John, Apostle, was the only apostle to die a natural death. He was put into a cauldron of boiling oil but survived in a miraculous manner, was scourged (Ac.5:40), and afterwards exiled to Patmos (Rv1:9).

Please pray and always support all your priest and bishops who honestly and faithfully carry, until this day, the commissioned authority of Jesus Christ's Church. Amen!

The Communion

Welcome to participation in the Holy Eucharist. By receiving Holy Communion, the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we fully participate in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should be baptized, should not be conscious of grave sin, and normally should fast for one to two hours. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive Communion without prior Sacramental Confession.

We always welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Holy Eucharist and Holy Communion. We pray that our common Baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions separating us.

Announcements for October 18, 2009

After Holy Mass, please move quickly to the parish hall, where dinner will be served to our congregation. We will then set up our work assignments for the community dinner from 1:00 – 4:00. Thanks in advance for everyone's help in making this a great outreach to our Lakeland community.

Requests for All Souls' Day were distributed in last week's bulletin. If you didn't get a request sheet, pick up the purple sheet on the short table at the back of the church. All requests are due by next Sunday, October 25. Thank you!

The PNU Special Offer of 10 Paid Life Insurance has been extended until November 30. If you wish to take advantage of this opportunity, see Joe.

If you have names of individuals in need of our prayers and support as they heal, please let Pat know by Thursday of each calendar week. Thank you.

Weekly Calendar

Tu – Th, October 20-22	National Clergy Conference in Buffalo, NY
Tuesday, October 20	6:00 pm Choir practice
Thursday, October 22	5:30 pm Weight Watchers Meeting

Sunday, October 25 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ALL SOULS' MEMORIAL REQUESTS DUE TODAY!

Intention: +Stanley Kot

Requested by the Kot family

10:30 am	Bible Study for Children
11:00 am	Holy Mass
12:00 pm	Coffee Hour

Monthly Financial Summary

Week of	Weekly Income	Weekly Income Needed	Balance
October 4	\$437	\$642	-\$205
October 11	\$420.65	\$642	-\$221.35
TOTAL	\$857.65	\$1284	-\$436.35