

October 17, 2021

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(B) Is 53:10–11

Heb 4:14–16

Mk 10:35–45 or 10:42–45

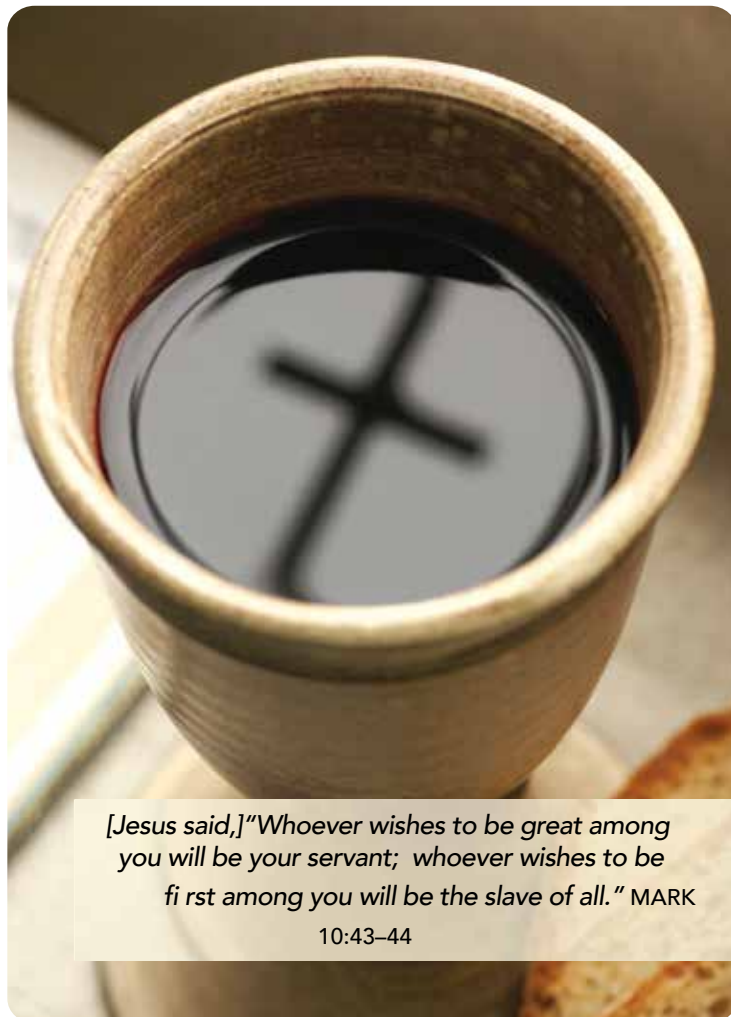
## Can You Drink the Cup?

**T**hat is the question in today's Gospel that Jesus posed after James and John, two of his closest followers, asked for places of honor. They wanted to be recognized for their loyalty. Don't we all? Jesus asks them: "Can you drink the cup?" (Mark 10:38). Can you pay the price? And they both say: "We can" (10:39). Such confidence and self-assurance!

This is a Sunday that focuses on hardship—not the hardship that comes from the burdens of life itself, such as economic distress, racial and gender bias, or the loss of loved ones. Jesus was certainly concerned about these. However, today's readings have a specific focus. He asks: "Can you drink the cup that I drink?" Can you face and endure what I must? Can you follow me to suffering? Isaiah refers to the servant of the Lord, that mysterious individual who suffers at the hands of others precisely because of his loyalty. However, his suffering is not in vain: "Because of his anguish...my servant, the just one, shall justify the many" (53:11). The spirit of this servant lives on in many stories about Jesus. It certainly does this Sunday. Like the servant, Jesus will suffer for the sake of others. How ready are James and John, you and I, for such a role?

Jesus then turns the values of society upside down. You want to be great? Then you have to serve others. You want to be first? Then, for the sake of others, you have to put yourself last. To follow Jesus means to follow him even through suffering. "Can you drink the cup?"

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*



*[Jesus said,] "Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all." MARK 10:43–44*

### FOR *Reflection*

- ✳ Think of times when the welfare of another made you forget about yourself.
- ✳ Do you always seek praise? Are you indignant when others are praised? What can you do about this?



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**Weekend Masses:** Vigil: 5:00pm, Sunday: 10:00am

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**Weddings:** by appointment 6 months in advance

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*We welcome our parishioners and visitors who have come to St. Michael's to worship this weekend. May you be blessed by your presence here today.*

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS...

### OCT 16/17th - The 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM **Lector** Alberta Cannonier **EM:** Peter Marsh  
10:00AM **Lector** Sam Booth **EM:** Maura Almeida  
**Collection** The Almeidas

### OCTOBER 23/24th - The 30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM **Lector** Willie Forbes **EM:** Alberta Cannonier  
10:00AM **Lector** Emma Leitch **EM:** Joe Mendonca  
**Collection** Karen Marsh

### OCT 16/17th - The 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Frank Colangelo +  
10:00AM Deolinda & Antonio Carvalho ++  
Maria Ruggeiro & Vito Lovecchio ++

### OCTOBER 23/24th - The 30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Veronica & Herman Tucker ++  
10:00AM Mark Luger +

You are welcome to attend Morning Masses at  
St. Theresa's - 7:30AM Mon.—Fri. | St. Anthony's - 8:00AM Tues.—Fri.

**ST. THERESA'S & ST. ANTHONY'S**  
Masses are live streamed via the Diocesan Website  
and their Facebook Page



## STEWARDSHIP

**COLLECTION: October 2/3rd: \$701.00**  
**Monthly Second Collection for Maintenance**  
**WILL BE THIS WEEKEND,**  
**October 16/17th at all Masses.**

**NB:** \$2300/week or \$9200/month in the collection  
is needed to break even each month.

### ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS FOR YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTION

are welcomed. Consider making a weekly, monthly or quarterly transaction.

**When making your online transaction, be sure to include your name and "collection" as your memo on your banking transaction."**

**ST. MICHAEL'S uses your regular collection contributions to support the day-to-day operations of our Parish.**

**Thank you to those parishioners who continue to answer our call for stewardship to St. Michael's.**

Online donations can be made to St. Michael's Church's

**BNTB Account # 2000 6060 081824 100.**

### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - OCTOBER 23/24

**NEXT WEEKEND** we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. For more information, visit: [www.missio.org](http://www.missio.org).



## The Bishop's Corner



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

The Grand Imam of Al-Azhar University in Cairo, Ahmad Al-Tayyeb noted that during his meetings with Pope Francis, he discovered a great sense of unity between them especially when it comes to crises that affect modern man.

He said, "I grew up convinced of the extreme importance of religion in building civilization and in material and spiritual development. I was also convinced of the importance of religion for preserving and guarding the gains of civilization so that they would not be distorted and become evil for man. I realized that the message of religion can only bear the desired fruit when it is preached by believers, first reconciled with one another. There must be peace, harmony and cooperation among those who are bringing this message to people. If there is division and conflict among them, they are unable to convey the message of peace. We know a famous proverb which says: 'You cannot give what you don't have'. I understand that monotheistic religions that have emerged throughout history, have one source - God, the Glorious One, the Most High. We have clear texts in the Holy Quran which say that what was revealed by God to Muhammad is the same as what was revealed to Abraham, Moses and Jesus; there is one source. Values, teachings and commandments that are useful to humankind do not essentially differ from one religion to another. This is what prompted me to go out, side by side with my brothers from other religions to discover these common elements. Thank God we walk reconciled towards people in the hope that it will help to ease the pains of today's man."



Ahmad Al-Tayyeb also pointed to the importance of the papal encyclical *Fratelli tutti*. He noticed that Pope Francis has indicated in it the direction of dialogue and peaceful coexistence between people, which is also important for the followers of Islam. "It is a call to apply the moral principles of religion in order to create a true brotherhood in which there is no discrimination on the basis of differences in religion, belief, race, gender, or other forms of intolerance. The encyclical is useful for Muslims, and at the same time for followers of other religions, because it says that we are all brothers and sisters," emphasized the Grand Imam. He also reminded that those who sow hatred among people and spread terrorism and shed blood in the name of religion or God are liars and traitors to religions that they supposedly profess.

Have a restful long weekend and a blessed shorter week!

+ We. *Wesley*  
Bishop Wes



## SUNDAY READINGS – Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,  
grant that we may always conform our will to yours  
and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### FIRST READING – Isaiah 53:10-11

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.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Psalm 33

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

### SECOND READING – Hebrews 4:14-16

Brothers and sisters: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia.*

The Son of Man came to serve  
and to give his life as a ransom for many. Mk 10:45

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### GOSPEL – Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” He replied, “What do you wish me to do for you?” They answered him, “Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left.” Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” They said to him, “We can.” Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared.” When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James

and John. Jesus summoned them and said to them, “You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

### WORD FROM *Pope Francis*



*The way of service is the most effective antidote against the disease of seeking first place....Therefore, as disciples of Christ, let us receive this Gospel passage as a call to conversion, in order to witness with courage and generosity a Church that bows at the feet of the least, in order to serve them with love and simplicity.*

ANGELUS, OCTOBER 21, 2018

## Dear Padre,

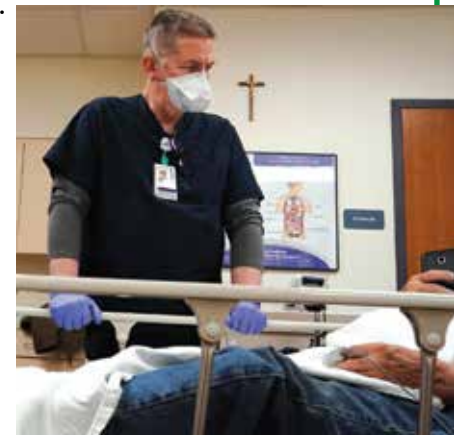
**Can a minister of holy Communion who visits hospitals bless a doctor? I was recently asked to do this. I didn't know how to say no, so I said a prayer over him even though I'm not ordained. Was that OK?**

**Y**ou did the right thing. The Church's *Book of Blessings* gives guidelines for a variety of blessings, some of which may be given by laypeople (see page xxviii). For example, parents may bless their children. Baptized laypeople who carry out functions on behalf of the Church may also give blessings: catechists may bless their students, and eucharistic ministers who visit the sick may bless them.

Laypeople may give various other blessings, including blessing the sick, food, a new home, seeds at planting time, and throats on the feast of St. Blaise. A layperson may distribute ashes on Ash Wednesday, though the actual blessing of the ashes is reserved for the clergy. Also reserved for the ordained are blessings of liturgical vessels and parishioners entering ministry as readers, altar servers, ministers of holy Communion, or musicians. Blessings of the cathedra (the bishop's chair in the cathedral church) and the consecration of the sacred chrism are reserved for bishops.

If you're trained to minister in the hospital and are there with the approval of your pastor and the hospital's pastoral team, you can give blessings. The *Book of Blessings* has texts to guide your words.

*Fr. John Schmidt, CSsR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org*



## LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH

**ALL BIBLE STUDIES AND RCIA SESSIONS ARE POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

### PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US AT MASS IN CHURCH!

MASSES are held **Saturday, at 5PM and Sunday, at 10AM.**

Masks MUST be worn at all times. Sign up sheets for tracking and tracing at the verandah entrance. Temperatures will be taken and hand sanitizing must be done. Please continue to physically distance, at all times.

Communion is under one species. Please approach the Altar in single file, maintaining one pew between you and the person in front of you.

### Virtual Information Sessions for MSA

MSA will be hosting virtual information sessions for families who would like to know more about MSA and its world-class Alberta Curriculum.

THE INFORMATION SESSIONS WILL BE HELD:

**Thursday, November 4 – All Grades – Time: 5:30PM**

**Please RSVP to [msaoffice@msa.bm](mailto:msaoffice@msa.bm) or call 292-4134**

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In the eyes of many, the papacy is a peculiar institution. Still bedecked with some of the regalia of medieval princes, contemporary popes have worked to define their role in ways that give them influence over the world both within and outside the Church. The trappings of royalty, never really a good fit for the successors of Peter, could render a pope distant and irrelevant. On the other hand, the tendency of many to think of the pope as if he were the CEO of a modern corporation is also inaccurate.

St. Gregory the Great, himself a pope, first called the pope “the servant of the servants of God.” He is “first among equals” among other bishops, who by tradition exercise significant authority within their own dioceses, not depending on the pope’s authority. This arrangement often puzzles those accustomed to a top-to-bottom “chain of command.” History has seen popes of many styles, but most strive to live up to Gregory’s definition. Perhaps today’s Gospel puts it all into the best perspective: “Whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all.” Pray for the pope this week.

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## AROUND THE DIOCESE

**ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP:** Tuesday and Saturdays from 10:00am to 2:00pm

**12:10PM MASS** at the Cathedral. These noon masses will be celebrated by Bishop Wes on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Join Us!

**LECTIO DIVINA** Every Monday at 7pm via Zoom. If you want to join, contact Franz Wohlmuth at [Fgwohlmuth@logic.bm](mailto:Fgwohlmuth@logic.bm). Franz will send you the link to join zoom.



### A Message from the St. Vincent de Paul Society ...

SVDP recently registered as a recipient charity with **The Bermuda Championship**, which will be held this year at the **Port Royal Golf Course** from October 25th to 31st.

**You can support us in the following ways:** Sign up to be a volunteer at the event: For each volunteer that chooses SVDP as their charity, we will receive \$200. If you have already signed up and would like to add your name as an SVDP volunteer, please contact Karen Leseur at [svdp@northrock.bm](mailto:svdp@northrock.bm).

**Make a donation through The Bermuda Championship Birdies for Charity program: For every donation made, SVDP will receive 100% of your donation, plus an additional 10%.**

**To volunteer, please visit:** [www.bermudachampionship.com/bfm-volunteer/](http://www.bermudachampionship.com/bfm-volunteer/)

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**For more information, please contact Karen Leseur at [svdp@northrock.bm](mailto:svdp@northrock.bm) or 232-4175.**

*Thank you, as always, for your continued support of the  
St. Vincent de Paul Society – Karen Leseur President – SVDP*

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## The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.

MARK 10:45

### CONTINUALLY LEARNING FROM JESUS

Today's Old Testament selection, from Isaiah's "Fourth Song of the Suffering Servant of God," describes God's Servant as one who "gives his life as an offering for sin" (Isaiah 53:10) and celebrates the mighty power of that self-offering: "through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear" (53:11). As always during

Ordinary Time, this Old Testament reading prepares us for today's longer form Gospel. Jesus incarnates the redemptive suffering that Isaiah foresaw in the offering of God's Servant, as well as the covenantal restoration that the Servant's sacrifice achieved. The reading from Hebrews confirms our finding peace in continually learning from Jesus, whatever our deepest flaws and trials: for Jesus, our "great high priest" (Hebrews 4:14) is not "unable to sympathize with our weaknesses," for Jesus was "tested in every way" that we are (4:15).

### MISUNDERSTANDING JESUS

Throughout this part of Ordinary Time, Mark's Gospel tracks the disciples' progressive misunderstanding about Jesus' mission and the nature of discipleship. We heard Jesus make two predictions about his Passion on Sundays in September, and just before to-day's Gospel episode, Jesus

informed the Twelve: "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and hand him over to the Gentiles who will mock him, spit upon him, scourge him, and put him to death, but after three days he will rise" (Mark 10:33-34). Despite Jesus' three predictions and his definition of "glory" and "power" as serving others in humility, James and John still imagine Jesus as bound for a glorious earthly messiahship. How moving that Jesus, rather than scolding James and John as he had previously rebuked Peter, instead begins teaching them patiently, "You do not know what you are asking" (10:38).

### SELF-EXAMINATION

Knowing that Jesus' throne of glory is also a "throne of grace," from which Jesus bestows "mercy and grace for timely help" (Hebrews 4:16), today's Gospel suggests sincere self-examination: How do we approach Jesus and make our requests? What do we ask for: what Jesus wants us to do or, like James and John today, do we demand "whatever we want" from Jesus? Does the world in which we live and work focus our hearts on glory to the right and power on the left? Or does "the cup we drink," "the baptism" we've received inspire us to gladly become servants of all, like the Jesus who has made us his disciples? Do we also avoid imitating the "indignant ten" other Apostles who rebuked James and John? Or are we also quick to see the errors of others and rash in passing judgment on them? How do we live in response to Jesus who gave his life "as a ransom for many"?