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**THE 22ND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

From Father Robert

Sometimes we are asked, “Do you want the good news first, or the bad?” How we answer probably depends on the gravity of the situation, our own mood and temperament, and whether we want to get the bad news out of the way so we can enjoy the good or hear the good first so that it softens the bad. In today’s gospel Jesus definitely gives the bad news first: He will suffer and die, His followers must carry their cross and lose their life for the sake of others. We not only have to hear the bad news before hearing the good news, we also must live the bad news before we receive the best news possible: that we will share in Jesus’ risen life.

Who wouldn’t recoil, like Peter, when Jesus says that He would “suffer greatly...and be killed,” especially when He says that this is also the lot of those who faithfully follow Him. Jesus’ curt command to Peter - “Get behind me, Satan!” – points to the crux of the challenge: we are to think like God, not like humans. In God’s saving plan, we must lose our life for Jesus’ sake – only

in this way can we share in Jesus’ risen life. No human instinctively understands or naively embraces this. God’s love alone reveals this mystery and strengthens us as we surrender ourselves to it. If we only focus on the cost of discipleship – dying to self; losing one’s life for the sake of another; daring to be a countercultural sign in a culture overtaken with more and better possessions, constant entertainment, self-indulgence – we’ll become as disillusioned and discouraged as Jeremiah in the first reading. We always need to hear Jesus’ whole message about the paschal mystery: we must lose our life in order to find it. The suffering and death always lead to new life. We know this because Jesus has already shown us the way. His prophecy about His passion and death includes His announcement of being raised to new life. The good news-bad news question really is a non-question for Jesus’ disciples. Whatever suffering and death we embrace, we know includes a share in Jesus’ risen life.

Living The Paschal Mystery

Today’s gospel begins with a clear statement of what we call the paschal mystery: Jesus will “suffer,” “be killed,” and “be raised.” Peter recoils at this statement of Jesus’ fate. So do we! Suffering and death is hardly an attraction that we would seek and make central in our daily lives. Yet it must be, for Jesus attests that the only way to have our life is to lose it. Why would we want to make losing our life – suffering and death – something central to our daily living? Like Peter, we tend to limit our vision by focusing only on the suffering and death, only on the bad news. The fullness of the paschal mystery always leads through suffering

and death to new life. And this is good news, indeed – the best of the good news!

Authentic discipleship doesn't require us to seek suffering. Being faithful to Jesus will bring enough as it is. This is so because living and witnessing to Gospel values, challenges so many values society touts; these are the ones that will bring us happiness. Ultimately, though, we find that only living Gospel values brings us lasting happiness, even though we must die to self in the process. All who wish to be faithful to Jesus' call to Gospel living must be prepared to suffer – and also be prepared to receive new life. The Life Jesus offers is worth any price!

The message of the gospel and its challenge continues to be more demanding with each passing week. How ready are you to enter fully into the paschal mystery?

- At the call to deny self, take up the cross, and follow Jesus, I respond with mere human thinking (“God forbid, Lord!”) when I...I respond according to God's way of thinking when I...
- I've experienced life coming from “death” when...
- In the midst of the challenges and difficulties of faithfully following Jesus, I have felt God's loving strength when...

Welcome Back, Fr. George Griener, SJ

At each liturgy this weekend we welcome back **Fr. George Griener, SJ**, from his summer travels to Africa and China. He will resume his schedule of being with us once a month to preach and preside. Welcome back, Fr. George

– we missed you and are so grateful to have you back with us!

Fall Deanery Meeting

This coming Tuesday, September 5th, our parish will host the first meeting of the Delta Deanery this fall. It will be held in the parish hall from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.

Because of the Deanery Meeting, **The Art & Environment Committee Meeting has been moved to the following Tuesday, September 12th at 10:00 a.m. and the Liturgy Committee Meeting will follow it on the same day at 10:30 a.m.** Thank you for your understanding with the date change.

9/11 Commemoration

Our parish has a tradition of commemorating the horrific events of September 11, 2001. Nearly 3,000 innocent Americans were killed and over 6,000 were injured in the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon, and Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The casualties in New York included 343 firefighters and 72 Police Officers. Fire Chaplain Father Mychal Judge from the NYFD was killed by falling debris while providing comfort for the dead and injured at ground zero. This was the deadliest incident for firefighters and police in the history of the United States.

In the days and weeks that followed September 11, 2001, our whole country came together in a tremendous spirit of community and volunteerism. This extraordinary response to the tragedy solidified the notion that compassion for those in need is a very powerful and unifying force.

That spirit of community and volunteerism continues with the outreach efforts in our parish such as our participation in the Stand Down on the Delta and so many others. They are also reflected in the parishioners who donate their time and talent to the many programs and ministries of St. Ignatius of Antioch.

When you come to Mass on September 9-10, you will see a visible tribute to all those affected by the September 11 attacks. You are invited to take a moment to stop and view the memorial and reflect on what it means to you and how you might give back from your heart. You may wish to help with one of our parish ministries or outreach programs or simply help a stranger in need. *We are grateful for a generous gift from a parishioner that covered the entire cost of the tribute.*



...to our faithful volunteer parishioners who arrive very early each Saturday morning to clean and prepare both the church and parish hall: **Jun Bajet, Jack Goncalves, Angela Bueno, Mency Osborne, Rose Salamanca, Carole Miller, and Steve Rojek.**

...to our faithful volunteer parishioners who clean and maintain the bathrooms in both the church and parish hall: **Robert Goncalves, Mary Ewing, Patricia Britton, Virginia Noack, and Harlan Young.**

...to **Dilcia Aparacio** who does such an excellent job of washing, ironing, and caring for the Sacred Linens.

...to our Sacristans and Altar Guild who prepare the sanctuary for the celebration of Eucharist each week:

Peter Degl'Innocenti, Pam and Rich Confetti, Vincent Rodriguez, Harlan Young, Rowena Cayaban, Monika Kauer, Cynthia Enrique, Belen Farin, Nancy Santos and Rose Salamanca.

...to **our counting teams** who are here every week to count the weekly collections.

...to our volunteers who assisted in the parish office last week:

Melodye Costanza, Harlan Young, Yvette Young, Alicia Perez, Joe Fanfa and Bev Iacona.

...to our St. Vincent de Paul and Mobile Mall volunteers who transported last week's donations: **Bob Carvalho and Barbara Jackson.**

...to our faithful weekly bulletin assembly team: **Bob Carvalho, Carole Miller, Dave Costanza, Judy Quicho and Belen Farin.**

...to our wonderful Parking Lot Security who keep watch over our vehicles during weekend liturgies: **Don Benson, Steve Rojek and Bob Goncalves.**

From Father Mangini

WHERE DID I GO AND WHAT HAVE I SEEN

Well, he disappeared! I am half way through my retirement holiday in Lucca, Italy which is home base. I have rented an old 200 year old home attached to others houses of the same age in a small town of Quamo, a couple of miles outside the old walled city. It is a three story complex with a rental unit below. My sister, Karen, and my cousin, Martha, came for the first month and returned on August.10.

While I came to rest, I also came to become familiar with northern Tuscany. So, we started to drive about into the old hillside cities from the medieval ages, from the 11th century forward: Pienza, Cortona, Montecatini Alto, Volterra, San Gimignano, San Miniato, Colle di Val'delsa. We even took a day to cross Italy by train to Ravenna, to look again at the old Romanesque churches and mosaics from the 5th and 6th centuries. And I went with Don Claudio, the son of the owner of the house who is a priest of the Archdiocese of Lucca, and also its administrator and treasurer, to Parma which is famous for its prosciutto, Italian style jam, and its famous parmigiana cheese. Besides that, it possesses one of the most beautiful painted Cathedral interiors. Italy calls all its Cathedrals, Il Duomo, which comes from the Latin word for a house, "domus," the principal house of God, where the bishop resides.

Several days' interruption. Went to see Napoli, one of Italy's oldest and largest cities, three million plus. I have a cousin, Ross Hoblitzell and his Italian wife who live there. His wife is a native of Pozzuoli, Napoli. Here is where a tourist really encounters Greek and Roman substrata. Modern Naples sits over the strata of other cities that go back 2300 years. They are presently building a new Metro station and in doing so have discovered five Roman naval ships going back the first century. As culture grew and changed and rebuilt, another strata appeared. The word Naples comes from the Latin, Neapolis, which means "new city," sometime before the first century.

Naples is becoming increasingly a place to visit. It is no longer haunted by Italian mafia, the "chomoros." Huge old Palazzos, from hundreds of years of go

were built right besides each other. Turned into apartments many years ago, many neighbors can stretch across the street five stories up and shake hands with each other.

Back to the first storyline. One of the highlights of the trip has been the tour of the caves of the Carrara marbles, the Puccinni Opera Tourandot at Torre del Lago, a beautiful natural lake with an amphitheater that honors the work of the famous Italian opera writer; the opera began at 9:30pm and ended at 1:00am. Also, the day boat ride out to admire the Cinque Terre, a viewpoint from the sea and a stop at Porto Venere and Monterrosa.

Now, the visitors are arriving: my nephew Jim and his wife, Sandy. They did Rome first and then came to Lucca. I am on the train now going south to Napoli for a few days to visit my cousin Ross Hoblitzell and his Italian wife, Rosa. Next, Dave and Susan Gregoire show up for a few days before my grand niece, Holle and her husband, Raul, show up for a week. Another cousin, Michele and her friend, show up for the same week.

Get back to you when I have time. That may not mean that I am on the go. I also work at being lazy.



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This past Tuesday evening, Linda Grelli from Black Diamond Travel met with the group that is going with me to Norway in August, 2018. The following are confirmed to go: **Father Robert, Father Mangini, Raffle Winner #1, Raffle Winner #2, Frank Russo, Jesse and Monica Olson, Dorothy O'Connor, Chris and Annette Romani, Diane Jorgensen, Rich and Joanie Hardy, Val Laursen, Amante and Gloria Asuncion, David and Brenda Rodriguez, Eric and Vivica Ross, Lorraine Lohmeier, Nancy Galli, Bob and Tone Carvalho, Mike and Linda Trevarthen, Eric and Jolene Genetti, Virgil and Nancy Santos, Ana Manalac, Dorothy Raquel, and Bobbie O'Cang.**

I am continuing to add names to the Stand By/Waiting List. The deadline for your non-refundable deposit of \$549 is September 20th. Please make out your check to Black Diamond Travel and call Linda to confirm. We are still waiting to finalize the cost of air fare.

***Building Presentation Announcement
from Steve Rojek***

I am following up on the letter that Fr. Robert wrote in the bulletin recently regarding the history and the current

status of our Building Expansion. He reminded us of our dream in 2011 of a Parish Center, with classroom, offices, and a Great Hall. The estimated cost at that time was about 3.5 million dollars. We had a Capital Campaign and were able to raise about one million dollars. That put us a little short, so we adjusted our dream to a hall only, but due to several factors, including the recovery of the economy, the price tag was still somewhere around 3.5 million.

And so, we faced reality, and as was explained during the Town Hall meetings earlier this year, the goal was adjusted again. After analyzing what we really need, the decision is to get done what we can with the money we have.

The Reader's Digest version is this, in consultation with an architectural firm that has done church construction, and another firm that specializes in commercial kitchens, both of whom have done work in this Diocese, and with the knowledge of how much we can spend, we know from them that we can expand and update our kitchen, replacing most of the appliances, and expand the hall to seat 200 comfortably, and get cozy with up to 240. Please be aware that no funds from the parish or the Building Fund were spent on these consultants. A generous donor has been covering these costs.

We have consulted with the Diocese and have been advised to make a good faith effort to inform those who pledged and contributed to the Capital Campaign, and you then sign off that you are aware and approve of this. And so, for the next 3 weekends there will be tables and clipboards with papers that look like petitions out in the Gathering Plaza with some friendly folks at the tables to get

your signatures. We would greatly appreciate your help and cooperation with this. After the 3 weekends, we will then make efforts to contact through the mail those we don't have signatures for.

A couple of other items I would like to cover – we do not have architectural drawings or scale models of what the expansion will look like. The eventual plans will depend on what we can do with the money we have. Nothing is final until all the pieces are in place. As Fr. Robert explained in his letter, we will have to jump through some fiery hoops that include the Diocese and the City. Our experience tells us that, without a doubt, there will be surprises that will increase our costs. One good thing that needs to be announced, the Diocese has given us a dispensation regarding the payoff of the parking lot loan. Due to Fr. Robert's diligence and the great support of the parishioners, and paying down the loan at \$5000 a month, we are being allowed to pursue this project without having to first pay off the balance of the parking lot loan. We still have to continue to make our monthly payments, but the Diocese is bypassing their usual requirement.

You will continue to see routine maintenance work going on, and from time to time, some special capital projects that are needed to keep our facility up to date and efficient. It's just like your car, regular maintenance is important, and from time to time, we get to spend money on parts that are needed.

Secondly, in order to keep rumors and "Fake News" to a minimum, I will be the spokesperson for this phase of the project. The Parish Staff has been instructed to direct any questions that you may have to me.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support. With God's help we will see the fruits of all of our efforts.

