



August 30, 2026

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:7-9 | Rom 12:1-2 | Mt 16:21-27

### **GROW AS A DISCIPLE** | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Peter, understandably, responded to Christ's foreshadowing of his death with shock and horror – insisting that Jesus would not suffer and die. But Christ's words to his disciples taught them all to respond with humble obedience, trusting in the mission of God without fully understanding it. And Jeremiah in the first reading felt that God had “duped” him. Perhaps the message here is to expect the unexpected when taking on a life of holiness. In my own vocations of marriage, motherhood, and teaching, I regularly encounter challenges and surprises. As disciples, when we discern the will of God in our lives and choose to live according to his will, we do so not because we know all that it will entail, but because we know and trust the One who calls us. We are not promised an easy life, but we are promised abundant life. God calls us to a life of holiness because he knows that is what will bring us fulfillment and peace.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

#### **PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

In the process of discernment, we consider our gifts and talents, humbly reflect upon what is needed to build the kingdom of God, and listen carefully in prayer to the voice of God. We have the immense gifts of Sacred Tradition and Scripture to facilitate the “renewal of [the] mind” (Rom 12:2) as we allow our minds and hearts to be transformed by God's will. And in humble obedience, we must be honest with ourselves about whether we are fully open to God's call, even when it is contrary to our plans. When we believe with our entire being that we are living according to God's will, we will not be able to remain quiet or live in a mediocre way. Just as Jeremiah was unable to keep himself from speaking on the Lord's behalf, the Good News of Christ will come pouring forth from our being in everything that we do. And in this outpouring of God's love, we will give others the opportunity to encounter Christ through us.

### **REFLECT**

Spend some time this week considering the vocation to which you are being called. Reflect upon how you can grow in trust of God to depend upon his care and guidance as you serve according to his will. Although our specific call may be challenging and may seem overwhelming, we can trust in the promise that following God's will leads to a life of joy and peace.

**Sunday, Aug 30, 2026**

### **Grace found in suffering**

Not long after Peter's moment of glory came his first hour of defeat. This pattern is familiar to all of us who know how quickly our circumstances can change. Peter beamed when Jesus praised him for his inspired declaration, "You are the Son of the living God!" But soon he made the mistake of refusing Jesus' prediction of the suffering that was to overtake him in Jerusalem. "God forbid!" Peter shouted. Poor Peter. He couldn't bear the thought of his friend being harmed, and he didn't have the imagination to perceive how suffering might be turned into grace by the will of God. Surrender any present suffering to God's transforming touch.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27 (124).

*"Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me."*

**Monday, Aug 31, 2026**

### **A challenge worth accepting**

One of the distinctive features of biblical prophets is that they do not possess any special power. It is not they who choose to speak for God; rather, God chooses to speak through them.

Furthermore, those God chooses would often prefer to run the other way! That's because they know, then as now, that God's prophetic message is not often received with enthusiasm, especially when it challenges our most cherished assumptions. As 20th-century peace activist Philip Berrigan observed: "The poor tell us who we are. The prophets tell us who we can be. So we hide the poor and kill the prophets." Are you open to a prophetic challenge in your own life? Listen for it!

1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Luke 4:16-30 (431). *"Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place."*

**Tuesday, Sep 01, 2026**

### **When you know, you know**

The so-called demons of the gospels seem to have an edge. They claim to know who Jesus is while the disciples do not. It is true: The disciples, like the rest of us, struggle to understand who Jesus is and what his radical message of love means for us. Saint Augustine helps answer our questions: "What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see the misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like." Now it is up to us to be Christ for others.

1 Corinthians 2:10b-16; Luke 4:31-37 (432). *"I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"*

**Wednesday, Sep 02, 2026**

### **Love beyond boundaries**

As Christians, we believe in God, who created us out of love for love. Unfortunately, we don't always love wisely or well. The good news is God forgives us for our shortcomings and offers us a chance to reconcile ourselves by following Christ, which is the path of self-giving love. Jesus felt compelled to proclaim this Good News to any who would listen. We are required to do nothing less. Our compassion and generosity mustn't stop at our front

doors, or at the parish boundaries, or at our national borders. The Good News—the incredible, saving news of Jesus Christ—belongs wherever and with whomever we find ourselves. Prepare yourself: You've got a lot of loving to do.

1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Luke 4:38-44 (433). *"To the other towns also I must proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God."*

**Thursday, Sep 03, 2026**

### **Go fish**

There are commercial fishermen who make a tough living on the treacherous waters of the sea and sports fishermen hoping to land a trophy to mount. Some fish with nets, others with baited lines or with lures and flies. There is no one way or reason to fish. This holds true for each of us commanded by Jesus to catch and bring people to the Lord. "To be 'fishers of men,'" says Carmelite Bishop Silvio José Báez, "is to be builders of men, that is, people who approach others, seeking their good, serving them, helping them to move forward, supporting them in their difficulties, and above all, imparting hope and the joy of believing." Who can we "hook" today with a little kindness, a helping hand, a word of encouragement, an act of compassion, a forgiving heart?

1 Corinthians 3:18-23; Luke 5:1-11 (434). *"Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."*

**Friday, Sep 04, 2026**

### **Out with the old**

Hearing Christ's message for the first time can be troubling because it is so new. We want what is comfortable and familiar. Saint Thomas Aquinas understood the challenges that come with discipleship. He prayed: "O Lord my God, make me submissive without protest, poor without discouragement, chaste without regret, patient without complaint, humble without posturing, cheerful without frivolity, mature without gloom, and quick witted without flippancy." Compose your own prayer filled with the old ways of living that you hope to replace with the new ways of life in Christ.

1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Luke 5:33-39 (435). *"New wine must be poured into fresh wineskins."*

**Saturday, Sep 05, 2026**

### **Peace is with us**

"The moral right to conscientious objection is recognized in the 1994 Catechism of the Catholic Church (sect. 2311), but it is in no sense mandatory," noted St. Thomas University Professor Scott Wright in an issue of *St. Thomas Magazine*. "Still, as a form of Christian witness, pacifism—the opposition to all war—has also had a long and distinguished tradition." This tradition is rooted in Jesus' Beatitudes and the gift of peace he leaves with his disciples; it is further sustained by Saint Paul's admonishment to the church in Corinth to be fools for Christ—and bless when reviled, endure when persecuted, and speak kindly when slandered. Peace be with you today and every day following.

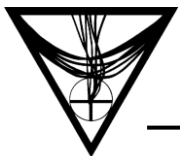
1 Corinthians 4:6b-15; Luke 6:1-5 (436). *"When ridiculed, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we respond gently."*

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time*



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## OUR MISSION

‘Inspired by the Holy Spirit we are a Eucharistic community called by God  
To share the love of Jesus Christ and create a welcoming parish of renewal and mission.’

## MONTH of the *Immaculate Heart of Mary*

| Sunday<br>August 29                                          | Monday<br>August 31 | Tuesday<br>September 1 | Wednesday<br>September 2 | Thursday<br>September 3 | Friday<br>September 4                                     | Saturday<br>September 5          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 10a Mass<br>12:30p Mass<br>1:30p-4pm<br>Adoration<br>7p Mass |                     | 8:30a Mass<br>In HALL  | 8:30a Mass<br>In HALL    | 8:30a Mass<br>In HALL   | 8:30a Mass<br>In HALL<br>9a-12p<br>Adoration in<br>Chapel | 11a-12p<br>Confession<br>5p Mass |

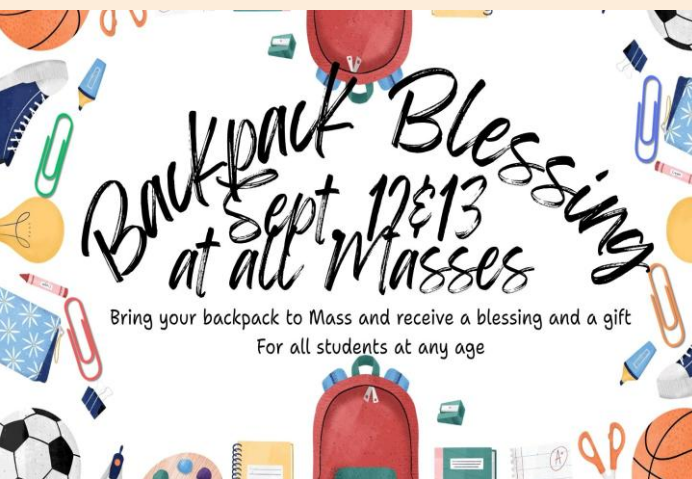
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## Welcome Back from *Summer!*

**Morning Mass**  
will be in Hall starting Sept 1!

### 55+ Cards Begins

Thursday, September 10  
1:30-4pm



**Millions of Monica's**  
Starts Mon Sept 14 @7 pm

## Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care.

When confronted with a life-limiting diagnosis, we can find ourselves in an unfamiliar and even frightening situation. These moments are usually marked by having to make numerous practical decisions surrounding care and support for loved ones and ourselves. More often than not, such decisions require moral discernment through the lens of our faith. We believe in the dignity and sacredness of human life at all stages, from conception to natural death. At the same time, our faith does not demand that life is to be sustained at all costs. As Catholics, our faith in Jesus Christ has much to teach us about living and dying well.

Come on

**Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am-4pm**

at Holy Spirit Church.

Contact Kelly Wormsbecker

[kwormsbecker@rcdos.ca](mailto:kwormsbecker@rcdos.ca) or call the parish office at  
306-374-1425 to register.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

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THE POPE'S  
PRAYER  
INTENTION

**For evangelization in the city.** Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community. AUGUST 2026



*"Ignite Your Passion, Empower His Mission"*  
CWL is open to all women of the parish 16 years or older.

Our September meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8th beginning with Mass at 5:30 pm followed by potluck supper. Please bring your plate, utensils and cups to help our environment.  
President: Melanie Fauchoux (306) 220-9520  
[holyspiritcwl@gmail.com](mailto:holyspiritcwl@gmail.com)

**Saskatoon Challenge Girls Club**  
Is for girls in Grades 3-12 who want to grow in their Catholic faith. If you are interested or have questions, contact Shannon at [skchallengegirls@gmail.com](mailto:skchallengegirls@gmail.com)

**2026 Annual Millennium Cross Pilgrimage**  
September 23 @ 3pm

*Please be courteous to our neighbours.*  
Don't park in the ROCK OF AGES lot on Sundays.



**WATCH FR. JOSEPH'S**  
***Sunday Reflection***  
Subscribe to @Fr.JosephSalihu on YouTube

**Wednesday Adoration**  
Will return on **Sept 9 @7pm**

**LET US PRAY**  
**For the sick and all those who care for them, today we pray for:** Orlene Eremondi Larocque, Mary Cody, Phil Klassen, Camilla Wren, Elizabeth Lesko, Kim Cody, Alice Plewes, June Young, Delores Hinz.  
**For all those who have died, today we remember:** Agnes Richeloff, Sheila Kosta, Agnes Exner



**Mother Teresa: No Greater Love**

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love is a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times: Mother Teresa of Calcutta. This film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today.

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**MASS TIMES**

**Saturday** 5 pm  
**Sunday** 10 am, 12:30pm, 7 pm  
**Weekdays** Tues. - Fri. 8:30 am

**ADORATION**

Jul/Aug ~~Wednesdays~~ 7-8pm  
Fridays, 9 am - 12 pm  
Sundays, 1:30 - 4 pm

**CONFESSIONS**

Saturdays 11 am - 12 noon  
*or by appointment.*



# Diocesan Bulletin

Aug. 30, 2026 – Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 In all things we are *rooted in Christ*,  
in His desire to bring God's love to all peoples.

## Upcoming Events

**Camino 101** - The Saskatoon Chapter of the Canadian Company of Pilgrims is hosting a Camino 101 Information Evening on **Wednesday, Sept. 2** at Grace Westminster Church. Anyone interested in finding out more information about walking the Camino De Santiago trail in Europe is welcome. Register online at [www.santiago.ca](http://www.santiago.ca).

**A Contemplative Mass led by Fr. Kevin McGee** will be held at 5 p.m. on **First Friday, Sept. 4** at St. Mary Parish, 211 Ave. O S., Saskatoon. The rhythm of the Contemplative Mass is a gentle steady flow, marked by 20 minutes of silence after communion to allow space to experience of the intimate presence of Christ.

**Pancake breakfast:** All are welcome to a Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast 11 a.m. **Sunday, Sept. 13** (after 10 a.m. Mass) at St. Mary Parish Hall, 211 Avenue O South, Saskatoon.

**Millennium Cross Pilgrimage:** Join in prayer, reflection and community at the 24th annual Millennium Cross Pilgrimage **3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13**. The pilgrimage cross is a beloved local landmark that has lit up the night sky for the past 25 years, standing as a 100-foot beacon of hope and faith, located 10 kilometres northeast of Aberdeen, SK, on Highway 41. It begins at 3 p.m. with a Living Rosary, offered with the intention of building a culture of life. The 2026 keynote address will be presented by Fr. Bassim Shoni of Sacred Heart Chaldean Catholic Church in Saskatoon. After the program, all are invited to stay for a time of fellowship and a light lunch, providing an opportunity to connect and share in the spirit of community. Bring lawn chairs, umbrellas, and insect repellent. Check the Facebook page and/or the website <https://millenniumcross.ca> for contingencies in case of inclement weather.

**Hope for Malawi Fundraising Supper** in support of outreach to Malawi, Africa, will be held **Wednesday, Sept. 16** at Saint Anne Parish, 217 Lenore Drive, Saskatoon; doors open at 5:45 p.m. with a cash bar, silent auction, 50/50 draw, door prize draw, and dinner by Touch of Ukraine. Tickets are \$30. Contact Elaine Zakreski at [ezakreski42@gmail.com](mailto:ezakreski42@gmail.com) or Carol Yelland at [cv.yelland@gmail.com](mailto:cv.yelland@gmail.com).

## The Season of Creation

**The Season of Creation runs from the World Day of Prayer for Creation Sept. 1, until the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi Oct. 4.**

"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks" (*Isaiah 2:4*) is the theme of Pope Leo XIV's message for the World Day of Prayer for Creation 2026:

[www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va).



### Mass for Care of Creation

Bishop Mark Hagemoen will celebrate the Mass for Care of Creation at 9 a.m. **Sunday, Sept. 27** at the Cathedral of the Holy Family in Saskatoon, which will be available on live-stream video at <https://saskatoonmass.com>.



### Season of Creation Series

A Season of Creation reflection and dialogue series will be held 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **Sept. 14, Sept. 21, Sept. 28, and Oct. 5** in the welcome area at St. Philip Neri Parish, 1902 Munroe Ave, Saskatoon.

The series features a dialogue guide from the Jesuit Forum that brings to life *Laudato Si'*, the ground-breaking papal encyclical by Pope Francis on the Care of Creation.

All are welcome to join in these evenings of reflection – attend any one or all sessions; there is no cost. Refreshments provided.



### Diocesan Prayer

God of justice and of peace, help us to always live as faithful caretakers of Your world: cherishing all of creation and all living beings. Grant that we may treat creation and our fellow human beings with respect, and that we may support and uphold the life and dignity of all of our neighbours on this earth.

## Message Board

**Rental accommodation available:** Sts. Benedict & Scholastica House has rooms for rent for young Catholic men in a house located in the university neighbourhood of Saskatoon (it is not necessary to join the full SBS program). For information, contact Sr. Marta Piano at [mpiano@rcdos.ca](mailto:mpiano@rcdos.ca) or Sr. Sol Abala at [mabala@rcdos.ca](mailto:mabala@rcdos.ca).

### Casual Job Opportunity at the CWL Clothing Depot:

A "Donation Sorter and Processing Worker" is required at the CWL Clothing Depot in Saskatoon to sort and organize donations checking for flaws, cleanliness and safety, to direct these articles to appropriate areas on sales floor to volunteers or to seasonal storage, and to learn different aspects of the daily operation of the Clothing Depot. Hours of work are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Starting date is immediate, and starting wage is \$17 per hour. Drop off resumé at the CWL Clothing Depot, which is located on the lower level of The Friendship Inn building at 619-20<sup>th</sup> Street West, Saskatoon, S7M 0X8, Monday to Friday (between 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. by ringing the bell at the back alley door, or between 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. at the front entrance on 20<sup>th</sup> Street West.)

**"Virtuous" Awaken Adult Faith series:** The diocesan Adult Faith office presents "Virtuous" 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on four Tuesdays **Sept. 22, Sept. 29, Oct. 6, and Oct. 13** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, Second Floor, Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon. The virtues are acquired through faithful practice and cooperation with God's grace -- they shape our hearts, guide our decisions, and prepare us for deeper communion with Christ. Cost is \$40 for the series. Register at: <https://form.jotform.com/261528551203249> or for information, call Adult Faith Coordinator Astrid Alas at 306-659-5858. (*Adult faith formation programs are supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal*).

**STM Corporation:** St. Thomas More College at the University of Saskatchewan is seeking volunteers to fill vacancies on its Corporation. More info can be found at <https://stmcollege.ca>. Submit applications to Cameron Choquette, College Secretary & Director of Strategic Initiatives at [cchoquette@stmcollege.ca](mailto:cchoquette@stmcollege.ca) by **Sept. 23**.

**A weekend retreat** presented by the Verbum Dei Missionaries Sr. Marta Piano and Sr. Sol Abala will be held from 5:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25 to 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at Living Waters Camp on Adamson Lake, north of Saskatoon. Cost is \$285 includes accommodations and meals (bring bedsheets/linens, towels, pillows, toiletries). Register online at: <https://forms.gle/PnA1z8erqjrHU3LJ7> For more information call (306) 659-5843.



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## Indigenous Pastoral & Lay Leader (IPL) Ministry Education

**"Introduction to Reconciliation"**

**Sept. 15 to Nov. 10**

**ONLINE**

Tuesday evenings 7:00-8:30 pm

The IPL course from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon is presented by Indigenous and non-Indigenous leaders modelling respectful relationships, for all those interested in deepening their understanding of the history of Indigenous Peoples and the Catholic Church as a response to the TRC Calls to Action. Cost is \$200 (bursaries may be available). Speakers for this session will include Bishop Mark Hagemoen and Indigenous leaders. No prerequisite required. **Find information, testimonials, and online registration at:** [rcdos.ca/indigenous-ministry-education](https://rcdos.ca/indigenous-ministry-education)

**An RCIA catechist day of prayer, reflection, and practical conversation** will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Saturday, Sept. 26** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, Second Floor, Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon to share best practices, explore helpful approaches to the RCIA ministry, and spend time in prayer and discussion with others who accompany inquirers and candidates on their journey into the Church. Register at: <https://www.jotform.com/262007389063255>. For more information, contact Quin Kleiboer, diocesan Rural Catechesis Coordinator at: [qkleiboer@rcdos.ca](mailto:qkleiboer@rcdos.ca) or call (306) 659-5857. (*This free event is sponsored by the Bishop's Annual Appeal.*)

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# Bringing Home the Word

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## Called to Be Faithful

Fr. Joseph Juknialis

Somewhere in every life, along its twisting, curving path, each of us finds ourselves wondering if we would not be better off somewhere else, doing something different, as if we could live a parallel life with the flip of the channel. Except that changing life is never that simple. And so we live on, with our foibles and our insecurities. We make do for one more day in a job that is less than satisfying, or in a relationship that is worn and fraying, or caring for aging parents as we juggle the needs of two households. In every niche of life,

we may find ourselves dealing with difficult people, listening to others' woes, wondering if anyone cares. Like the prophet Jeremiah, we can feel we've been duped by the Lord God.

We don't need to go looking for crosses. They come our way. And it is our crosses that allow us to save our lives by losing our lives. It is these very same lives we wish we could escape that bring each of us to holiness, if for no other reason than that we do struggle not to have our own way all the time. Spirituality has been defined as an inner set of values by which we live an outer set of circumstances. As people of faith, that is what we try to do—to live in the style of Jesus. Somehow, in each of our lives, it seems that God brings us to where we should be. †

## Sunday Readings

### Jeremiah 20:7–9

All day long I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me.

### Romans 12:1–2

Be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God.

### Matthew 16:21–27

[Jesus] said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

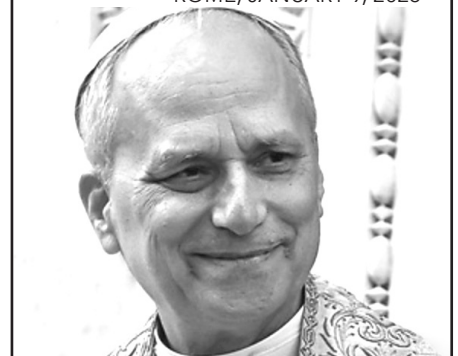


***As people of faith,  
we try to live  
like Jesus.***

## A Word from Pope Leo XIV

War is back in vogue, and a zeal for war is spreading. The principle established after the Second World War, which prohibited nations from using force to violate the borders of others, has been completely undermined. Peace is no longer sought as a gift and a desirable good in itself.... Instead, peace is sought through weapons as a condition for asserting one's own dominion.

ADDRESS TO DIPLOMATIC CORPS,  
ROME, JANUARY 9, 2026



## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

### ONE?TWO? REFLECTION

- What is the cross you are being asked to bear?
- Can you unite your cross to the cross of Jesus?



# Everyday Choices

*The Redemptorists*

**P**eter, in today's gospel, makes a mistake we all make. He has just declared Jesus as the Messiah, but when Jesus speaks of suffering and the cross, Peter resists. He wants salvation without sacrifice, victory without struggle. But Jesus rebukes him: "Get behind me, Satan! You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Isn't this how we often live? We want a faith that blesses us, but not one that demands anything from us. We want to follow Christ, but we hesitate when it means standing against the systems that harm our world, i.e., consumerism, exploitation, environmental destruction. Paul, in the second reading, gives us a challenge: "Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind."

The world teaches us to accumulate more, to seek profit at any cost, to define success by material gain. But the gospel calls us to a different kind of success: the success of justice, love, and integrity. For families, this means making choices

that reflect the values of the kingdom of God. It means consuming responsibly, teaching children to be aware of where products come from, and prioritizing people over profit. It means living simply so that others may simply live. Faith is not meant to be locked within the walls of a church but lived in the world.

A prophetic family is one that questions, challenges, and refuses to conform to destructive systems. Choose sustainable, local products over corporate-driven consumerism. Teach children the value of ethical consumption. Be involved in community efforts that protect the environment. Stand up for the rights of workers and the marginalized. Justice is not just about big protests; it is about everyday choices. ‡

***Faith is not meant to be locked within the walls of a church but lived in the world.***

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## Wisdom from Catholic Update

From "Four Faces of Jesus" by Virginia Smith

The writers of the Gospels of Mark, Matthew, Luke, and John offer four different descriptions of Jesus. Their unique challenge? To portray someone both human and divine. But how can four diverse descriptions characterize the same person? Each evangelist chose words and deeds from Jesus' life that related to that writer's particular audience. These audiences differed dramatically in religious background, culture, and ethnic origin. Which gospel is most authentic? Which best reflects the historical Jesus? They all do. Jesus emerges possessing greater depth than any single narrative could provide. Each writer was aware of those facets of Jesus' personality, teachings, and deeds that would draw his community into deeper faith. Are these the only portraits that might be drawn? By no means. All Christians are called to portray the face of Jesus.

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Merciful God, give us the grace to carry our crosses and unite them with the cross of your Son, Jesus, so that we may offer our suffering as prayer for the world. Amen

*The Redemptorists*

## WEEKDAY READINGS

August 31–  
September 5

**Monday, Weekday:** 1 Cor 2:1–5  
/ Lk 4:16–30

**Tuesday, Weekday:** 1 Cor 2:10b–16  
/ Lk 4:31–37

**Wednesday, Weekday:** 1 Cor 3:1–9  
/ Lk 4:38–44

**Thursday, St. Gregory the Great:** 1 Cor 3:18–23  
/ Lk 5:1–11

**Friday, Weekday:** 1 Cor 4:1–5  
/ Lk 5:33–39

**Saturday, Weekday:** 1 Cor 4:6b–15  
/ Lk 6:1–5



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