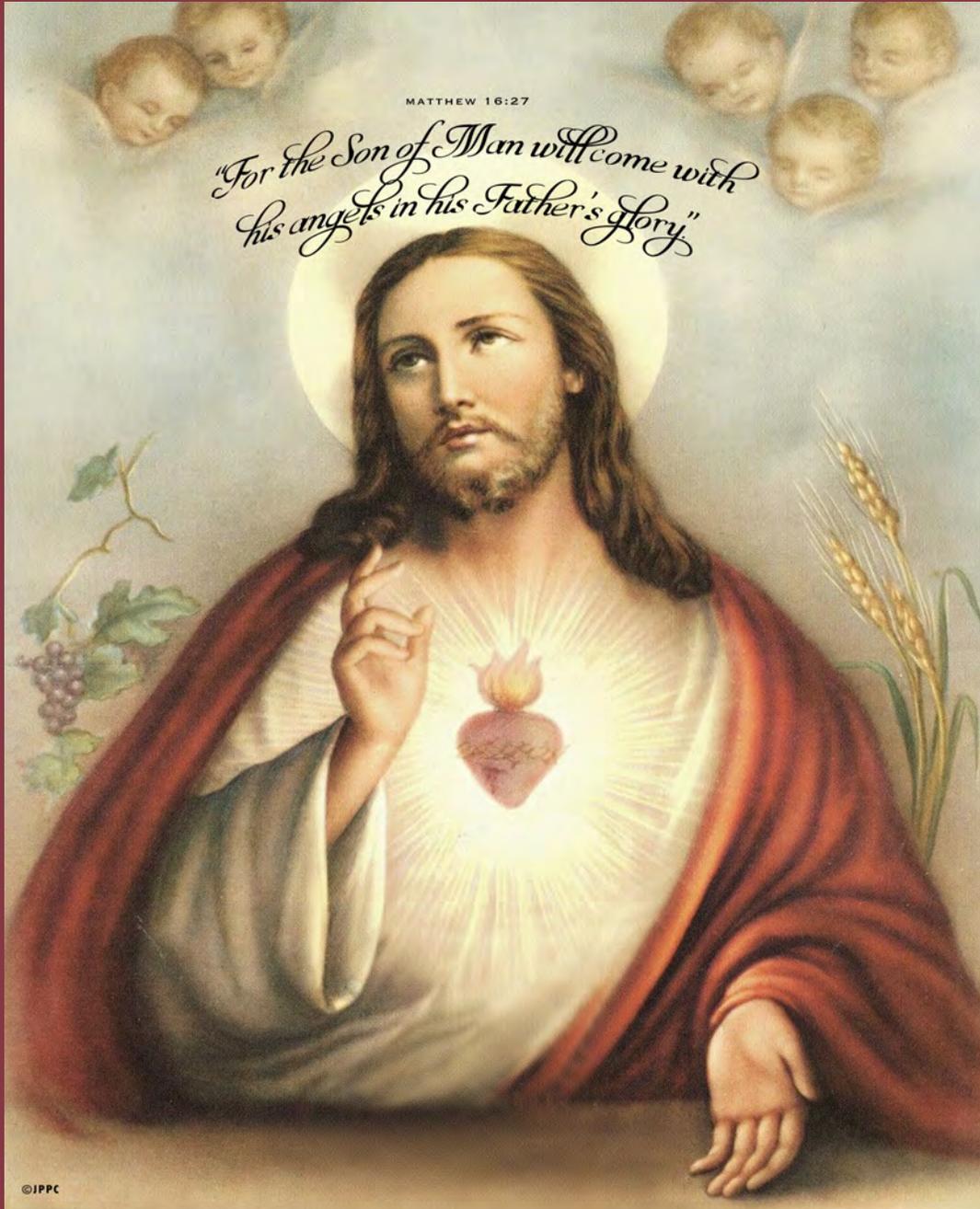


Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



ST. JOSEPH
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Entrance Hymn

We Gather Together

Text: Omer Westendorf Music: Kremser (Traditional Dutch melody)

We gather together to sing the Lord's praises,
To worship the Father to Jesus, His Son.
In this celebration, all sing with jubilation;
We are His holy people whose freedom He won.

We greet our Lord present within our assembly;
We hear the good news announced clearly to all.
With songs of rejoicing, our praises we are voicing,
As we invoke God's blessing and answer the call.

Since Christ is the vine and His people the branches,
In Him we give praise to the Father above.
Christ brings ev'ry nation the wonders of salvation,
That all may grow in knowledge, in faith, hope, and love.

Reading 1

Jeremiah 20:7-9

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

You duped me, O Lord, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed. All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me.

Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the Lord has brought me derision and reproach all the day.

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; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

R/. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water. ***R/.***

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary to see your power and your glory, For your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you. ***R/.***

Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name. As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you. ***R/.***

You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy. My soul clings fast to you; your right hand upholds me. ***R/.***

Reading 2

Romans 12:1-2

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

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. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 11:29

R/. Alleluia, alleluia.

Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart. ***R/.***

Gospel

Matthew 16:21-27

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you O, Lord.**

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and 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." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe the You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Communion Hymn

Jesus Christ Bread of Life

Text: Steve Schaubel

Music: Antonin Dvorak

Refrain: Jesus Christ, Bread of Life, fill us with your love.
Jesus Christ, Lamb of God, fill us with your peace.

Thanksgiving After Mass

Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas

I give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, who have been pleased to nourish me, a sinner and your unworthy servant, with the precious Body and Blood of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, this through no merits of mine, but due solely to the graciousness of your mercy.

And I pray that this Holy Communion may not be for me an offense to be punished, but a saving plea for forgiveness. May it be for me the armor of faith, and the shield of good will. May it cancel my faults, destroy concupiscence and carnal passion, increase charity and patience, humility and obedience and all the virtues, may it be a firm defense against the snares of all my enemies, both visible and invisible, the complete calming of my impulses, both of the flesh and of the spirit, a firm adherence to you, the one true God, and the joyful completion of my life's course.

And I beseech you to lead me, a sinner, to that banquet beyond all telling, where with your Son and the Holy Spirit you are the true light of your Saints, fullness of satisfied desire, eternal gladness, consummate delight and perfect happiness.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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