

Benedict Parish

St. John the Baptist Church

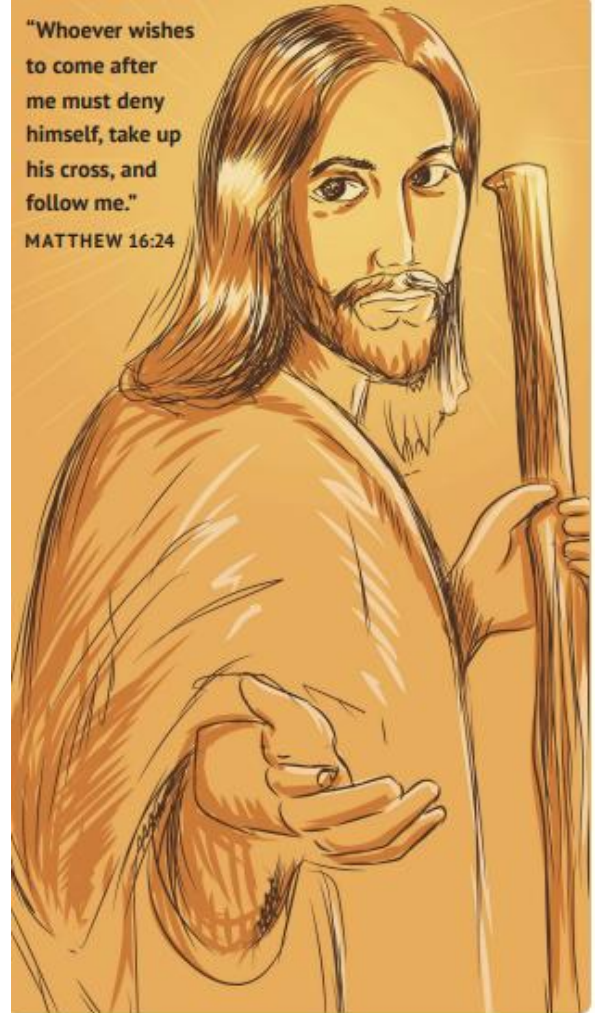
August 30, 2026 22nd Sunday in Ordinary

I Just Told You!

Miguel Dulick

Would it surprise you to know that Jesus uses the same Greek verb to chase Peter away—"Get behind me, Satan!" (Matthew 16:23) that he used to call him in the first place—"Come after me" (Matthew 4:19)? Pity the translator who must assign opposite meanings to the same word! Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter when he called him, and now he changes it to Satan for his demotion. But, as harsh as the rebuke is, maybe we could say Jesus does want Peter behind him, but not too far behind. In fact, immediately after dealing with Peter, Jesus issues a general call, using the same "trigger" word: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." The cross! That's how the controversy started, when Peter "took Jesus aside" (literally, "collared" him) to forbid even the thought of any passion or any cross. (See Matthew 16:22.) How am I tempted as Peter was to avoid any talk of a cross? I don't even want to admit I'm a sinner, much less that there is a cross for me. Paul, in his letter to the Romans, has some advice for all of us who think like Satan: "Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God," and "Do not conform yourself to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may

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MATTHEW 16:24



What cross are you carrying? Can you unite it with Jesus' cross and offer it as prayer?

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Thank you for your continued support of the **St. Benedict Food Pantry**. It is time to start replenishing the shelves for Friday, September 11th. **Mahalo!**

Living the stewardship way of life is not easy. Dying to self and living for Christ and others requires sacrifice. It is the work of a lifetime. Yet it is also the only work that truly matters and the only life that ultimately satisfies.

In today's Gospel from Matthew, Jesus tells His disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." At first, those words may sound difficult to accept. Why would anyone willingly embrace such a path?

Jesus immediately gives us the answer: "Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

Everything comes down to love. Jesus loved us completely, giving Himself for us on the Cross. He continues to give Himself to us through His Word and, most especially, in the Eucharist.

Each day we are faced with a choice: to live for ourselves or to live for God and for others. The second path is more demanding, but it leads to lasting joy and the promise of eternal life. Christ assures us that He "will come with his angels in his Father's glory and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

May we choose each day to lose our lives for Christ's sake, offering them back to Him in grateful response to His immeasurable love. www.CatholicSteward.com

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Immaculate Concept.	1.00
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Maintenance	195.00
Total	\$2354.00

St. Benedict 47 adults 4 Keiki

St. John 108 adults 5 Keiki

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continue giving
by cash or check.**

For our 'Ohana who are ill

Patsy Sabarre

Jan Neumann

Dolores Sedlack (Lisa K.'s Mom)

*Mahina Kaupiko

*Kamala Galletes

*Miriam Janczak

*Reggie Lee

Cindy Pangan

*Linda Alcain

*Terrance Terada

*Deacon Craig Camello

*Pam Shultise

*Merla Kline

*Paul Ruskey

*Carla Vonderahe

*Joevelyn Delas Reyes

*Gwen Menchaca

*Deb Reed

*Gloria Grapa

*William Anderson

*Johnny Koene

* Friends & Family

Mass Intentions

*Saturday

4:00 +Sharoln Gayle Sweet

6:00 Bissinnette Family

6:00 Pam Shultise, health

**6:00 All People of the Parish
(Misa Pro Populo)**

*Sunday

8:00 Bonnie Brown (health)

**10:00 +Lydia Lava, and
+Clemente Molina Jr**

Weekdays 7 am

Tuesday Bill Donnelly

Wednesday +Cosmo Mascarina

**Thursday For those who have lost
their path to God.**

Friday Ben Smith (health)

September 13 & 27th Religious Education

***St. John Hall
after 10:00 Mass.***

***Director
Angie Tabieros***

***A Short Choir Practice
every Wed. 5:30
St. John Church.***

***Music Director
Ariel Hadap***

***St. Benedict Food Pantry
This month 9-11-26
Kenneth & Gloria Ciriako
Tom McLoughlin***

Dear Padre,

Are we required to disobey or break an evil law?

According to St. Thomas Aquinas, a just law has four characteristics. It must be (1) an ordinance of reason, (2) for the common good, (3) properly promulgated, and (4) by a legitimate authority. According to St. Augustine, evil is a lack of something that should be there. When applied to law, if one of the four characteristics is missing, the law lacks something that should be there, and thus is evil. An unjust law, in other words, is an evil law. As Christians, we are generally encouraged to obey the laws of the state. As the Apostle Paul states, "Let every person be subordinate to the higher authorities, for there is no authority except from God" (Romans 13:1). At the same time, we also have the responsibility of forming our consciences according to God's revelation in Scripture and Tradition as interpreted by the divinely ordained teaching authority of the Church. Although we are not bound to follow an unjust law, the degree to which we should actively disobey it depends on the level of evil the law promotes. Because of its serious nature, a law promoting abortion, for example, should be actively resisted through peaceful protests and appropriate legal and civil activism. Laws that promote lesser evils need to be carefully evaluated by Church authorities and our own well-informed consciences. ●

Fr. Dennis J. Billy, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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 CORE, ROME, JANUARY 9, 2026

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Monday

August 31
Weekday
1 Cor 2:1-5
Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday

September 1
Weekday
1 Cor 2:10b-16
Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday

September 2
Weekday
1 Cor 3:1-9
Lk 4:38-44

Thursday

September 3
St. Gregory the Great,
Pope and Doctor of
the Church
1 Cor 3:18-23
Lk 5:1-11

Friday

September 4
Weekday
1 Cor 4:1-5
Lk 5:33-39

Saturday

September 5
Weekday
1 Cor 4:6b-15
Lk 6:1-5

Sunday

September 6
Twenty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Ez 33:7-9
Rom 13:8-10
Mt 18:15-20

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DEAR VISITOR TO ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH, ALOHA!

THANK YOU FOR VISITING US TODAY! WE WISH YOU A BEAUTIFUL EXPERIENCE AND THAT YOU LEAVE ST. BENEDICT, TODAY, REFRESHED IN SPIRIT AND WITH PEACE IN YOUR HEART! SINCE THE EARLY DAYS OF THE CHURCH, IT HAS BEEN A CATHOLIC TRADITION TO OFFER A "MASS INTENTION". THIS IS A WAY OF REMEMBERING A PERSON AND LIFTING THEM UP IN PRAYER. YOU MAY ASK THE GREETER FOR A FORM AND ENVELOPE.

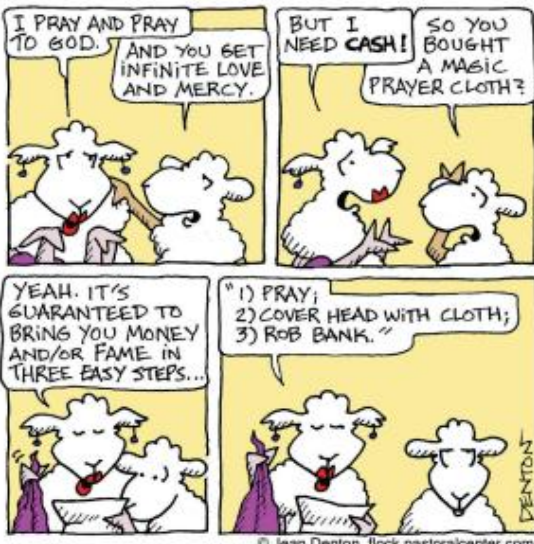
Losing but Gaining Life

This Week's Readings at Mass

- Jeremiah 20:7-9 • Jeremiah's conflict
- Romans 12:1-2 • A living sacrifice
- Matthew 16:21-27 • "Get behind me Satan"

One of the reasons that so many Jews of Jesus' day had trouble accepting him as their Messiah is that they were waiting for a Messiah who would liberate their country from their Roman occupiers with military strength. Not only did Jesus not train an army against the current empire, but he also taught non-violent resistance against the Romans. He showed his willingness to suffer at the hands of the religious leaders rather than retaliate. Many people couldn't wrap their minds around such a leader. (The Newbery Medal book, *The Bronze Bow*, by Elizabeth George Speare, depicts this well.) In this passage, we see Peter resist this idea too.

Peter was one of Jesus' closest friends. Who can fault him for not wanting to see Jesus suffer and die? Who among us would have wanted to see Mahatma Gandhi or Martin Luther King, Jr. or Oscar Romero suffer and die because of their unwavering commitment to justice and love for all peoples? It is a natural human response to instinctively want to save our lives and save the lives of our loved ones. Yet Jesus (and Gandhi, King, and Romero) was guided by something higher than an instinct for self-preservation. He un-



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"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."

Sheepish Question:
How do some "easy steps" to attaining worldly desires lead me astray from following Jesus?

derstood that something even greater could come out of suffering and death—new life. Jesus' resurrection unleashed a force of love that has forever changed history because Jesus was willing to die rather than have God overpower human free will and save him from the cross.

We can try to avoid suffering, preserve our life as we know it, and "gain the whole world" in riches and security, but ultimately that will kill our souls. Jesus doesn't teach that the point is to suffer for the sake of suffering, but that when pain comes to us, as it inevitably will, we can face it head-on rather than run from it. Then, in losing our lives, we will eventually discover that we have found new life.

Questions of the Week

- 1 Share about a time when you saw or experienced new life come out of someone's suffering.
- 2 How might God be inviting you to deny yourself or take up your cross now so that you can gain new life?

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