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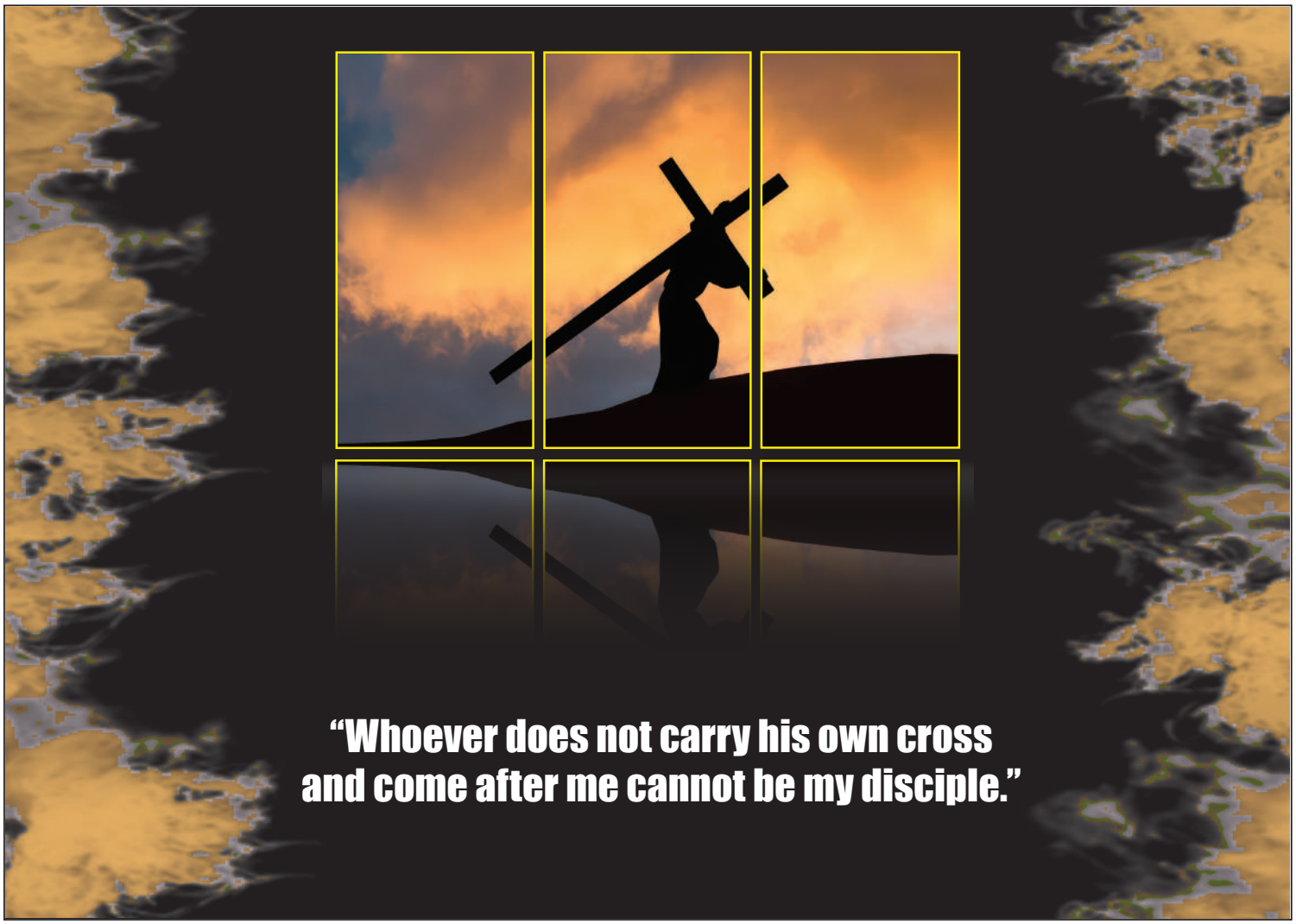

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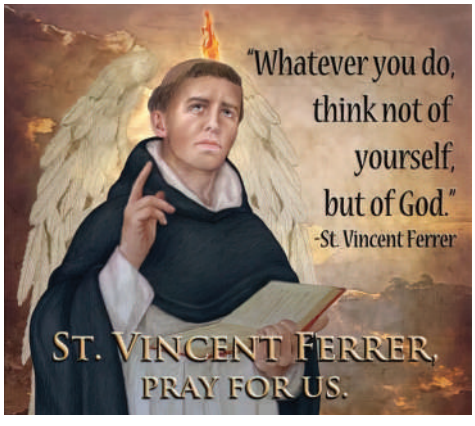

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. – Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
HOLY DAYS: 9:00 a.m.

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23rd Week in Ordinary Time
September 7, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, September 6th **5:00 p.m.**
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Louis B. Cardiello — In Memoriam

Sunday, September 7th **8:00 a.m.**
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Novena
Rosie Mejias — Birthday Blessings

11:00 a.m.
Agnes "Shirley" Parris — In Memoriam
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Pastoral and Finance Committees
Keither Mack — In Memoriam
Requested by Irmin Payne and Family
Mary Barker — Blessings and Thanksgiving
Requested by Father Gopaul and Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish
Kelson Fleary — In Memoriam
Requested by Dian Donald
Marie Anthony — In Memoriam
Requested by Lucille Anthony
Conroy Anthony — In Memoriam
Requested by Lucille Anthony

Monday, September 8th **9:00 a.m.**
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Novena
Anne Marie Baron — In Memoriam
—First Anniversary
Requested by Marie Ange Bernier

Tuesday, September 9th **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Peter Claver, Priest
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Novena
Marie Ange Knight— In Memoriam
—First Anniversary
Requested by Marie Ange Bernier

Wednesday, September 10th **9:00 a.m.**
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Novena
Harkin Payne — In Memoriam
Requested by Marie Ange Bernier

Thursday, September 11th **9:00 a.m.**
National Day of Service and Remembrance
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Novena
Karl H. Joseph — In Memoriam

Friday, September 12th **9:00 a.m.**
The Most Holy Name of Mary
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Novena
Monica Walker — Blessings and Healing

Saturday, September 13th **9:00 a.m.**
Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Novena
Alfonso Pevese —In Memoriam

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine
All Firefighters — Thanksgiving and Blessings
Altar Flowers
All Paramedics — Thanksgiving and Blessings
Altar Candles
All Police Officers — Thanksgiving and Blessings
Sanctuary Candle
All Victims of the September 11 Attacks — In Memoriam
Mary's Chapel
All the Souls in Purgatory
Annunciation Chapel
All Those Who Have No One to Pray for Them

CORRECTION

In last week's bulletin, the Mass intention for Friday, September 5, was incorrectly listed for Monica Walker. The intention should have been for
Franklin Barnum — In Memoriam
Requested on Behalf of the Family
We apologize for the error.

SECOND COLLECTION

September 6-7: Second Collection:
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This weekend the Diocese is taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America.
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Lectio Divina

Read the following scripture: Luke 14:25-33.

Take some time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions:

- What word or words in this passage caught your attention?
- What in this passage comforted you?
- What in this passage challenged you?

Read the Scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.

Scripture Reflection

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. What crosses am I carrying right now? How can I grow as a missionary disciple?

Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him. What spiritual projects have I failed to complete? When have I been subject to ridicule for my faith?

Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple. Am I a steward of my possessions or am I subject to them? How can I grow in generosity and develop a healthy relationship with my possessions?

Closing Prayer

You turn man back to dust,
saying, "Return, O children of men."
For a thousand years in your sight
are as yesterday, now that it is past,
or as a watch of the night.

You make an end of them in their sleep;
the next morning they are like the changing grass,
Which at dawn springs up anew,
but by evening wilts and fades.

Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Return, O LORD! How long?
Have pity on your servants!

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.
And may the gracious care of the LORD our God be ours;
prosper the work of our hands for us!
Prosper the work of our hands! (From Psalm 90)

DAILY READINGS FOR THE 23RD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, September 7
Wisdom 9:13-18b Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17
Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 Luke 14:25-33
Who can comprehend the Lord's ways or conceive what the Lord intends (1)? True wisdom leads us to acknowledge our limitations (a matter of "calculation") and our idols of materialism as we seek to follow the Lord without reservation (3). True discipleship calls us to forgive those who have wronged us (2). May we gain the wisdom of heart (Ps) to discern more fully our call to take up the cross of Jesus.

Monday, September 8
Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30 Psalm 13:6ab, 6c
Long Form, 1:1-16, 18-23
Let us rejoice (Ps) in Mary's birth, the mother of Jesus (2). She was predestined (1b) to give birth "by the strength of the Lord" (1a).

Tuesday, September 9
Colossians 2:6-15 Psalm 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11
Luke 6:12-19
In his compassion (Ps), the Lord has given us new life in Christ (1). He calls the Twelve to be his apostles (2).

Wednesday, September 10
Colossians 3:1-11 Psalm 52:10-11 Luke 6:20-26
Set your heart on Christ (1) and his kingdom (Ps). Thus will your reward be great (2).

Thursday, September 11
Colossians 3:12-17 Psalm 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6
Luke 6:27-38
Discipleship entails living Jesus' command of love (2), and forgiving even as he forgives (1), giving thanks (Ps) in all we do.

Friday, September 12
1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14 Psalm 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11
Luke 6:39-42
Paul speaks of the vocation he received by God's grace (1), a path to eternal life (Ps). Our vocation in Christ is rooted in self-knowledge , not blind deception (2).

Saturday, September 13
1 Timothy 1:15-17 Psalm 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 and 6-7
Luke 6:43-49
Blessed be God (Ps) who sent his Son to save sinners (1). May we always hear his word and live it in faith (2).

SCHOOL OF RELIGION REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

School of Religion 2025-2026 Registration has begun for new and returning students. Classes begin in September.

The registration forms can be found online at saintvincentferrer.org under the Education tab. If you prefer a printed copy of the registration form, please call the Rectory at 718 859-9009 and we will mail the form to you.

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If you have any questions, please call
Miss Margaret Bambara at 718-859-9009.

Scripture Reflection

Discipleship

As a child, I loved stories about Jesus and his friends. I wanted to be among this privileged group—to be close to Jesus, to walk the roads with him, to hear him talk about the one he called "Abba," to watch him heal the suffering and the lost. I wanted to be by his side as he went about doing good. I wanted to be his disciple.

That was before I knew the cost of this choice. Discipleship is not for the faint of heart.

In the readings today, Jesus is unflinching about the demands of discipleship: those who do not renounce all their possessions cannot be my disciples; those who do not carry their cross and come after me cannot be my disciples. These are challenging words.

Yes, I want to be a disciple, but I need to earn a living and provide for those dependent on me. I want to be a disciple, but there are a few things I simply cannot renounce—my computer, for example. I want to be a disciple, but I can't leave home to follow Jesus—not literally. I have obligations!

How are we to interpret Jesus' words about discipleship? In every age, some heroic souls are moved to take Jesus' words literally. But for all of us, discipleship has everything to do with freedom of heart: holding possessions without possessiveness may be the way we achieve freedom from things; embracing the myriad ways that suffering is part of our experience may be the way we are to take up our cross and follow Jesus. Discipleship requires great freedom of heart, a grace we could ask for as we pray over these texts.

— Sr. Kathleen Hughes

Kathleen Hughes, a Religious of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (RSCJ), has written extensively on sacraments, liturgy, and spirituality.

Pray for all the souls in purgatory. especially those who have no one to pray for them.

BROTHERS IN CHRIST

Celebration of the Canonization of

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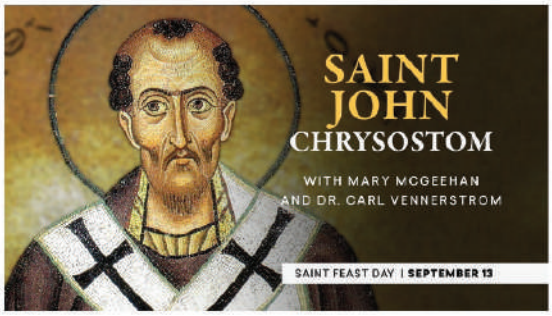

St. John Chrysostom | Catholic Saints

From Antioch, the political center of the fifth-century world, arose a golden-tongued preacher and bishop: St. John Chrysostom. Listen to Dr. Carl Vennerstrom and Mary McGeehan discuss the life and preaching of this great doctor of the Church who gave us countless powerful prayers and homilies.

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In this episode, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn discuss the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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23RD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

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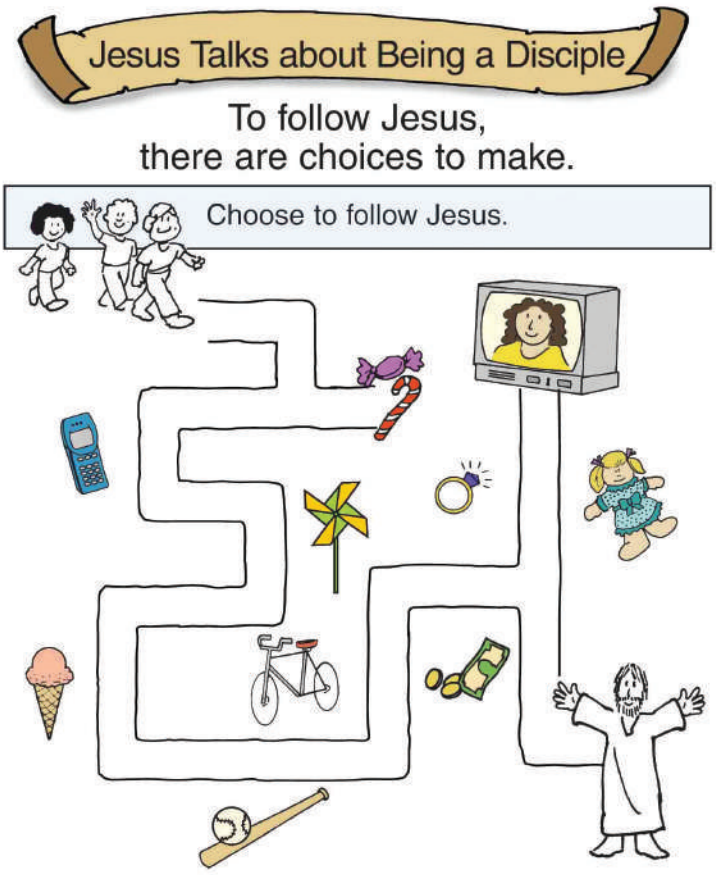

What did Jesus say next?

Think of a word to match the clues. Then fill in the blanks below.

The center of an egg. _ _ _ _
Tells time on wrist. _ _ _ _ _
A young female. _ _ _ _
Man's best friend. _ _ _
What you write with. _ _ _ _ _
To construct. _ _ _ _
Where animals are raised. _ _ _ _
Provides light on Earth. _ _ _

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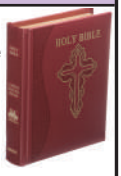

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