

Saint Paul the Apostle Church

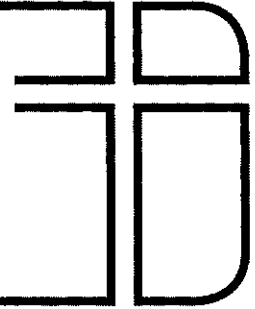
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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, October 17, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

May the Lord give you his peace and all goodness today and always. This twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time can be described as Servant Sunday because the readings focus on humble service to God's people. It is in this service that we experience God's glory because we have all of the faith and confidence that our Lord is with us no matter what.

The song of the suffering servant from the book of the prophet Isaiah highlights how through the acceptance of his afflictions, the servant will ***"justify many, and their guilt he shall bear"*** (***Isaiah 53: 10 – 11***). This is an important preview to the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus which today he predicts for a third and final time with greater detail than the previous two (***Mark 10: 35 – 45***).

This message is preceded by James and John who request a position of glory next to Jesus, one on the right and the other on the left. Jesus' response was: ***"For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many"*** (***Mark 10: 35 – 45***). In other words, there is no glory without a share in his suffering. It is not a position at our near the top that will lead us to into glory, but humble service such as the humble service of Jesus that will bring us true glory.

Every year, the Diocese participates in a Mission Cooperative welcoming missionaries from around the world to make a mission appeal for a missionary religious community or a Diocese in a mission country. This weekend we give a warm welcome to Father Christopher Onyenobi from the Archdiocese of Ibadan, Nigeria who will be preaching a mission appeal at all of our Sunday Masses this weekend. Father Christopher was Ordained to the priesthood in 1983 and is currently assigned in the United States at Saint Monica's Parish in Santa Monica, California, Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Let us pray for Father Christopher and his native Archdiocese of Ibadan, Nigeria, and how we can be of assistance to the needs they have as a church to continue caring for and bringing souls to Christ.

As of Wednesday, September 1, 2021, **the wearing of face masks is now MANDATORY REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS.** The high number of new Covid-19 Infections due to the

Delta Variant in our County led public health officials to issue this order for indoor public buildings **including churches**. Our Bishop has called us to comply with this order for our health and safety. Thank you for cooperating with this as you have in the past year and a half. As soon as there is a change in this order, I will inform you immediately.

I invite everyone to continue visiting our parish website <https://www.stpaulspismobeach.com> and clicking on the links at the far right side of the page. These links contain my weekly message and any updated announcements from Bishop Daniel Garcia and/or myself, and links to connect you to the livestreaming of our Daily Mass Monday – Friday at 8 AM. **PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR SUNDAY MASSES ARE NOW BEING LIVESTREAMED ON SUNDAY AT 8 AM.** You can view the Mass live at that hour or view any time after that. There is also a link on our website for online giving which is very safe and user-friendly.

For those of you unable to make it to Mass at this time and wish to continue sending in your weekly contribution you may continue do so by the US Mail, dropping it off at the Rectory using the Rectory door mail slot, or using the online giving option described above. In order to keep an accurate record of your offerings, please include your weekly contributions envelope as well as write it on the check. No donation is too small and all are joyfully received with great gratitude. We also have an online giving option available which can be accessed from our website. It is very safe and user-friendly.

If you need assistance with the online giving system, please contact our Parish Administrative Assistant Christopher Garza at admin@stpaulspismobeach.com as well at his direct telephone extension **(805)773-2219 Ext. 102**.

Wishing all of you God's peace and all goodness today and always,

Truly yours,



Fr. Jacob Carazo, OFM Conv.

Pastor