

**The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time****Year B****Sunday, October 21, 2018**

Readings: 1) Isaiah 53:10-11 2) Hebrews 4:14-16 3) Mark 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

**Sunday Liturgy**

The focus for today is: Through his suffering, Jesus justifies many and sympathizes with us in our weaknesses.

The coming of the kingdom has renewed all creation. Its fulfillment in Christ will bring complete renewal and hope. Even the difficult issue of suffering is changed. No longer without meaning or purpose, it has become an opportunity to serve and to be intimately joined to Christ, the Suffering Servant.

The prophet Isaiah foretells the burden to be borne by the Suffering Servant, and how through that suffering the world would find redemption. The writer of Hebrews reminds us that Christ, in sharing our human condition, truly understands our struggles and temptations. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us that discipleship and suffering are intimately related.

**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS****PRIEST:**

Guided by a spirit of true humility and compassion,  
we bring our prayers and needs before the Lord.

**For our Holy Father, our bishops and all who lead our communities of faith,  
may they be strengthened by God's love and mercy in their lives of service.**

We Pray to the Lord. Hear our prayer.

**For the violence plaguing the world, may it yield to the love and charity  
of God through the work of his kingdom.**

We Pray to the Lord. Hear our prayer.

**For those who are sick in mind, body and spirit;  
may God in his power and mercy heal their minds, bodies and souls.**

We Pray to the Lord. Hear our prayer.

**For our beloved dead,  
may they be welcomed into paradise by our heavenly Father.**

We Pray to the Lord. Hear our prayer.

**For this assembly,  
may we be guided by the Holy Spirit in all aspects of our lives.**

We Pray to the Lord. Hear our prayer.

**For our own personal intentions.**

We Pray to the Lord. Hear our prayer.

**PRIEST:**

**Almighty God and Father, lover of justice and protector of all who struggle,  
hear our prayers and in your great mercy answer them.**

**We pray this through your son, Christ our Lord.**