

Sunday, June 26, 2022

The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 1) 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21
- 2) Galatians 5:1, 13-18
- 3) Luke 9:51-62

FOCUS: Jesus makes clear that there is an urgency in leaving the things of the world behind to follow him.

Jesus calls each of us to give up the things of the world, to repent of our sins, and to follow him no matter the cost. He does not violate our freedom, however; he allows us to choose whether we will stay where we are or follow the way of the cross, which ultimately leads to everlasting life.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Elijah passes Elisha and casts his mantle on him. Elisha asks if he may go home and kiss his parents goodbye. In the second reading, Paul writes that Christ set us free from slavery, and explains that freedom comes through the greatest commandment – to love. In the Gospel, Jesus tells a man who wishes to follow him that the kingdom of God requires following him in that very moment.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: We bring our needs to the Father, confident in his gracious mercy.

- 1) For all members of the Church, may the Lord help us leave behind the things of the world for the freedom that only he offers, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For civic leaders and for all who seek an increase in charity throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who are sick, may the healing power of God and the love of neighbor comfort and heal them, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For all members of this faith community, may the Lord renew and deepen our faith and lead us to greater joy, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For our beloved dead, may they be welcomed into heaven and behold the Lord face to face, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Father, we ask that you hear and answer the prayers we bring you today, through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.