### LABOR DAY BLESSING

This day has its foundation in the union organizing history of our country and the rise of the workers to strive for a better life. Let us remember to day all those who labored to obtain for us the right to work in a safe environment with decent wages.

Let us pray...

Lord of work and play, we pray to you today. You worked for six days, creating all that we see and sense around us. On the seventh day you rested and saw that everything you had made was good. Today on our national day of rest from labor, we thank you for the gift of leisure, and remember all who have gone before us, working hard, long hours without break and good pay so that we can appreciate the gifts of family and friends and enjoy safety and prosperity in the work of our hands. Amen.

## **SEND A NOTE**

If you would like to send Fr. Charles Thompson a note and thank him for his time with us, his email address is dzieday@gmail.com.

### **YOU'RE INVITED**

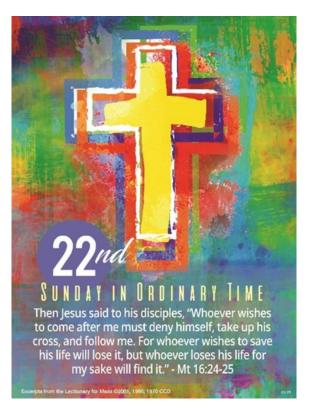
Parish Brunch is the weekend of *September 17th* after Mass. Bring a dish and invite someone to Mass and have them join us afterward for some great Holy Rosary Fellowship & Hospitality. We love our monthly brunch! It is an important part of the fabric of life here at Holy Rosary.

# RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

We are gearing up for RCIA on Wednesday evenings beginning **September 6th**, at Sacred Heart in the Parish Life Center. If you or someone you know is interested in the Catholic faith and would like to inquire or become Catholic, please contact Deacon Warren Goff at 601-447-3227. He will be glad to answer your questions and/or add your name to the list of interested parties.



The Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on Sunday October 1, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Nativity Cathedral. Couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65 or 70 years of marriage or more are welcome to attend. Registration forms can be picked up in the Parish Office. *The deadline for registration by mail is September 15th*.



# September 3, 2017 HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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This Sunday's Gospel reading follows immediately upon last Sunday's in which Simon Peter professed Jesus as the Christ and in turn, Jesus blessed Peter with the keys to the kingdom and acknowledge that the Church would be build upon him. In today's Gospel, Jesus is realistic with his disciples informing them that he must suffer, die, and and rise. Peter rebukes the Lord, disagreeing with him, perhaps neither hearing nor understanding what it meant that Jesus would be raised. Jesus, in turn rebukes Peter, and teaches the disciples that if they wish to follow, the Cross is also theirs. The cross is ours, too, and we know that death leads to Resurrection.

Sunday Mass 9:15 AM Confessions By Appointment Weekday Mass Tuesday, 5:30 PM. Hospital Visits By Request Baptism Call Office Anointing Call Office



## 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Peter had expressed horror at the prophetic words announcing that Jesus' suffering and death were imminent. Peter didn't want his friend and teacher to undergo this terri-

ble ordeal. He wanted "no such thing" ever to happen to his Lord. But Jesus sharply rebuked Peter's response, comparing it to that of the tempter, Satan. Just as temptation becomes an obstacle to our doing what is right, so Peter was presenting an obstacle to Christ's mission. Suffering was part of it, like it or not. To deny this difficult element of Christ's work would be to deny the bigger plan of God. And so Jesus rightly told Peter that he wasn't thinking like God thinks.

Of course, since we are human, it's only natural that we should think as human beings do. We, like Peter, tend to recoil at the idea of facing unpleasant or painful circumstances. But clearly God sometimes allows such situations to take place for a greater good. Jesus understood this; even as he prophesied about his death, he also mentioned his resurrection.

Today's Gospel challenges us to think "as God does" by holding both of these elements together. Unlike Peter who only focused on the sad part of the story, we are called to recognize the Resurrection on the other side of the cross, and to be willing to do whatever is necessary to get there. In fact, Jesus tells us later in this Gospel to take up our cross and follow him. That is not the "human" way of thinking. It's the Godly way. Our natural response is to reject and scorn the trials and tribulations that we face, but Jesus wants us to embrace them patiently and "come after" him on the (sometimes rough) road to eternal life.

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#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13/

Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/

Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10-11/Lk 4:38-44 Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6/

Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Saturday: St. Peter Claver

Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 13:8-10/

Mt 18:15-20

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To schedule intentions for Mass at Holy Rosary, contact Holy Rosary Office during office hours or leave a message at 601-583-9404. The stipend is 10.00!



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