

## 23 Sunday Ord Time Year C September 4, 2016



Following are the announcements, pictures, homily, readings, and intercessions. Fr Scott

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AROUND THE SAINT PAUL MISSION:

1. I was able to fly to Iguiagig on Monday. I met up with Stacy and Karl. We discussed the confirmation of there 12 and 15 year olds.
2. I will be in Anchorage for our annual priest retreat, which starts September 6, 2016. Fr Mike Shields will be the retreat master.
3. I will back in Dillingham for Sunday Mass at Holy Rosarh, September 11, 2016, then, I will be flying to Bethesda, Maryland for mission talks at Saint Bartholomew.
4. Rick has purchase the paint to paint Holy Rosary church. The color will be a shade of white with green trim. Rick hopes to paint before the snow flies.
5. Friday, September 16, no mass at Clarks Point, I will be in Maryland.
6. Sunday, September 18: Deacon Harry Moore will be in King Salmon/Naknek doing a service at Saint Theresa and Aileen will be leading a communion service at Holy Rosary while I am in Bethesda September 18.



Stacy has her picture taken in front of the Cherokee Warrior II at the Igiuagig airport.



Andrew and Meghan practice music for the Sunday Mass at Holy Rosary, August 28, 2016.



Diane poses with me for a picture at the Clarks Point post office Friday, September 26, 2016.



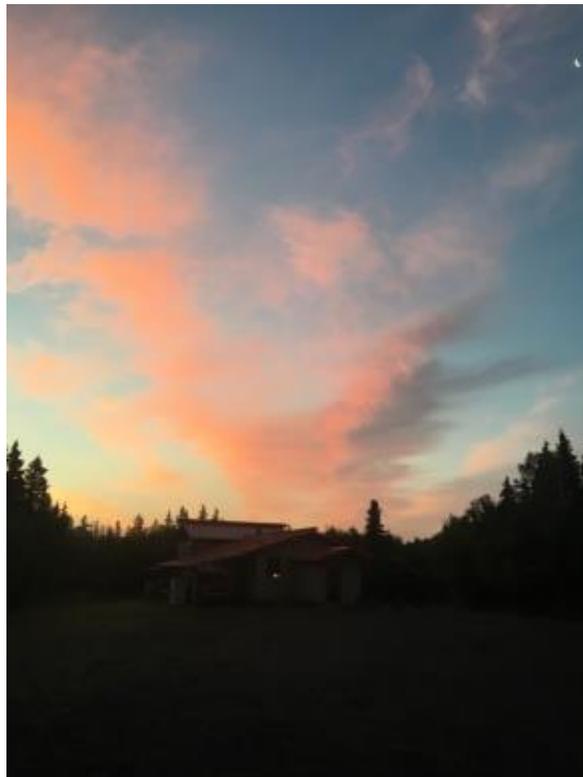
Judy George's daughter took pictures for me while I was in Clarks Point.



Judy receives communion at the Clarks Point Post office. It was foggy and I missed Mass, so I took them all communion.



Joann received communion. However, her dog had a grave impediment and could not receive



Sun Rise over the Holy Rosary Rectory

23 Ord C 2016 Cost of Being Christian, Wisdom 9:13-18; Philemon 9-10&12-17; Luke 14:25-33

## **HOMILY**

### **HIDDEN COSTS**

We are not able to anticipate the full price of living a Christian life. There are always hidden costs! The readings help us uncover some of those costs. One of those costs is price we pay for carrying our crosses.

### **CARRY CROSS PADRE PIO**

What exactly does it mean “to carry your cross?” Padre Pio said, “You must try to continually overcome yourself in those daily struggles that the Lord presents to you.” Carrying the cross is the price we pay for being Christian.

### **CARRY CROSS MEANING**

Carrying your cross is acknowledging you are not in control of your life. You chose to die to self and live for Christ. It involves putting your trust in God and letting Him take over.

### **EXAMPLES OF CROSSES**

Every person here today carries a cross. We carry that cross while on the road to eternal life. Carrying that cross can add suffering to the normal day-to-day struggles in life feel. Here are a few examples of crosses we bear: Suffering, Physical Limitations, poor Health/Sickness/Disease, Violated Trust, Self-Un-acceptance, Addiction, Excessiveness/Extravagance, and Impatience

### **SUFFERING IS A COST**

Suffering is a cost of Christian life. The best way to get a sense of suffering is through prayer. If we pray the Rosary, the Blessed Virgin Mary will help us understand the suffering Jesus went through. She will grant us the graces to get through our suffering if we ask.

### **SAINT MONICA AND SUFFERING**

St. Monica teaches us about suffering. She prayed for YEARS that her son would return to the Catholic faith. That must have caused her great suffering and impatience, but she didn't give up. Her son came back to the faith and became a great saint, Saint Augustine.

## PHILEMON'S COST OF BEING CHRISTIAN

In our second reading, Philemon was a Christian. His slave ran to Paul for help. Paul sent him back to Philemon saying, "Philemon, you are a Christian. You cannot treat your slave like a slave anymore. Treat him like a brother." Thus, the cost of Christian life for Philemon was the loss of a slave.

## TEMPTATION - COST

Resisting temptation is a cost of being Christian. It's a very big cost. But Saint Augustine gives us hope. He says, "There is no temptation that we cannot resist."

## HELP PAYING FOR BEING CHRISTIAN

To help pay the cost of being Christian our first reading from Wisdom tells us that we can, "call on the holy spirit from on high." The Holy Spirit guides us through the cost of Christian life and helps make our paths straight so it is easier to carry those burdensome crosses.

## MORE HELP

Also, to help pay the cost of being Christian, pray, ask a friend for help, persevere, never give up, go to confession, and participate in the Eucharist. If you really want to pay the price, love your enemies!

## CONCLUSION

So today let us remember, even celebrate, the cost of Christian Life. Sometime the cost may seem high. But if you are willing to pay the price to be a Christian, it will lead you to eternal life (514 Words).

## READINGS:

Wisdom 9:13-18 – For what man knows God's counsel, or who can conceive what our LORD intends? For the deliberations of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans. For the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns. And scarce do we guess the things on earth, and what is within our grasp we find with difficulty; but when things are in heaven, who can search them out? Or who ever knew your counsel, except you had given Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight, and men learned what was your pleasure, and were saved by Wisdom.

Philemon 9-10&12-17 – I rather urge you out of love, being as I am, Paul, an old man, and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus. I urge you on behalf of my child Onesimus, whose father I have become in my imprisonment, I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I should have liked to retain him for myself, so that he might serve me on your behalf in my imprisonment for the gospel, but I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that the good you do might not be forced but voluntary. Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a brother, beloved especially to me, but even more so to you, as a man and in the Lord. So if you regard me as a partner, welcome him as you would me.

Luke 14:25-33 – Great crowds were traveling with him, and he turned and addressed them, "If any one comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish. Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms. In the same way, everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.

### **INTERCESSIONS:**

Intercessions: Twenty-Third Sunday Ordinary Time Year C

#### **Celebrant**

We turn to God in prayer, asking help with our needs and the needs of all the world.

#### **Deacon/Lector**

We pray for the pope and bishops, may they always bear witness to the wisdom and power of the Holy Spirit, we pray to the Lord.

We pray for our world. May those who are addicted to worldly goods find the true freedom that comes from letting them go, we pray to the Lord.

We pray for an end to war, may God strengthen the resolve of leaders to end the fighting and choose a future of peace.  
We pray to the Lord...

We pray for the sick members of our community and for all suffering in mind and body. May they be comforted by those who care for them, we pray to the Lord.

We pray for all who have died, (especially.....), may they all share in God's eternal gift of peace, we pray to the Lord.

In Silence let us now add our own intentions for our families, our community, our country, and the world.....We pray to the Lord.

**Celebrant**

Almighty Father, accept our prayers, and keep us open to the guidance of your Holy Spirit. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.