

COMMENTATOR Text

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Sept. 4th & Sept. 5th)

Good morning (good evening).....

Today we gather at God's invitation to hear a challenging word about what it means to be a disciple. In the Gospel we are called to put Jesus first, above all persons and plans; to carry our own cross; and to forsake all our possessions. This daunting message can be more encouraging by the knowledge that Jesus has confidence that we can do these things, or he would not have asked us. Let us pray today for the grace to be good and faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

[Please announce today's Mass Intention for this Mass only]

Today's Mass Intention is for:

- 04:30 Joseph Mares (+)**
07:30 Thomas F. Toolan, Sr. (+)
09:00 The Omega Family (SI)
10:45 Eddie Martin (+)

[Pause]

Please stand, and prepare to receive our Lord in Word and Sacrament....

[Pause twice as long....] then move to place *Parish Petition Book* underneath the ambo, and the cantor/music ministers assume responsibility for beginning the "gathering song."

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS
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PRIEST: Let us turn to God in prayer, for God's ways are far beyond our own, and only with His help can we follow Him and make Christian decisions, so let us pray: Lord, give us wisdom and strength.

† Abba! Father, we pray for all of us in the Church, that we may strive to support each other in our calling as disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ... We pray to the Lord... **Lord, give us wisdom and strength.**

† Father of Love, we pray for peace in the whole world, that nations may assure the life and liberty of all their people... We pray to the Lord... **Lord, give us wisdom and strength.**

† Faithful Father, we pray for the men and women in public service, especially police and firefighters, who sacrifice their own safety for the sake of those whom they serve... We pray to the Lord... **Lord, give us wisdom and strength.**

† Kind and Gentle Father, we pray for employers, that they may treat their workers with dignity, pay them a fair wage, and provide them healthy and safe working conditions... We pray to the Lord ... **Lord, give us wisdom and strength.**

† We pray, Father of Mercy, for those who are unemployed, that they may receive encouragement and support through the actions of our worshipping community... We pray to the Lord... **Lord, give us wisdom and strength.**

† We pray for all those whose names are in our petition book and for the concerns of our communities of St. Joseph and St. Vincent de Paul; and for all those who are ill, especially: **Pat Evans** and for all who have recently passed away, especially: **Dorothy Vazquez** and **Patricia Kelly**, that they may be lifted up with all the angels and saints in the presence of your light... We pray to the Lord... **Lord, give us wisdom and strength.**

PRIEST: O God, our refuge through the ages, we need your grace to help us carry our cross. Hear these prayers that we humbly ask of you through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.