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Mass times:

Sunday 10:30am *4:00pm Spanish Thursday 6:00pm

Reconciliation/ Confession:

Thursday 5:30-6pm

Anointing of the Sick & Visits:

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Please call the office if you know of someone in need of a pastoral visit.

Marriage Prep: Notify the priest six months in advance of the wedding

Baptism: by appointment

Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time September 15, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Sept. 15....Susan Roberts Sept. 22....John & Ovia Coburn Sept. 29....Ryan & Sydney Lane

DO YOU HAVE MASS INTENTIONS?

We have envelopes at back of the church. Ask an usher.



A Word from Fr. Jim: Sunday, September 15, 2024

Today's gospel has sometimes been misunderstood in unhealthy and even dangerous ways by believers. Peter rebukes Jesus for his prophecy of what awaits him in the suffering and rejection that ultimately Peter as well as Christ will endure. But Jesus does not embrace suffering as a good for its own sake. As an example, battered wives embracing their suffering without protest or remedy as a way of carrying Jesus' cross grossly distorts the meaning of Jesus' prophetic mission. It also belies the sacredness of the blood of martyrs shed out of love of God and sacrifice for the life of others.

Jesus is speaking to his disciples about the suffering that is likely to befall a person for being his follower. Illness or disease is not "the cross" in the sense in which Jesus speaks of it in today's gospel. There is nothing particularly Christian about this kind of suffering; it can happen to anyone. Nor is suffering that comes from abuse or injustice something that one should "take up." Jesus confronted and tried to stop that kind of suffering whenever he encountered it. The cross consists rather in the negative consequences in which Jesus's followers willingly expose themselves as the cost of being his disciples.

Accompanying the taking up of the cross is the denial of self. Unlike the ascetic act of denying oneself something during Lent, denial of self speaks of a spirituality by which one chooses daily to place the common good and Christ at the center of one's life, not one's own desires. In it, one chooses a life of ever-deepening self surrender to love.. This freely chosen self surrender to love implies a healthy sense of self and an authentic acceptance of suffering as required by love of God and neighbor- not the suffering imposed on people who are downtrodden. Rather, it's a costly love that puts self sacrifice at the service of the downtrodden.

New to Our Parish?

Returning and need to update information?

Ask an usher for the parish registration form.
Complete and return to the church office or put in the collection plate.

FLOCK NOTE

We are happy you are here!

Welcome

Maynard Reinhardt as our new Coordinator of Religious Education. Classes started TODAY

maynard.reinhardt0929@gmail.com 606-207-3818





Sat Sep 28 2024 4-11pm

Mount Sterling First United Methodist Church

846 Grassy Lick Rd

September Birthdays (15th —21st)

9/19 ... Quentin Jones



Selling ducks for \$5

The CHURCH PICNIC is now scheduled for OCT 20 (Court Day Weekend)



at Easy Walker Park. Time TBD.



I see paradise has no gate, but whoever desires may enter there, for God is all mercy and stands with open arms to admit us to His glory.

Saint Catherine of Genoa (1447-1510), Patron of Widows, Feast Day Sept. 15



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

Each year from September 1 to October 4, the Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. It is a special season where we celebrate God as Creator and acknowledge Creation as the divine continuing act that summons us as collaborators to love and care for the gift of all that is created. As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common call to care for Creation. We are co-creatures and part of all that God has made. Our well-being is interwoven with the well-being of the Earth.

*NEW SPANISH MASS TIMES starting Oct. 6: St Patrick 12:00, St. Joseph (Winchester) 2:00, St. Mark (Richmond) 4:00

