

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 21, 2018

Cup of Salvation

Readings: [Isaiah 53:10-11](#); [Psalm 33:4-5, 18-20, 22](#); [Hebrews 4:14-16](#); [Mark 10:35-45](#)

The sons of Zebedee hardly know what they're asking in today's Gospel. They are thinking in terms of how the Gentiles rule, of royal privileges and honors.

But the road to Christ's kingdom is by way of His cross. To share in His glory, we must be willing to drink the cup that He drinks.

The cup is an Old Testament image for God's judgment. The wicked would be made to drink this cup in punishment for their sins ([Psalm 75:9](#); [Jeremiah 25:15, 28](#); [Isaiah 51:17](#)). But Jesus has come to drink this cup on behalf of all humanity. He has come to be baptized—which means plunged or immersed—into the sufferings we all deserve for our sins (compare [Luke 12:50](#)).

In this He will fulfill the task of Isaiah's suffering servant, whom we read about in today's First Reading.

Like Isaiah's servant, the Son of Man will give His life as an offering for sin, as once Israel's priests offered sacrifices for the sins of the people ([Leviticus 5:17-19](#)).

Jesus is the heavenly high priest of all humanity, as we hear in today's Epistle. Israel's high priests offered the blood of goats and calves in the temple sanctuary. But Jesus entered the heavenly sanctuary with His own blood (see [Hebrews 9:12](#)). And by bearing our guilt and offering His life to do the will of God, Jesus ransomed "the many"—paying the price to redeem humanity from spiritual slavery to sin and death.

He has delivered us from death, as we rejoice in today's Psalm.

We need to hold fast to our confession of faith, as today's Epistle exhorts us. We must look upon our trials and sufferings as our portion of the cup He promised to those who believe in Him ([Colossians 1:24](#)). We must remember that we have been baptized into His passion and death ([Romans 6:3](#)).

In confidence, let us approach the altar today, the throne of grace, at which we drink the cup of His saving blood ([Mark 14:23-24](#)).

Father Blake Evans, Pastor



Rest in Peace

Luther James Ferguson. Died on Wednesday, October 17

Margaret Pope. Died on Friday, October 19.

Eternal rest grant unto her, oh Lord



October *-* Month of Rosary

Mary is our great intercessor with the Lord, and interceding with her through the Rosary can be an especially uplifting and fruitful way for those we Love. Invoke the intercession of

our Blessed Mother for healing, strengthening of faith etc. There will be note paper and a basket available by the Rosary Tree for parishioners to place their intercessions during the Month of October.

Celebrate Respect Life Month! Every Day is Pro Life Day but October in a special way is a month to honor life. You're invited to join Catholics nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Month this October with the message "Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent"! Learn more at www.usccb.org/respectlife.

Care & Share

For those in need within Nativity Church Community. This campaign will begin on [Saturday, October 20th](#) and [conclude on Sunday, November 18](#). Items for donation include: deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, mouthwash, lotion, soap, shampoo, razors, shaving cream, socks, wool hats and gloves. Collection bins are located at the front entrance. Thank you!

? **Question of the week:** What can I do to be of service to all – in my family, my community the world? Am I willing to suffer on the behalf of others?

Mass Intentions for the Week

October 20- 27, 2018

Sat. 10/20	8:00 am	+Anthony Peires
	5:30pm	+Bertha Pierre
Sun. 10/21	8:00am	Charles Johnson
	10:00am	+Veronica Good Johnson
	1:00 pm	People of the Parish
Mon. 10/22	12:00	Nativity sick list
Tue 10/23	12:00	+Luther J. Ferguson
Wed. 10/24	12:00	+Margaret Pope
Thu. 10/25	12:00	+Rafaela Evans
Fri. 10/26	12:00	Home-bound and sick parishioners
Sat. 10/27	8:00 am	+Anthony Peires
	5:30pm	People of the Parish

Please pray for the sick of our Parish:

*Alice R. Allen, *Amina Anderson-Pringle, *Ann Butler, *William Cammack, *Lukas Pastier, *Carmen Dolores Campos, *Carla Andrea Catacora, *Shawn Coleman, *William Corbel, *Maria Cruz, *Maurice & Flora Detiege *Kevin Fagan, *Isel Fitzgerald, *Dion A. Fortune, *Linda Foster, *Charlie Gick, *John Green, Sr., *Janet Henery, *Blanca Hernandez, *Lawrence C. Hill, *Lee Hobbs, *Sydney Horge, *Francis Howard, *Elaine Hunt, *Helen Hurd, *Larry Ivy, *Irene Jimenez, *Geraldine Jones, *Charles Johnson, *Odile Kalla, *Michael Kelly, *Busara Keneddy, *Claude Kolthoff, *Betty Lawton, *Yavonna Lewis, *Sandra Lucas, *Eric Malcolm, *Edwin & Regina Mbanude, *Theresa McNair, *Edith Mebane, *Maria Magdalena Medrano, *Agnes Moore, *Clarence Morris, *Gina Myers, *Iris Newman, *Sheryl Newman, *Amelie Ongbehalal, *D. Cynhia Peters, *James Pope, *Dorothy Richburg, *Auristela Roman, *Rosa Maria Santos, *Bonafacio Selayo *Delores Sloan, *Adrian Smith, *Alice Smith, *Bernadette Smith, *Theresa Smith, *Louise Sweatt, *Suzie Thompson, *Emily Towles, *Dominic Valentine, *Dorothy Waring, *Paul Williams, *Florentina Zoretta



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"LIVING WITH YOUR BAGS PACKED!" Another three-part education presentation on estate planning and administration. The final presentation, on Incapacity Planning, will be on **Tuesday, November 20th**. Presentation will begin at 7pm and be held in the Lounge. Refreshments will be served.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

10/14/18

Attendance: 436 souls
Offerings & Tithes: \$6,962
Spanish Mass: \$320
Utility fund: \$218



LITURGY FOR THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

We are looking for volunteers to help one Sunday a month for 30 minutes during Mass. Contact Malaika Campbell at (202) 491-3019 or at myangel_mdc@comcast.net

Religious Education registration ended on Sunday, October 7.

SAINT JOHN PAUL II NATIONAL SHRINE

The Visit of All Saints. Saturday, October 27th, 2018
12:30 – 2:30 pm

Prepare your family for All Saints Day with an afternoon among your favorite holy men and women!

Earn a special treat by learning about each saint; Children are invited to dress up as their favorite saint Children should bring a basket or bag to collect the treats and prizes from the saints; Admission is free, but guests are asked to reserve tickets for each family member; Stay afterwards for refreshments, photos, and time speaking to and praying with the saints

