

# 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



October 23, 2016

## Fr. Steve's Quotes for Consideration:

*"The Christian who desires to follow Jesus carrying his cross must bear in mind that the name "Christian" means "learner or imitator of Christ" and that if he wishes to bear that noble title worthily he must above all do as Christ charges us in the Gospel: We must oppose or deny ourselves, take up the cross, and follow him."* -St. Anthony Mary Claret (1807-1870)

Today's quote is from a more recent saint: St. Anthony Mary Claret. St. Anthony lived primarily in Europe in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and was a bishop and founder of a religious order called the Claretians. His feast day is this Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. And his quote above is very challenging in its simplicity.

We have all heard the phrase to "take up your cross," but I wonder sometimes if we are able to see it practically in our lives? We may think of major crises and traumatic events, such as a battle with cancer or another illness, an injury, loss of a job, death of a loved one, etc., as a cross that we must carry, and certainly they are crosses to bear, and heavy ones at that. But do we recognize that each day presents lots of "little crosses" for us to carry as well? Do we realize that to follow Jesus Christ as His disciple requires that we are continuously open to being challenged by Him to deny ourselves more and more, and to sacrifice willingly and lovingly for Him?

Let me provide some practical examples to help us to visualize this. If a coworker, friend, or even a relative speaks critically of the Church or one of its teachings, do we lovingly and patiently defend it? Are we willing to face the criticism, rejection, or ridicule that may come because of our defense of our faith in Jesus? If so, that's denying ourselves, picking up our cross and following Christ. If we ourselves struggle to agree with or understand one or more of the teachings of our faith, especially when it surrounds hot-button issues of our day like abortion, same-sex "marriage", contraception, divorce and remarriage, etc., are we willing to submit our minds and hearts in obedience to Christ and His teaching through His Church, or at least to investigate the issue further and attempt to learn why the Church teaches what it does? If so, then we have denied ourselves, picked up our cross and are following Christ. If we struggle to maintain the spiritual discipline of praying everyday, going to Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation, going to confession, or otherwise participating in the life of the Church, do we realize that to do so, to force ourselves to do what is right even and especially when we don't *feel* like doing it, when we don't *feel* like praying, going to Mass, going to confession, going to Church school, that's denying ourselves, picking up our cross, and following Jesus.

Denying ourselves, our own will, our own opinions, our own desires in order to follow Christ faithfully is not easy, and it is often not convenient, or pleasant, or comfortable. But it is the truth. And it is the way to eternal life with God in Heaven. And as difficult as it may seem, the reality is that where there is much love, sacrifice is easy. Our willingness to take up our cross and deny ourselves and follow Jesus no matter what is a good test of our love for God, specifically if we claim that we love God above all else. Through the cross of Christ came new life for us and for the whole world. And so it is true for us: through willing acceptance of the difficulties that accompany following Jesus comes peace and joy, not just in this life, but especially in the life to come. God bless you! *Fr. Steve Laflamme*

**Due to popular demand**, Fr. Steve is now audio recording his homilies at Sunday Mass and we will be uploading them onto our Parish website, [www.holyspiritwoharbors.org](http://www.holyspiritwoharbors.org) the following Monday: You can listen to the homilies at [www.holyspiritwoharbors.org](http://www.holyspiritwoharbors.org).

**All Saints Day**, Tuesday Nov. 1st. Mass times for this Holy Day of Obligation: Vigil Mass—Oct. 31st at 5:00 p.m., Nov. 1st at 8:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

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<b>Saturday</b>	SAINT JOHN PAUL II	<b>10/22/16</b>
3:30 p.m.	<b>Reconciliation</b>	
4:30 p.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: Barb Haynes Chalices: Liz Scheidt & to be assigned Servers: Kate Thomassen & to be assigned	
<b>Sunday</b>	30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<b>10/23/16</b>
11:00 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for † Steve Beyering</i> Reader: Harold Ek Chalices: Shari Hendren & to be assigned Servers: Livy & Sid Hendren	
<b>Monday</b>	SAINT ANTHONY MARY CLARET	<b>10/24/16</b>
	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	WEEKDAY I IN ORDINARY TIME	<b>10/25/16</b>
	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	WEEKDAY I IN ORDINARY TIME	<b>10/26/16</b>
6:00 p.m.	<b>Choir Practice</b>	
6:30 p.m.	<b>Faith Formation—Grades 5-11</b>	
6:30 p.m.	<b>Confirmation Student/Parent Class</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	WEEKDAY I IN ORDINARY TIME	<b>10/27/16</b>
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> - <i>Intention for † Jim Buske</i>	
<b>Friday</b>	SAINT SIMON & SAINT JUDE	<b>10/28/16</b>
7:30 a.m.	<b>Reconciliation</b>	
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for † Joane Ostendorf</i>	
8:00 a.m.	<b>Adoration</b>	
12:00 p.m.	<b>Benediction</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	WEEKDAY I IN ORDINARY TIME	<b>10/29/16</b>
3:30 p.m.	<b>Reconciliation</b>	
4:30 p.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: Paulette Moreland Chalices: Carol Anderson & to be assigned Servers: Karly Fleischer & to be assigned	
<b>Sunday</b>	31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<b>10/30/16</b>
9:30 a.m.	<b>Faith Formation</b> —Grades Pre, K –4	
11:00 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for † Steve Beyering</i> Reader: Gina Lemke Chalices: Nancy Olsen & Laura Lien Servers: Anthony Lemke & Ethan Bopp	

**LIFE AND DIGNITY SUNDAY:** Thank you to everyone who participated in Life and Dignity Sunday last weekend by completing a Catholic Advocacy Network Registration Card. At this time, participation in the Catholic Advocacy Network is limited to those with an email address. For those who were unable to do so last weekend, you can still register through the Minnesota Catholic Council's website: [MNCC.ORG](http://MNCC.ORG)



- † **PARISHIONERS:** Please pray for Jeanne Battaglia, Arthur Barthman, John Erickson, Ron Kor, Joanne Payment, and Dick Watson.
  - † **FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** Please pray for Bill Carlson, Patty Harrison-Isakson, William James Holisky II, Betty L'Esperance and Donald Menowa.
  - † **MILITARY PERSONNEL:** Please pray for Garrett Aho, Nate Berger, Keith Dahl, Jacob Kearin, James Mickle, Ryan Ray, Christopher Uremovich and Maddison Zavoral.
- Sacred Heart Candle:** The Jacob Wetterling Family.

*Please call the church office if you would like to submit a prayer request: these requests will run for 3 weeks. If continued prayers are needed after that time, prayer requests can always be renewed by calling the church*

### Youth Happenings

**Confirmation student/parents classes** will be on Wednesday Oct. 26th, Dec. 14th, Feb. 1st, and March 29th. Please make sure you are there!

**Confirmation retreats:** Dec. 2-3rd in Brainard, Feb. 17-18th in Duluth, March 24-25th in Hibbing. Juniors must complete a retreat in order to be confirmed. Please register in the parish office.

*THERE ARE MANY WAYS FOR OUR YOUTH TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE...*

**Our new bulletin**, published by Liturgical Publications Inc. (LPi) will begin mid-November. *This publication is absolutely free to the parish.* It is paid for in full by local advertisers who have chosen to sponsor an add on the bulletin. Our Bulletin Representative, **Gina Shaughnessy** was here this past week contacting local businesses, but we are still in need of more sponsors. If you would like information about sponsoring an ad, please call Gina (952) 356-6488. She would be more than happy to assist you.

### *Last Week's Contributions*

<b>Weekend Collection</b> .....	<b>\$3,004.50</b>
<b>UCA</b> .....	<b>\$280.00</b>
<b>Bldg. Fund</b> .....	<b>\$315.00</b>