



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

THIS SUNDAY June 19 & BEYOND

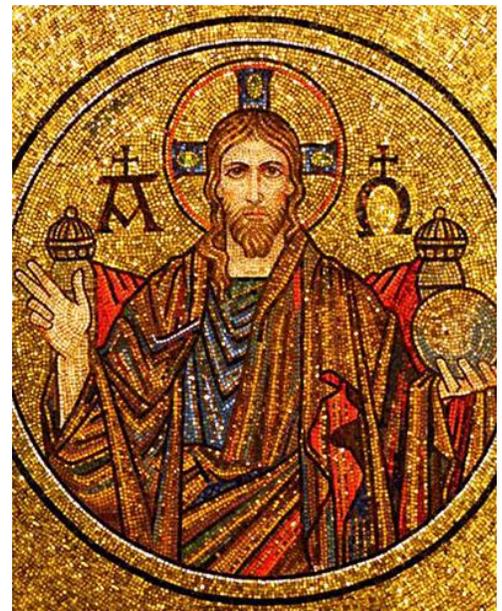
Sometimes I'm amazed when I realize how much time and trouble is going into some project that's supposed to make my life simpler or easier! That's not to say that working to make my life more pleasant isn't worthwhile, but it is a sign to stop and consider whether my need for comfort and control has taken over how I understand my circumstances and make choices.

In Sunday's gospel lesson, Jesus gives us a way to weigh our priorities when he says that any would-be disciple must deny themselves, take up their cross daily, and follow him. It's fine to have desires and ambitions and there's nothing wrong with minimizing the level of suffering or inconvenience, but we can't be dominated by those things. Instead we have to judge them against our truest purpose, and when that presents us with difficulties, we pray for patience, courage, and any other grace we might need to meet them.

Jesus tells us to follow him because it's only in remaining close that we can do that daily discernment. Without him, we don't know when or how to lean into the challenges of our lives, and the evidence of that is all around us. People move from one relationship to another, but find that the same pattern seems to emerge every time. Others remain stuck in difficult situations because they can't see what needs to be different, and may have even lost hope that it can be.

We save our lives by giving them to Jesus because he leads us out of the despair and frustration we fall into by trying to make our lives all about us. We'll talk more about our need to surrender ourselves to God as we continue our class on the spiritual classic, *The Fulfillment of All Desire* (9:30 - 10:15, Fireside Room). We'll also discuss some of the basic dynamics involved in the relationship and how it matures. While this requires all the effort we have to give, it's what brings true simplicity to our lives and a deep joy that far outweighs mere pleasantness.

Fr. McQueen



Readings for this Sunday

Zechariah 12:8-10; 13:1 Psalm 63:1-8 Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 9:18-24

Calendar

SUNDAY: 8:00a Low Mass (Church)
9:30a Christian Formation (Fireside Room)
10:30a Solemn Mass (Church)
—*The entrance to the church is on 6th Avenue*—

Note: Child care is provided at the 8:00a, 10:30a Mass, Coffee Hour & Fellowship follow the Mass in the Parish Hall.

MONDAY 7:00p (AA) Doctors' Group (Fireside Room)

TUESDAY: Noon Mass (St. Mary's Chapel)

FRIDAY: Noon Requiem Mass for Stephen Adams
AA Meetings 6:30p Rainbow Bridge (Fireside Room)
8:00p Ladies' Group (Fireside Room)
8:15p Men's Group (Parish Hall)