

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FIRST READING: *Jeremiah 20:7-9*

This is a reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

Jeremiah made this prayer to God:

“O God, you are stronger than I am,
and I let myself be trapped by you.
Now everyone is making fun of me
because I tell the people they are going to suffer
because of the way they are living.
And now I am the one who is suffering
for telling them the truth.
Sometimes I think to myself,

‘I will not talk about God anymore.
I won’t even speak in God’s name.’

“But then I feel my heart burning inside me,
and I know that I must be faithful
and go on talking about you.”

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSE: *Psalms 63*

I will praise you, Lord; as long as I live, I will praise you.

Verses:

1. I trust in you; your hand keeps me safe.
2. I bless your name, for you are my help.
3. Your love for me is better than life.

(Repeat Response after each Verse.)



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

“If you would be my disciples, accept the cross and follow me.”
Alleluia, alleluia! “Accept the cross and follow me.”

(After Gospel, repeat second line of Acclamation.)

GOSPEL: *Matthew 16:21-27*

This is a reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

One day Jesus told his disciples
that he had to go to Jerusalem.
He explained to them that in Jerusalem
the chief priests and the teachers of the law
would make him suffer and then would kill him.
But three days later,
he would be raised from the dead.
Peter took Jesus aside and said to him,

“This will never happen to you! God will save you.”

But Jesus said to Peter,

“Be quiet! Stop talking like Satan! You are no help to me
because you are thinking the way people think
and not the way God thinks.”

Then Jesus turned to his disciples and said,

“If you want to be my disciple,
you must accept your cross and follow me.
If you try to save your own life,
you will lose it.
But if you are willing to give your life for me,
you will live forever.”

The Gospel of the Lord.