

## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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FIRST READING: *James 2:8, 14-17*

*This is a reading from a letter written by James.*

**M**y brothers and sisters,

The most important commandment is:

“Love your neighbor as yourself.”

If you really keep this commandment  
you are doing what God wants you to do.  
But what good is it to say we believe  
if we don't do good things for other people?  
That isn't real faith, is it?

For example, if a brother or a sister  
doesn't have clothes or enough food to eat,  
it's not enough just to say,

“Good luck to you! I hope you are warm enough  
and I hope you find enough food to eat.”

If you don't help your brother or sister find food or clothes,  
what good are your words?

It's the same way with our faith.

If we don't do good things for others,  
our faith isn't real faith at all. It's dead.

I show what I believe by the good things I do.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*



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RESPONSE: *Psalm 104*

All living things look to you.

All living things look to you to help them, Lord!

*Verses:*

1. When we are hungry, you give us food.
2. Each day you give us all that we need.
3. Your hand is open with gifts for all.
4. I will sing praises and bless your name.

*(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.”

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GOSPEL: *Mark 8:27-35*

*This is a reading from the Gospel of Mark.*

Jesus and his disciples  
were going to the towns around Caesarea Philippi.  
On the way, Jesus asked them,

“Who do other people think I am?”

They told him,

“Some think you are John the Baptist or one of the prophets.”

Then Jesus said,

“Who do you think I am?”

Peter said,

“You are the Messiah, the Christ.”

Jesus told his disciples not to tell that to anyone.

Then Jesus began to teach his disciples  
that he was going to suffer very much.

He told them that he was going to be killed  
but that he would rise again after three days.

He said all of this very clearly  
so that the disciples would know what was going to happen.





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Peter took Jesus away from the group  
and told him not to say those things.

Jesus looked at the disciples and then he scolded Peter, and said,

“Go away from me! You are talking like Satan.  
You want things to be just as human beings want them.  
You don’t care what God wants!”

Then Jesus spoke to all the disciples  
and the people who were there with them. He said,

“Those who want to be my disciples  
will not be able to have everything the way they want it.  
They will have to give up some things.  
My disciples must accept the cross and follow me.  
Those who live this way because of me  
and because of the Good News,  
will live with me forever.”

*This is the Good News of the Lord.*