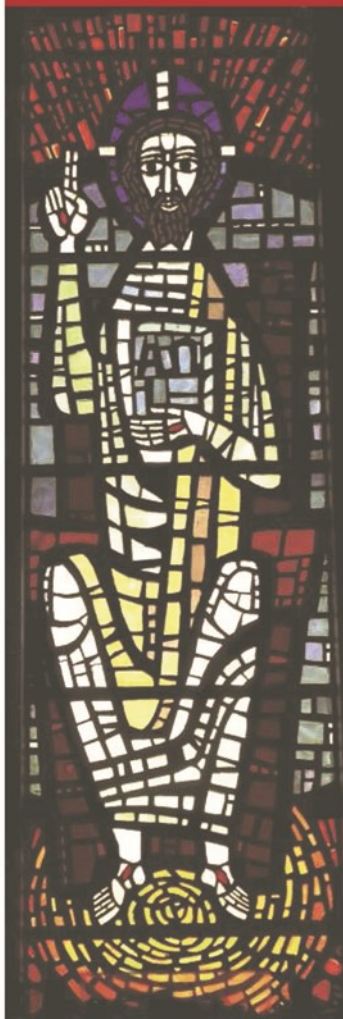


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## Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

September 12, 2021

Readings: [Is 50:5-9a](#); [Jas 2:14-18](#); [Mk 8:27-35](#)

### THE DEACON'S SPEAKIN'

*Dear Sisters and Brothers,*

*For the next few weeks I will be highlighting the crises facing our planet because of Climate Change. Today's message is an excerpt from the National Catholic Reporter written by its environmental correspondent, Brian Roewe.*

“As the planet has warmed, the number of weather-related disasters worldwide has increased fivefold in the past 50 years, according to a [new report](#) from the World Meteorological Organization. The costs have also skyrocketed, with weather disasters from 2010-19 costing on average \$383 million per day, compared to \$49 million from 1970-79. In 2020, extreme weather piled up \$95 billion in damages, and was the sixth consecutive year with 10 or more billion-dollar disasters, [according to the National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration](#). Since 1980, extreme weather events have cost the U.S. \$1.88 trillion.

While [visiting communities hit by the aftermath of Hurricane Ida](#) in New Jersey Sept. 7, President Joe Biden said that this summer's extreme weather across the country — from Ida coming ashore in the Gulf as one of the strongest storms to hit the U.S. to historic wildfires out west — show the impacts of climate change that scientists have predicted for decades are here.

‘Folks, the evidence is clear: Climate change poses an existential threat to our lives, to our economy. And the threat is here; it's not going to get any better. The question: Can it get worse? We can stop it from getting worse,’ Biden said.

The faith and climate resiliency event featured video testimonials from congregations on the coasts of North Carolina and Georgia about how increased flooding is hitting their communities. At St. Paul AME Zion Church in Aurora, off North Carolina's central coast, the repeated pattern of major storms followed by rebuilding has thinned the population and the number of people in the pews.

Asked what would happen if no actions or investments are made in the face of rising seas and climate change, the Rev. Gerald Godette, associate pastor at St. Paul, replied, ‘Death to a community is what would happen. Our people are leaving after these storms, and many can't come back.’

Hermina Glass-Hill, coastal and environmental justice coordinator for Georgia Interfaith Power & Light, said she hopes their stories will help policymakers see the impact that increasingly intense storms are having on their communities and compel them to support solutions, especially for those who can't flee the flooding.

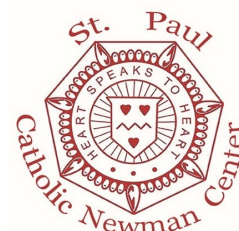
‘The infrastructure definitely needs the kind of funding up and down the coast that's gonna allow people to be resilient and to be able to weather these storms,’ she said.

*Peace and love,*

*Deacon John*

### Mission Statement

Gifted by God, called by Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, St. Paul Catholic Newman Center is a parish committed to serving the academic community and all those who choose to be part of our parish family. We dedicate ourselves to bringing the transformative power of Christ to the world through word and action.



# Campus Ministry News!

## **Donations Needed**

### **Wednesday Student Nights**

We need food for our students gathering for our Wednesdays Student Nights. Please help us feed them! 

Here is how you can help:

- 1) Sign up for a designated week by contacting Edgar Guzmán
- 2) You can purchase a meal (5 people) from a restaurant or fast food chain and bring it to the Newman Hall on Wednesday after 5pm.

You can donate a gift card to any restaurant or fast food chain and drop it off at the front office throughout the week (Monday - Thursday from 9:00am to 3:00pm).

Because of COVID restrictions, we cannot accept hot meals made at home; we can either cook it here or purchase it from a restaurant.

### **Student Lounge**

As the school semester begins we will continue offering our study lounge to students and others. As an added bonus we like to offer a few snacks and drinks. If you'd like to donate an item(s) see our list below.

- microwavable ready meals
- water bottles
- snack size chips
- granola bars
- pastry snacks

### **School Supply Drive**

Our annual school supply drive is underway. Many stores still have their school supplies on sale. This drive not only benefits our students but also the Renaissance Scholar Program at Fresno State. We continue to partner with them to help the many students who have aged out of the foster care system and plan to continue their education. You may drop off items at the front office.

Thank you so much for being part of this mission; may God reward you for your generosity.

## **Young Adult Mass**

Every Sunday, we host a young adult Mass at 7:00pm. This is an opportunity for students, young adults, and young professionals to come together and be among others our age giving thanks to God.

Join us before Mass at 6:00pm for a prayer activity followed by Mass at 7:00pm.

### YOUNG ADULT MASS CALENDAR

<b>September 12</b>	<b>6:30pm— Confessions</b>	<b>7pm—Young Adult Mass</b>
<b>September 19</b>	<b>6:30pm— Adoration</b>	<b>7pm—Young Adult Mass</b>

### **Campus Ministry Contacts**

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## Adult Sacrament Prep

Our Adult Sacramental Preparation program prepares baptized Catholics for the sacraments of Confirmation, and/or Eucharist and Reconciliation. Classes begin October 4, 2021, and run through January 2022. For more information contact Deacon Bill Lucido at [bill@csufnewman.com](mailto:bill@csufnewman.com), Edgar Guzman at [edgar@csufnewman.com](mailto:edgar@csufnewman.com), or call the office at 436-3434. Registration forms will be available in the office and on our website.

## Faith, Family & Friends 2021-22

Faith, Family & Friends is the Newman Center's innovative approach to religious education for EVERYONE of all ages. It is adult oriented, family centered religious education and faith formation for our whole parish community. It offers faith formation for children, individual adults, couples, and families. Members of our parish become better acquainted and become better educated Catholics and lifelong learners of the faith. Adults have their choice of educational offerings in the topic areas of Scripture, Catholic Faith, and Family Life (Relationships/Parenting).

**Because it is family centered, it is mandatory for at least one parent or guardian to attend with their child(ren).** Children are never allowed to be dropped off and picked up. Sacramental preparation programs for First Communion and Reconciliation are a part of FF&F. Please join us!

To register online, please go to our website by clicking this link: [www.csufnewman.com](http://www.csufnewman.com). You will find registration forms for Families (Adults with children) and one for Adults (without children).

The first mandatory meeting for parents with children will be held on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 6:30pm.

FF&F sessions for EVERYONE (Families and Individual Adults) will be held from 6:00pm to 7:15pm beginning October 5th!

## Family Life Ministry

**Men's Scripture Reflection Discussion Group** meets Monday mornings after the 8:00am Mass from 8:30am to 9:30am in the Library. Facilitated by John Prandini.

## Catholic Charities Truck

The Catholic Charities Donation Truck will be at the Newman Center next weekend (September 18-19) to collect donation items after all Sunday morning Masses. Donations brought to the Saturday and Sunday evening Masses can be left in the white bin in the Chapel Courtyard. Thank you for your support.

## Newman Center is Hiring

### Parish Life Coordinator

St. Paul Catholic Newman Center, a Vatican II oriented parish, seeks a replacement for Deacon John Supino after 12 years of successful leadership in his position as Parish Life Coordinator. He will be retiring once the position is filled. The Parish Life Coordinator role will administer to the business and managerial needs of the parish, lead the various parish functions and support the vision of outreach and ministering to college students, young adults and anyone choosing to be part of this parish family. Please access the Newman Center website by clicking this link [www.csufnewman.com/parish-life-coordinator](http://www.csufnewman.com/parish-life-coordinator). There you will find the job description and application process. For questions, please e-mail Dave Meyer at [dmeyer@centralmedsolutions.com](mailto:dmeyer@centralmedsolutions.com).

## Bilingual Mass

This Sunday, September 19, 2021 at 5:00pm we will start offering a Bilingual Mass (English and Spanish). We will celebrate the Bilingual Mass every first and third Sunday of the month.

This initiative is a response to a pastoral need from many of our college students and parishioners who would like to pray either in the primary or second language – or just want to experience the beautiful Catholicity of the Church!

For more information, please contact Karl Gurney, Liturgy Director, at [karl@csufnewman.com](mailto:karl@csufnewman.com).

All are welcome! Bienvenidos!

## Weekly Justice Challenge

Justice Challenge: The second reading for Sunday is from James' letter. He challenges us to not just talk about helping others, but to actually DO it. Then we hear in the Gospel Jesus' challenge to deny ourselves, carry our crosses, and follow him. Your challenge this week is to have a conversation with your family to figure out the connection between doing something for a person in need and being a follower of Jesus. Then choose a person whom you have talked about and for whom you feel compassion because they are in a difficult situation. This time don't just talk about it; do something to help the person in a specific, concrete way.

## Second Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend we will have a second collection for the Newman Center Stewardship Fund. Your generosity helps aid parishioners and those in our community. Thank you for your generosity.

## Scholarships Sustain Our Commitment to Students

This Founders Day weekend, September 12, we will celebrate our founding pastor, Fr. Sergio P. Negro and the people who turned his vision of academic achievement and service to others into an enduring legacy we call the St. Paul Catholic Newman Center.

A few years ago, the Sergio P. Negro Scholarship Endowment was established with seed money from our 50th anniversary.

In 2019, the parish scholarship committee announced our inaugural two scholarship winners, but Covid-19 interrupted our 2020 scholarship plans.

Your generosity has helped grow the endowment so that this academic year we are awarding \$2,500 scholarships to four upper-division or graduate students who have been active in our parish community and plan to turn their academic preparation into careers serving others:

**Guadalupe “Lupita” Franco**, from Santa Maria, majors in deaf education at Fresno State and is working on a minor in Spanish. She’s active in the Newman Catholic Student Association, attends daily Mass, and recently started working at our front desk on weekends.

**Marianne Gleason** “grew up” at Newman, where she was an altar server, assisted in Vacation Bible School, was a Confirmation leader and helped plan retreats for high schoolers. At Loras College in Iowa, she majors in politics, creative writing and literature and plans to practice family law, representing children’s needs.

**Nathan Madrigal** became involved with the Newman Center while attending Fresno State. Since graduating, he’s joined the RCIA team and became a lector. His work at an elementary school inspired him to study for a Master of Education degree and become a credentialed teacher.

**Hector Rodriguez** of Wasco found a home, friends and deeper faith through the Newman Catholic Student Association, which he will serve this year as president. He assists with our celebrations of Ash Wednesday and the Virgin of Guadalupe. His Fresno State industrial technology degree will help him develop environmentally friendly agricultural practices and equipment.

The scholarships will be presented at the 9:30am Mass. Please meet and congratulate our Newman Scholars, living the legacy of our founding pastor, at a reception in the Chapel Courtyard following Mass.

We also invite your continuing support of the Sergio P. Negro Scholarship Endowment Fund to recognize outstanding students who will use their knowledge and skills to serve humankind.

Your generosity endows our parish commitment envisioned nearly 60 years ago by Fr. Negro and all others who have served us so faithfully.

## Increased Offertory Program

Over the next few weeks, you will be hearing about our upcoming renewal program *Heart Speaks to Heart*. This effort continues to be very important as we move forward with the mission and vision of St. Paul Catholic Newman Center. We, as a parish family, have changed so many lives in our community! In order to continue our mission and ministries, we encourage all parishioners to spend time in prayer and discussion with your family reflecting on the work we do. Our special Commitment Weekend will be celebrated on October 9 and 10. If you have any questions regarding the *Heart Speaks to Heart* Program, please feel free to contact the parish office at 436-3434.

## Good News—Women’s Guild is Back!

I am pleased to announce that the St. Paul’s Catholic Newman Center Women’s Guild will resume monthly meetings in October. It has been a very long hiatus due to Covid-19 and look forward to being together with past members and reach out to attract new members. Throughout the month of September I encourage members to renew their membership; dues continue to be \$20.00 for the year. For those interested in becoming members I direct you to the Newman Center website to learn more about the Guild, its purpose, mission and accomplishments. You may send in your dues directly to the office via mail or drop off in person. Please write in the memo section of the check “Women’s Guild” to ensure proper allocation. The office will have membership forms that we request to be completed for contact information. Forms can also be emailed to you for your convenience by contacting the office at 436-3434. We are very excited to resume the Guild and extend a very warm invitation to all the women of the parish to consider joining.

JoAnn LoForti

## Foundations Course for RNs

The Diocese of Fresno is once again offering the Foundations course for RN’s wishing to become certified as a Faith Community Nurse (FCN). This course is being offered March 3-6, 2022. Completing the FCN Foundations course will enable an RN to begin and manage a Health Ministry program within their respective parish as well as provide 34 CEU’s. If interested and would like additional information please contact: Roxanna Stevens RN, FCN at [Roxanna@dioceseoffresno.org](mailto:Roxanna@dioceseoffresno.org) or 488-7474, ext.108. JoAnn LoForti, RN, FCN at [jloforti@dioceseoffresno.org](mailto:jloforti@dioceseoffresno.org); or 488-7474, ext. 108.



# Weekly Calendar

**Sunday, September 12** Is 50:5-9a; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

## Founders' Day

7:30am Mass for Rev. Angel Sotelo Chapel  
 9:30am Mass for Rudy Facio Chapel  
 11:30am Mass for Katherine Dillon Chapel  
 12:00pm Baptism Prep Class ZOOM  
 6:30pm Confessions Chapel  
 7:00pm Young Adult Mass Chapel

**Monday, September 13** 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10

8:00am Liturgy of the Word Chapel  
 7:00pm Claretian Youth Core Team Mtg. Chapel

**Tuesday, September 14** Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

6:00pm Mass for Johnny Fong Chapel

**Wednesday, September 15** 1 Tm 3:14-16; Jn 19:25-27

8:00am Mass for Maribel Billaroman Chapel  
 6:00pm College Night CNH 101  
 6:30pm PAIN Cafeteria

**Thursday, September 16** 1 Tm 4:12-16; Lk 7:36-50

4:00pm Confessions Chapel  
 5:30pm Ignation Spirituality CNH 103  
 6:00pm Mass for Dixie Sutherland Chapel  
 6:30pm Joy of Love Moms Leadership Mtg. Community Room

**Friday, September 17** 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3

8:00am Mass for Rose Barretto Chapel

**Saturday, September 18** 1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15

## Second Collection - Stewardship

### Catholic Charities Truck

5:00pm Mass for David Lawrence Chapel

**Sunday, September 19** Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37

## Second Collection - Stewardship

### Catholic Charities Truck

7:30am Mass for MariaLara Alessandri-Cook Chapel  
 9:30am Mass for Jim Cook Chapel  
 11:30am Mass for Steve Rule Chapel  
 5:00pm Bilingual Mass (Mass for Teresa Espinosa) Chapel  
 6:30pm Adoration Chapel  
 7:00pm Young Adult Mass Chapel

## Prayers:

- ◆ **For those who died this week:** Michael A. McCormick, Albert Gerardo Abrina
- ◆ **Please pray for those who have requested special intentions and prayers:**  
 Jan Fusselman, Deacon Ed Valdez & Family, Gary Payne, Willie Jacques, Ted & Marcia Falk, Linda Alvarez, Marianne Coons, Tom Kane, Julissa Mojarras, Estefania Medina, Laura Willers, Fr. David Enriquez, Mary Garr, Kathy Papagni, Michael Vienna, John and Kathy Brechmann, JoAnn Myers, Issac Orozco, Diana Mock, Fr. Kevin Bray, Msgr. Anthony Janelli, Fr. John Schmoll, Sandra Barrie, Deacon Joe Parugrug, Tom Lucas, Kristal Lowe Limon, Nettie Shute, Sandy Keith, Meghan Vasquez, Jacob Blake, Dan Dungy, Isabel Wiggins, Rose Derby, Monica Becerra, Alice Schultz, Nancy Martin, Sr. Rosa Maria Branco FHIC

# September Contributions

2020		2021	
Sept. 6 <b>ACH</b>	\$22,274.43	Sept. 5 <b>ACH</b>	\$26,023.55
Sept. 13	\$8,995.00	Sept. 12	
Sept. 20 <b>ACH</b>	\$19,901.98	Sept. 19 <b>ACH</b>	
Sept. 27	\$9,578.52	Sept. 26	
<b>Sept. Total</b>	<b>\$60,749.93</b>	<b>Sept. Total</b>	<b>\$26,023.55</b>

## Homebound Eucharistic Ministry

We are happy to announce the Diocese has reopened our Ministry to the Homebound. We are looking for Eucharistic Ministers to visit and take communion to the sick and homebound. This is a rewarding and grace-filled ministry. We will train you and you can visit the sick and homebound during the week or on the weekend. If this sounds like a ministry for you please contact Deacon Bill at [bill@csufnewman.com](mailto:bill@csufnewman.com) or 436-3434.

## Live Streaming Volunteers Needed

As many of you know, the livestream Masses have enabled us to connect with so many people otherwise unable to join us in person. To meet this ministry need, we are still looking for volunteers to serve on our live-streaming team. Experience with smartphones and the Facebook app helps, but is not required. We will train you and you will be a blessing for our online audiences! Email our Liturgy Director Karl Gurney at [karl@csufnewman.com](mailto:karl@csufnewman.com) to let us know you are interested!

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## **A JOINT MESSAGE FOR THE PROTECTION OF CREATION**

For more than a year, we have all experienced the devastating effects of a global pandemic—all of us, whether poor or wealthy, weak or strong. Some were more protected or vulnerable than others, but the rapidly-spreading infection meant that we have depended on each other in our efforts to stay safe. We realised that, in facing this worldwide calamity, no one is safe until everyone is safe, that our actions really do affect one another, and that what we do today affects what happens tomorrow.

These are not new lessons, but we have had to face them anew. May we not waste this moment. We must decide what kind of world we want to leave to future generations. God mandates: 'Choose life, so that you and your children might live' (Dt 30:19). We must choose to live differently; we must choose life.

September is celebrated by many Christians as the Season of Creation, an opportunity to pray and care for God's creation. As world leaders prepare to meet in November at Glasgow to deliberate on the future of our planet, we pray for them and consider what the choices we must all make. Accordingly, as leaders of our Churches, we call on everyone, whatever their belief or worldview, to endeavour to listen to the cry of the earth and of people who are poor, examining their behaviour and pledging meaningful sacrifices for the sake of the earth which God has given us.

### **The Importance of Sustainability**

In our common Christian tradition, the Scriptures and the Saints provide illuminating perspectives for comprehending both the realities of the present and the promise of something larger than what we see in the moment. The concept of stewardship—of individual and collective responsibility for our God-given endowment—presents a vital starting-point for social, economic and environmental sustainability. In the New Testament, we read of the rich and foolish man who stores great wealth of grain while forgetting about his finite end (Lk 12.13–21). We learn of the prodigal son who takes his inheritance early, only to squander it and end up hungry (Lk 15.11–32). We are cautioned against adopting short term and seemingly inexpensive options of building on sand, instead of building on rock for our common home to withstand storms (Mt 7.24–27). These stories invite us to adopt a broader outlook and recognise our place in the extended story of humanity.

But we have taken the opposite direction. We have maximised our own interest at the expense of future generations. By concentrating on our wealth, we find that long-term assets, including the bounty of nature, are depleted for short-term advantage. Technology has unfolded new possibilities for progress but also for accumulating unrestrained wealth, and many of us behave in ways which demonstrate little concern for other people or the limits of the planet. Nature is resilient, yet delicate. We are already witnessing the consequences of our refusal to protect and preserve it (Gn 2.15). Now, in this moment, we have an opportunity to repent, to turn around in resolve, to head in the opposite direction. We must pursue generosity and fairness in the ways that we live, work and use money, instead of selfish gain.

### **The Impact on People Living with Poverty**

The current climate crisis speaks volumes about who we are and how we view and treat God's creation. We stand before a harsh justice: biodiversity loss, environmental degradation and climate change are the inevitable consequences of our actions, since we have greedily consumed more of the earth's resources than the planet can endure. But we also face a profound injustice: the people bearing the most catastrophic consequences of these abuses are the poorest on the planet and have been the least responsible for causing them. We serve a God of justice, who delights in creation and creates every person in God's image, but also hears the cry of people who are poor. Accordingly, there is an innate call within us to respond with anguish when we see such devastating injustice.

Today, we are paying the price. The extreme weather and natural disasters of recent months reveal afresh to us with great force and at great human cost that climate change is not only a future challenge, but an immediate and urgent matter of survival. Widespread floods, fires and droughts threaten entire continents. Sea levels rise, forcing whole communities to relocate; cyclones devastate entire regions, ruining lives and livelihoods. Water has become scarce and food supplies insecure, causing conflict and displacement for millions of people. We have already seen this in places where people rely on small scale agricultural holdings. Today we see it in more industrialised countries where even sophisticated infrastructure cannot completely prevent extraordinary destruction.

Tomorrow could be worse. Today's children and teenagers will face catastrophic consequences unless we take responsibility now, as 'fellow workers with God' (Gn 2.4–7), to sustain our world. We frequently hear from young people who understand that their futures are under threat. For their sake, we must choose to eat, travel, spend, invest and live differently, thinking not only of immediate interest and gains but also of future benefits. We repent of our generation's sins. We stand alongside our younger sisters and brothers throughout the world in committed prayer and dedicated action for a future which corresponds ever more to the promises of God.

## The Imperative of Cooperation

Over the course of the pandemic, we have learned how vulnerable we are. Our social systems frayed, and we found that we cannot control everything. We must acknowledge that the ways we use money and organize our societies have not benefited everyone. We find ourselves weak and anxious, submersed in a series of crises; health, environmental, food, economic and social, which are all deeply interconnected.

These crises present us with a choice. We are in a unique position either to address them with shortsightedness and profiteering or seize this as an opportunity for conversion and transformation. If we think of humanity as a family and work together towards a future based on the common good, we could find ourselves living in a very different world. Together we can share a vision for life where everyone flourishes. Together we can choose to act with love, justice and mercy. Together we can walk towards a fairer and fulfilling society with those who are most vulnerable at the centre.

But this involves making changes. Each of us, individually, must take responsibility for the ways we use our resources. This path requires an ever-closer collaboration among all churches in their commitment to care for creation. Together, as communities, churches, cities and nations, we must change route and discover new ways of working together to break down the traditional barriers between peoples, to stop competing for resources and start collaborating.

To those with more far-reaching responsibilities—heading administrations, running companies, employing people or investing funds—we say: choose people-centred profits; make short-term sacrifices to safeguard all our futures; become leaders in the transition to just and sustainable economies. 'To whom much is given, much is required.' (Lk 12:48)

This is the first time that the three of us feel compelled to address together the urgency of environmental sustainability, its impact on persistent poverty, and the importance of global cooperation. Together, on behalf of our communities, we appeal to the heart and mind of every Christian, every believer and every person of good will. We pray for our leaders who will gather in Glasgow to decide the future of our planet and its people. Again, we recall Scripture: 'choose life, so that you and your children may live' (Dt 30:19). Choosing life means making sacrifices and exercising self-restraint.

All of us—whoever and wherever we are—can play a part in changing our collective response to the unprecedented threat of climate change and environmental degradation.

Caring for God's creation is a spiritual commission requiring a response of commitment. This is a critical moment. Our children's future and the future of our common home depend on it.

1st September 2021

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew

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## A Pointed Challenge

*This Week's Readings at Mass*

- ▶ Isaiah 50:4-9a - Salvation through the Lord's servant
- ▶ James 2:14-18 - Faith and good works
- ▶ Mark 8:27-35 - "Get Behind Me, Satan!"

Rather than focus on the Gospel, we will reflect on the second reading, from the Letter of Saint James. This week is the third of five consecutive weeks we hear challenging words from James.

A few decades before James wrote this letter, Paul wrote that Jews and Gentiles alike are saved by faith in Jesus Christ, not "by doing the works of the law" (Gal. 2:16). His point was that it wasn't external actions or "following the rules" that could earn someone salvation—it was faith in Christ.

Unfortunately, it seems that some Christians began using the slogan "faith over works" to justify their lack of good deeds since they saw themselves as automatically saved by their faith. James counters this kind of thinking in his letter, challenging social inequality and economic injustices among his readers. The modern equivalent of James' critique would be wishing a homeless person well or sending "thoughts and prayers" to people who are suffering without doing anything concretely to help them. "So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead," he writes (Jas. 2:17).

Paul would have agreed with him. We can't earn our salvation by good deeds, but actions should flow



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"Who do you say that I am?"

### Sheepish Question:

What realities help me stay humble before God?

from our faith. It may not be comfortable or convenient for us to interrupt our lives to provide the homeless person on the corner with a meal or warm clothes, but that is what our faith asks of us. James doesn't want his readers to forget that or excuse themselves from such obligations just because they can claim to have faith in Christ.

### Questions of the Week

- 1 Do you know people who make a show of having faith although you rarely see evidence of it in action? Do you know of people who consistently do service and justice work, whether or not they have explicit faith in Jesus? Please share your experience with such people.
- 2 What are you particularly challenged to do in response to this reading?

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