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## Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### A Sabbath Thought

.What is it that we seek from Jesus Christ? If it is power or prestige, then we are following the wrong Messiah. When we look to Christ, our response of faith engages us in a search for truth, goodness and love.

### About Today's Bible Readings

#### ISAIAH 53:10-11

The suffering of the Lord's servant has a purpose: It brings redemption to many, it relieves the guilty of their sin.

#### Responsorial Psalm: 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

#### HEBREWS 4:14-16

Salvation is not exotic, and neither is our Saviour. Jesus is one of us, a relationship that should give us confidence.

#### MARK 10:35-45

The greatest paradox about Jesus is his notion of leadership. He measures greatness, not by power but by service.

### ENTRANCE RITE: Hebrews 3:1; 4:15

*V. Therefore, holy "brothers," sharing in a heavenly calling, reflect on Jesus, the apostle and High Priest of our confession.*

**R. For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one Who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin.**

*V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,*

**R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### ALLELUIA: Psalm 110:4

*V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*V. The Lord has sworn, and He will not repent: "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### THE GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." He replied, "What do you wish me to do for you?" They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" They said to him, "We can." Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John. Jesus summoned them and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

**This is the Gospel of the Lord**

# Worship Services

**Today – Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>**

**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM – Holy Mass**

**9:30 AM – Holy Mass**

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**Sunday – Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>**

**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM – Holy Mass**

**9:30 AM – Holy Mass**

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**Friday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>**

**All Saints Day**

**7:00 PM – Holy Mass**

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**Sunday – Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**31<sup>st</sup> Sunday - Ordinary Time**

**All Souls Day**

**8:00 AM – Holy Mass**

**9:30 AM – Holy Mass**

**First Holy Communion of  
Edgardo (Edgar) Avilés  
during the 9:30 Mass.**

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**Sunday – Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>**

**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday - Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM – Holy Mass**

**9:30 AM – Holy Mass**

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## ALL SOULS DAY

We will observe All Souls Day on Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup>. There are slips on the table in the Vestibule. If you would like to have your departed loved ones added to our prayers, please write them down, and give them to Father Senior Donald as soon as you can. Please use the back of the paper if necessary and please print legibly. The names will not be read individually but placed in a bowl in front of the altar and prayers offered for all those remembered. If you wish, you can also email them to me at [fatherdon@ststephenpncc.org](mailto:fatherdon@ststephenpncc.org). Thank you.

## INTENTIONS:

### My Brothers and Sisters:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Debra Caldwell, Dan Shaner, Sharon Fitzwater, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Elizabeth McAlanis, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Jane and John Aldershoff, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Eileen McCoury, Alexis, Matthew and Kristy Samsel, Janet Kelly, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Bob Price, Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Eric Meck, Damon Grossman, Joseph Grossman, Jr., Corby Beck, Tom Beck, Skye Sadowski, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, John Bennett, Alicia Bennett, David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich, Berne Bloom, Marilyn Seiders, Peggy Smith and family, Chi Koch, Vicki Shoemaker, William Kutenits, Todd Shaffer, Kelly Wylezik Shawn Siedel, Father Carmen Bolock, Christine Mulutzie, David Mulutzie, James Horning, Frederick Smith, David Metzger, Amber Irving, Paul Edling, Natalie Frankfort, Cheryl Weinhold, Carol Urban, Kenneth Borah, Joe Bezek and Bud Hoffman. **Our Father....**

**If there are any changes to this list, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Today, October 20<sup>th</sup>;** The regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee will be held at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

**Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>;** Post-Picnic Party in the Fellowship Hall at noon. Everyone who helped with the Picnic in any way is invited. Halloween treats for the kids. See the October Newsletter for more details and please add your name to the signup sheet on the table in the vestibule to help us plan accordingly. Thank you!

**Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>;** First Holy Communion of Edgardo (Edgar) Avilés during the 9:30 Mass.

**Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>;** The ANS will meet in the Library after the 9:30 Mass.

**Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>;** Confirmation of Scarlett Sadowski. Please join us in welcoming Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky to Saint Stephen the Martyr for this joyous occasion. **There will be one Mass only at 9:00 AM this Sunday, please make a note.**

**If there are any other events not listed here, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!**

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## BOSCOV'S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

The Ladies Society for the Admiration of the Most Blessed Sacrament is selling Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Coupons. For a \$5.00 Donation to the ANS you will receive a coupon good for 25% off for your entire purchase at any Boscov's store or online on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8:00 AM until 11:00 PM. (Exclusions Apply) Please see the flyer on the table in the vestibule for more information and contact Sally Traczuk or any ANS member to purchase your Shopping Pass now!

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## THE KNIGHTS CLOSET

The Reading Area School District has informed us that the Knights Closet Project which provides items of basic necessity to students in need will resume this year. The parish has generously participated in this worthwhile cause in past years and I hope that we will find it in our hearts to continue to do so. Please leave your contributions on the table in the Fellowship Hall and we will get them to those in need. Thank you in advance for your kind generosity.

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## COFFEE AND DONUTS

**We are pleased to offer the Fellowship hour in the Church Hall following each Mass. Coffee and donuts will be served with the coffee being free and the suggested donation for each donut being \$1.00. I hope that many of you will join us.**