

To Serve

(From Conversation with God, Fernandez Carvajal)

Today's Gospel recounts the memorable request which James and John made to Jesus. They wanted to hold places of honour in his kingdom. Their petition provoked a storm of indignation among the Apostles. Jesus took this opportunity to teach the Twelve: You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. Finally, Jesus gives them the greatest reason by far: For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

The Lord repeated this idea on any number of occasions: I have come not to be served but to serve. His whole life was a service to others. His doctrine is a constant appeal to mankind to forget self and live for others. He went throughout Palestine serving each person He met along the way. Christ's life and teaching are with us to the present day in the Church and in a special way in the Holy Eucharist. Jesus is ready to serve us, to keep us company with his humility and grace. On the night before his Passion and Death Jesus emphasised the importance of this message when he washed the feet of his disciples. He urged his closest followers to do the same for their brethren.

The Church is the continuation of the salvific mission of Christ in the world. Her very reason for being lies in serving mankind through the preaching of the Word and the celebration of the sacraments. Sharing the noblest aspirations of men and suffering when she sees them not satisfied she wishes to help them attain their full flowering and that is why she offers men what she possesses as her characteristic attribute - a global vision of man and of the human race.

As we seek to imitate the Lord we Christians should be ready to give cheerful service to God and other people without expecting anything in return. We should serve even those who do not appreciate our help. Many will not understand our cheerful attitude of self-denial. We should be content in the knowledge that Christ knows full well the efforts we are making on his behalf. The pride of a Christian is precisely in this dimension: to serve as the Master served. Yet we learn how to serve only when we are close to Jesus.

When you start out each day to work by Christ's side and to look after all those souls who seek him, remember that there is only one way of doing it: we must turn to the Lord. Only in prayer, and through prayer, do we learn to serve others. Prayer will give us all the strength and humility we require to serve others.

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Saturday 7:00am and 6:00pm
Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am

Confessions:
Before and after any Mass
During Sundays Mass
Any time by appointment

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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 17 OCTOBER 2021 - YEAR B

FIRST READING: Isaiah 53:10-11
RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 33

RESPONSE:

R. May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.

1. For the word of the Lord is faithful, and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right, and his merciful love fills the earth. **R.**
2. Yes the Lord's eyes are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R.**
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
He is our help and our shield.
May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord. **R.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:14-16

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, alleluia.

The Son of man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45

NOTICES

Visits to the Sick

Please pray for our sick:

Hendrik Kotze; Sarah; Maria Carmelina De Araujo Sobrinho; Marnie; Hugo Fluza; Beverly Hopkins; Amanda Tillet; Ben & Emgee Marais; Philip Eduards; MrT; Paul Jorge; Monty Bailie; Gladys; Alan Norman; Lily Odendaal; Monica Ord; Shiloh & Masechaba Makgoeng; Michael Waters; Paulo Ferreira; Hans & Angelica; Gloria Buchanan; Sancho & Anita; Michel Istace; Garron Jameson; Barbara Peters; Joey & Carlos; Dabela Lebabo; Estelle Jaquet; Felicity Dickerson; Charmaine; Joan Stewart; Rene Moothoo; Milucha Da Costa; Jade Deena Lo Drago; Alma Di Santolo; Loma, Ted, Steven, Kelly & Megan Karam

Contact Fr Joe or the parish office to add a name to the list or to be visited.

New Kitchen for the parish and SSVDP

We are in the process of redesigning the kitchen at the back of the house to facilitate the cooking of SSVDP. If you have experience with designing kitchens, or know people who can help with items for an industrial kitchen, or have some items for the project, contact Fr Joe.

Note

The SSVDP feeding program includes serving 160 meals every Monday, 40 meals every Wednesday and 60 meals to two Old Age Homes in the area every Friday. If you are available to assist with the preparation and serving of meals on Mondays and Wednesdays, contact Juanito: 072 436 5845 We continue to request donations of empty ice cream and 1 litre yoghurt containers, as well as donations of wool to hand out to the elderly at the Old Age Homes. Donations can be made into the SSVDP bank account, account details can be found on the Mater Dolorosa website. Follow the SSVDP tab. Cash donations can also be made into the poor box in the church. Thank you for the donations received.

Confirmation - 22/10/21

Archbishop Buti Thigale will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on the candidates on Friday, 22nd October at 6pm at the Parish.

Fundraising Golf Day - 25/11/21

On the 25th of November we have a fundraising Golf Day at Modderfontein Golf Club. R4000.00 for a 4 ball. Please, invite your friends and relatives. Contact Lynda 083 379 6898 - lyndajoynt@gmail.com

World Youth Day 2023

I-6 August 2023 we would like to take a group from the parish of 20 young adults to Lisbon, Portugal to participate with the youth around the world. Please, speak to Fr Joe if you are interested. We want to start fundraising as soon as possible.

Marriage Preparation Course

We are going to start another course for couples planning their marriage. The first session is on Friday the 29th October. Contact Tim for more information 083 393 0877.

Rosary Donations

Should you have broken or old rosaries you don't want please donate them. We have someone repairing and refurbishing rosaries for the Deacon from Bryanston who takes them to prison visits. A box will be made available in the church to drop your rosary donations.

Rosary Repairs

Contact Paula - 082 733 7508 to have your sentimental rosary repaired.

Pious Lists - November

Pious Lists are available on the table at the back of the church. Place the envelope together with your completed form into the collection box by Sunday 31st October. "It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from sin" (2 March. xii, 46)

BANKING DETAILS

Account Name : Catholic Church Kensington
Account Number: 221 294 481
Standard Bank : Eastgate
Branch Number : 051001
Reference : Eg: NAME+MASS INTENTIONS
 "Smith + Mass Intentions"

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	16th	17h00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 18h00 Pro Populo
Sun	17th	08h00	Intentions Special Intentions - Gabriella Joseph (Birthday) Special Intentions - Rafael Da Silva (Birthday) Deceased Ruffina Passalacqua; Tarcisio, Ofelia, Leo & Bepi; Giuseppe Signor Intentions Special Intentions - Hugo Fluza Special Intentions - Maria Carmelina De Araujo Sobrinho Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Fatima Deceased Francisco de Agrela; Adilia & Longueira family; Pina Romano Intentions Special Intentions - Jorge Mazes Deceased Bepi Signor; Antonio Campagnolo; Danie & Emilia Ceconi; Antonio & Olga Ellero; Joa and Arminda da Silva; Ilaria Maria Lazzari; Aurora Ricetto Avian
Mon	18th	07h00	St Luke, Evangelist, Feast 2 Timothy 4:10-17a; Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 17-18; Luke 10:1-9 Special Intentions - Gregory Blackwell (Birthday)
Tue	19th	07h00	St Paul of the Cross, Priest Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Luke 12:35-38 Special Intentions - Mamen Martinez
Wed	20th	07h00	Wednesday, 29th Week, Ordinary Time Romans 6:12-18; Psalm: 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8; Luke 12:39-48 Francesca Bartalotti - R.I.P. (Anniversary)
Thu	21st	07h00	Thursday, 29th Week, Ordinary Time Romans 6:19-23; Psalm: 1:1-2, 3, 4, 8; Luke 12:54-59 Special Intentions - Danielle Phillips (Birthday)
Fri	22nd	07h00	St John Paul II, Pope Romans 7:18-25a; Psalm 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94-2, 5, 11; Luke 12:1-7 Miguel Bessa - R.I.P
Sat	23rd	07h00	Confirmation Mass Mass of Our Lady Romans 8:1-11; Psalm: 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Luke 13:1-9 Special Intentions - Carla & Bernard Naude (Wedding Anniversary)