

Our Lady Queen of Peace



If you wish to come after me
you must deny yourself,
take up your cross,
and follow me.

Mark 8:34

Twenty-fourth
Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 12, 2021

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Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5:00 PM
Sunday - 8:00, 10:00 AM* and
12:00 Noon
Monday-Saturday 8:30 AM
Holy days - See Bulletin
*Livestreamed on Facebook

Reconciliation

Saturday - 1:00 PM or by
appointment

Emergency Contact

(funerals, anointings, etc.)
(973) 567-7424

Baptism - Please call to arrange for your child's baptism soon after birth.

RCIA

Adults desiring to be baptized, confirmed or become a Catholic, please contact the Parish Office

Anointing of the Sick

Please call for a priest to schedule this Sacrament of healing and forgiveness for someone who is seriously ill or in danger of death. Do not wait until the sick person is unconscious.

Matrimony

All Catholics should seek to have their marriage blessed by the Church so as to live in God's good grace and receive the Holy Eucharist. Contact a priest a year prior to the intended date of marriage to ensure proper preparation.

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 **Mass Intentions**

September 12, 2021 to September 19, 2021

Sunday - TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9/12 8:00 am People of the Parish
 10:00 am Birthday Thanksgiving for Sahayajayaseelan (Living)
 12:00 noon Rose and Frank Marotta

Monday - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9/13 8:30 am Silvestro Fidanza

Tuesday - Our Lady of Sorrows

9/14 8:30 am Manolita Ricarte

Wednesday - Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

9/15 8:30 am Anthony and Nanene Roselli

Thursday - Weekday [Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church]

9/16 8:30 am Bill Ranzan

Friday - Weekday

9/17 8:30 am The Beninca and Scuccimarri Families

Saturday - Weekday [Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr; BVM]

9/18 8:30 am Deceased Deacons and Deacon's Wives of the Archdiocese of Newark
 5:00 pm Vincent DeMatteo

Sunday - TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9/19 8:00 am Mark Tracey
 10:00 am People of the Parish
 12:00 noon Angel Junior Montilla



Please keep in your prayers all of our active military personnel here and overseas. We especially pray for our parishioners: Joshua Ashley, Ryan O'Connell, and John Velazquez.

May the Lord protect them in their service.

September 12, 2021 - Today's Readings

First Reading — The Lord God is my help; who will prove me wrong? (Isaiah 50:5-9a).

Psalm — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading — Faith, if it does not have works, is dead (James 2:14-18).

Gospel — Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:27-35).

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Please Remember in Your Prayers

Sick Relatives and Friends

Mary Adamo	Yancey Garcia	Christopher Quinn
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Josefina Baldoza	Richard Ivors	Robert Raimo
Mary Ellen Barberia	Dominic Jengo	Elsy Ruiz
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Brian Connors	Andrew J. Mendez	Carolyn Sobering
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Richard DeSpagna	Deanna Mooney	Liam Justin Torres
Sally DeSpagna	Jim Moran	Marianne Tracey
Emily DeStefano	Barbara Nelson	Mary Walker
Phil Dimitri	Gemma Olliges	Andrew Wey
Eileen Diverio	Sharon Osnowitz	Julia Whitney
Mark Diverio	Harriet Pellicione	Joyce Wilson
Mario Elia	Ruth Penque	*Names in bold are new to the list
Emily Ferreira	Vallie Pompilio	

Weekly Memorials

Blessed Mother Candle
 in Memory of John A. Hrablook
 by Lauren Hrablook

Altar Bread
 in Memory of Silvestro Fidanza
 by the Graziano Family

Prayer Shawl Ministry - First Meeting Sept 16!



If you are adding someone to our Parish sick list, please consider the healing power of these beautiful shawls. They are prayed over by the Prayer Shawl Ministry and blessed by our Pastor. If you know of someone you think is in need of a Prayer Shawl, please contact the Parish Center: 201-845-9566 or email pravershawl@olqp.org

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet at the Parish Center at 7 pm on the following dates and we welcome new members:
Sept 16, Oct 21, March 17, April 21, May 19

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
 Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
 Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50
 Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
 Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15
 Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

When It Rains, it Pours!

Dear OLQP Brothers and Sisters,

When it rains, it pours! This literally happened on the night of September 1st in many parts of the Tri-State area, including our neighborhood here in Maywood.



As most experienced, our Rectory basement and the Parish Center boiler room became flooded with water. Fortunately, the water was only a few inches in height and no major damage resulted. In addition to their already very busy workload, Julius (our Business Manager) and Vinnie did a great job removing all the water and cleaning up. Both Father Paul and I also did a fair share of helping.

To prevent a recurrence of the situation, we had our vendor install a new Bilco door to cover the exit by the rectory basement. We still need to install a new underground drainage system since the old system has already collapsed. We are still awaiting a quote from a vendor who stopped by the next day after the storm, but we anticipate this project could cost us thousands of dollars.

In addition, our elevator became disabled due to condensation formed in the ceiling of the electrical system room that runs the elevator. Our vendor already came to repair the elevator and determined that a new part is required to get it working again and we hope to have that new part installed as soon as possible. We will be submitting an insurance claim to help defray the costs (our deductible for most incidents is \$1000).

Fortunately, a week or two before the storm, we had the rectory roof repaired from a previous storm (half of which our insurance covered), and the storm drain cleared on the side of the Church. As a result of this good timing, we are happy to report that there was no flooding in that area.

What we had is little compared to the damage we have seen over the news. We continue to pray for all those who were greatly affected!

Finally, please know that I am sincerely thankful for your continued monetary contributions to our Repairs and Maintenance fund. I trust that, with your generosity, we will make it through difficult times. May God grant you the hundredfold blessings in return!

We will keep you posted on our ongoing maintenance projects.

God bless,
Father Tony

The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows

The title, Our Lady of Sorrows, given to our Blessed Mother focuses on her intense suffering and grief during the passion and death of our Lord. Traditionally, this suffering was not limited to the passion and death event; rather, it comprised



the seven dolors or seven sorrows of Mary, which were foretold by the Priest Simeon who proclaimed to Mary, This child [Jesus] is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel, a sign that will be opposed and you yourself shall be pierced with a sword so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare (Luke 2:34-35). These seven sorrows of our Blessed Mother included the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt; the loss and finding of the child Jesus in the Temple; Mary's meeting of Jesus on His way to Calvary; Mary's standing at the foot of the cross when our Lord was crucified; her holding of Jesus when He was taken down from the cross; and then our Lord's burial. In all, the prophesy of Simeon that a sword would pierce our Blessed Mother's heart was fulfilled in these events. For this reason, Mary is sometimes depicted with her heart exposed and with seven swords piercing it. More importantly, each new suffering was received with the courage, love, and trust that echoed her fiat, let it be done unto me according to Thy word, first uttered at the Annunciation.

This Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows grew in popularity in the 12th century, although under various titles. Granted, some writings would place its roots in the eleventh century, especially among the Benedictine monks. By the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, the feast and devotion were widespread throughout the Church.

Interestingly, in 1482, the feast was officially placed in the Roman Missal under the title of Our Lady of Compassion, highlighting the great love our Blessed Mother displayed in suffering with her Son. The word compassion derives from the Latin roots cum and patior which means to suffer with. Our Blessed Mother's sorrow exceeded anyone else's since she was the mother of Jesus, who was not only her Son but also her Lord and Savior; she truly suffered with her Son. In 1727, Pope Benedict XIII placed the Feast of Our Lady of Compassion in the Roman Calendar on Friday before Palm Sunday. This feast was suppressed with the revision of the calendar published in the Roman Missal of 1969.

In 1668 the feast in honor of the Seven Dolours was set for the Sunday after September 14, the Feast of the Holy Cross. The feast was inserted into the Roman calendar in 1814, and Pope Pius X fixed the permanent date of September 15 for the Feast of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary (now simply called the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows). The key image here is our Blessed Mother standing faithfully at the foot of the cross with her dying Son: the Gospel of St. John recorded, Seeing His mother there with the disciple whom He loved, Jesus said to His mother, 'Woman, there is your son.' In turn He said to the disciple, 'There is your mother.' (John 19:26-27). The Second Vatican Council in its Dogmatic Constitution on the Church wrote, A...She stood in keeping with the divine plan, suffering grievously with her only-begotten Son. There she united herself, with a maternal heart, to His sacrifice, and lovingly consented to the immolation of this Victim which she herself had brought forth (#58). - read the rest at <https://www.catholiceducation.org/en/culture/catholic-contributions/the-feast-of-our-lady-of-sorrows.html>

Daily Prayer for Pope Francis and Our Clergy



Almighty and everlasting God, have mercy upon Thy servant, Francis, our Supreme Pontiff, and direct him, according to Thy loving-kindness, in the ways of eternal salvation; that, of Thy gift, he may ever desire that which is pleasing unto Thee and may accomplish it with all his might. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Jesus, Savior of the world, sanctify Thy priests and sacred ministers.

The Daughters of Mary



The Daughters of Mary are inviting all girls in grades 3 through 8 to join our ministry. This is a group based on love and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The girls learn about the recitation of the Rosary, its Mysteries, the Feast Days of Mary among other things. They do this while also participating in Parish activities, playing games, making crafts and working on an upcoming fundraiser. They meet only once a month, usually the **3rd Sunday of the month at 11 am** in the Parish Center. For any questions, please email DaughtersofMary@olqp.org

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel



Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Why should I register in the parish?

All members of the parish should be formally registered as members of the parish. You must be formally registered if you wish to arrange a Baptism, a Confirmation, or a Wedding in the parish Church or wish to register in the Parish School or the Religious Education (CCD) Program. You must also be a registered member of the parish for at least three months before you can obtain a Sponsor Certificate or schedule a Baptism or a Wedding.

Please call the Parish Center at 201-845-9566 to register or visit our home page at www.olqp.org, scroll down to the middle of the page and click where it states "Parish Registration" to download the form. Thank you

The 2022 Mass Book is Open



The Church teaches us that our prayers are invaluable to the living as well as those who have died. We commend them to God's mercy when we pray for them. The living and the dead are helped not only by our daily prayers, but by the offering of Masses in their name for the benefit of their souls. Please visit the Parish Center to select your preferred dates.

The Rosary Society Meets Tomorrow Sept 13th!



The Rosary Society is inviting all parishioners, both male and female, to join their ministry. Through devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the ministry works to benefit the parish through various fundraisers and attempts to inspire spiritual growth among its members.

Meetings are usually the first Monday of the month September through December and April through June. However, the first meeting this year will be held on **Monday September 13th at 7 pm. We will start with the recitation of the Rosary in the Church at 7 pm. Immediately following, we will convene to the auditorium where we will have a meet-and-greet with coffee and cake.** A brief general meeting will follow.

A yearly membership fee of \$10 benefits the parish and ensures that you are notified of all upcoming events of the Rosary Society. Attend our meetings as your schedule allows, volunteer only for what you are comfortable doing,. Your membership benefits us all.

The Youth Ministry Invites You!

Our Youth Ministry will be meeting on **Friday, September 24th from 7 pm to 8:30 pm. in the Youth Room.** Please let us know you will be attending by registering using the QR code below. We will also be available to answer any questions after the 10 am Mass on Sunday, September 19th or email us at olqpyouthministry@gmail.com.



Luz Y Vida (Light and Life)



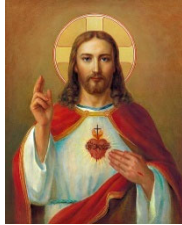
The Luz y Vida prayer group invites the Hispanic community to hear the word of God and receive His blessings every Thursday at 7 pm in the Auditorium. If you have a questions, please call Susana (201) 403-6319.

Él Grupo de Oración Luz y Vida . Invita a la comunidad comunidad Hispana a escuchar la Palabra de Dios y recibir sus bendiciones cada Jueves a partir de las 7pm en el Auditorio de la iglesia. Él Señor les espera con los brazos abiertos. Tiene alguna pregunta llamar a Susana (201) 403-6319.

Efficacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

This novena prayer was recited every day by Padre Pio for all those who asked for prayers.

I. O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, ask and it will be given you, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you." Behold I knock, I seek and ask for the grace of [insert your intention.]
Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory be to the Father...Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.



II. O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, if you ask any thing of the Father in my name, He will give it to you." Behold, in your name, I ask the Father for the grace of [insert your intention.]
Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory be to the Father...Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

III. O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away."
Encouraged by your infallible words I now ask for the grace of [insert your intention.]
Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory be to the Father...Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for whom it is impossible not to have compassion on the afflicted, have pity on us miserable sinners and grant us the grace which we ask of you, through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, your tender mother and ours.

Say the Hail, Holy Queen and add: St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, pray for us.

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

Wednesdays 7 pm at the Rosary Garden



Act of Contrition



O my God,
I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee,
and I detest all my sins,
because I dread the loss of heaven,
and the pains of hell;
but most of all because they offend Thee, my God,
Who are all good and deserving of all my love.
I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace,
to confess my sins, to do penance,
and to amend my life. Amen.

Religious Education Classes Begin Sept 19th!

2021-2022 Catechetical Year
Religious Education classes
begin **September 19th** -
8:30 am to 9:50 am.



**Please keep in your prayers
all our students and catechists!**

If you have not yet registered your child, please contact Justine Garcia at 201-845-9566 x117.

Have you thought about echoing the Word of God to our Children? Are you being called to be a Catechist? For more information on this ministry for our children, please contact Justine Garcia at ReEd@olqp.org or (201) 845-9566 x117.

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RCIA

If you are interested in being baptized or wish to receive the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation, our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program will prepare you for the reception of these sacraments. If you've received the sacraments of initiation and wish to learn more about your faith, our RCIA program is also for you. For more information, please contact the parish center at (201) 845-9566

Thank You for Your Support of Our Parish During These Challenging Times

For those of you who would like to continue to give through envelopes or cash, please place it in the designated collection boxes in the church, mail your donation to the Parish Center (410 Maywood Avenue, Maywood, NJ 07607), or drop it off at the white mailbox located to the right of the side door of the Parish Center. Thank you for your generosity!

New Email List Sign-Up!

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For announcements, bulletin updates, and the latest news happening at Our Lady Queen of Peace, please sign up for our email mailing list by visiting www.olqp.org!

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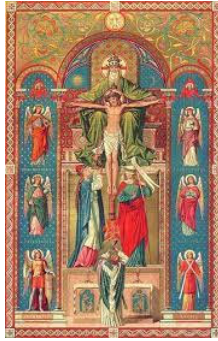
NO PARKING

Please park in designated parking spaces only. To ensure everyone's safety, please do not park on the fire lanes by the driveway. Thank you for your cooperation!

Stewardship Corner

If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all "Mark 9:35"

Jesus teaches us that we are called to serve one another. Sacrifice is not a word that many people like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words *sacer* (sacred) and *facere* (to make). In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.



Stewardship Results

	9/5/21	Weekly Goal
Offertory	5,257	5,000
Repairs	80	1500
Total	\$5,337	\$6,500

**We reached our Offertory goal last week.
Thank you very much for your
generous contributions!**

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Sept 14)

On this date in 335 two churches and a shrine erected by Constantine over the empty grave of Jesus and over the place of the crucifixion were dedicated. After these were destroyed by the Persians in 614, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, which still stands, was erected by the Crusaders in 1149. Today also commemorates the event that led to the building of the churches dedicated in 335: the discovery of the "true cross" by St. Helena, Constantine's mother, in 326.

According to one legend, St. Helena traveled to Jerusalem on pilgrimage, in search of the true cross. Workers she hired dug through a pagan temple that had been erected on the site of the Crucifixion by Hadrian and found three crosses. A dying woman was brought in, and touched by each cross in succession, the last of which healed her. Helena ordered that this cross be divided in three parts, one to be kept in Jerusalem and the other two to be sent to Constantinople and Rome. The pieces in Jerusalem and Constantinople were ultimately lost. Slivers were taken from the portion that went to Rome until eventually it was scattered around the world.

Of course, the significance of the true cross lies not in the wood itself but in the burden that it bore. As a faithful Christian, what crosses do you accept in your life today?

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Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents Day
Monday:	St. John Chrysostom
Tuesday:	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Wednesday:	Our Lady of Sorrows
Thursday:	Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian
Friday:	St. Robert Bellarmine; St. Hildegard of Bingen
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary

FEAST OF FAITH

Offering and Intercessions

In this holy moment—with the consecrated bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Christ, upon the altar—we pray for a share in the fruits of Christ's sacrifice. We offer to God what God has given to us, and we intercede for the Church and the world. We pray for the pope and for all the bishops, and we mention the bishop of our local church by name. We pray for the clergy and for all the people of God. We pray in a special way for those who have died. And we pray for ourselves, that one day, with Mary and all the saints, we may come to that place where Jesus already reigns. These prayers of intercession, like the General Intercessions earlier in the Mass, broaden our focus and remind us that the Eucharist is offered not just for those gathered, but for the salvation of the entire world. The Eucharistic Prayer leads us from an intense focus on Christ, present in the consecrated host in the hands of the priest, to a loving sweep of prayer that embraces the world.

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CHARITY

Charity is that with which no man is lost, and without which no man is saved

—St. Robert Bellarmine

THE CROSS TO BEAR

If you bear the cross gladly, it will bear you.

—Thomas à Kempis

A GRANDPARENT RECIPE

A grandparent is a little bit parent, a little bit teacher, and a little bit best friend.

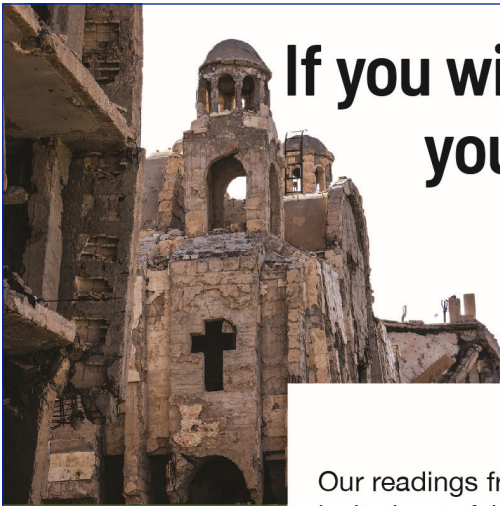
—Anonymous

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Please consider participating in our on-line giving program.

Registering with Parish Giving takes just a few minutes. Please visit:
www.olgp.org/parish-giving.html
or call 1-866-307-7140





**If you wish to come after me
you must deny yourself,
take up your cross,
and follow me.**

Mark 8:34

SUFFERING, HOPE, AND LOVE

Our readings from Isaiah and from the Gospel of Mark confront us with the fact that the invitation to faith leads us into suffering. In Isaiah, the prophet accepts pain and shaming from others, as he trusts in God. In Mark, Jesus is blunt about this: “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” When we embrace faith, we are confronted with our own fears about suffering and about losing comfort, status, and control over our lives. Life has plenty of suffering already, so why choose to add to it? Jesus points to a response: avoiding our fears and clinging to illusion and superficial comforts will not give us what we really want from life. Jesus offers a better, deeper life, a life grounded in God’s love. It is lived in hope of resurrection and the final triumph of this love.

A DIFFERENT LIFE

The Gospel of Mark reaches a turning point in today’s passage. About halfway through Mark, Jesus’ disciples begin to understand Jesus as the Messiah (or Christ). And Jesus begins to spell out just what is expected of those who follow him. The story then shifts to learning just what being Christ, and following Christ, actually means. Jesus shatters the expectation of a political or military power defeating Israel’s oppressors, and reveals a different kind of Messiah. The disciples later come to see that this different Messiah offers a different understanding of power, and of life itself.

We inhabit a world that honors power over others, through wealth or achievement or violence. Jesus invites us into a community and a way of life that honors the power of love and service to others. Lived fully, it is truly a different way of life. It is marked by great suffering and great joy, because it embraces the fundamental pattern of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

A “LARGE” FAITH

The letter of James is designed to enlarge your faith. James knew that his community faced trials that could lead them to abandon the faith, or perhaps to reduce faith to a comfortable, manageable size. In today’s passage, James calls the reader to resist reducing faith to safe, intellectual assent to teachings, and instead to expand one’s faith to actively engage in good works, especially in service to the poor.

To have a “large” faith is to move from apathy toward others’ sufferings to empathy and to action. A large faith leads to a large heart, where we can take in the enormity of suffering in the world around us, not become overwhelmed by it, and do what we can to relieve it. With a large heart, we can even squarely face our own sufferings, accepting our own tragedies with forgiveness and hope, and walking in empathy with all who share in suffering.

TODAY’S READINGS

Isaiah 50:4c–9a
Psalm 116:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 8–9
James 2:14–18
Mark 8:27–35

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