

Daily Readings For The Week

Monday September 17th

St. Robert Bellarmine, bishop, religious, doctor.

Reading 1: **1 CORINTHIANS 11: 17-26,33**

Responsorial Psalm: **P S. 40{39}: 7-10,17**

Gospel: **LUKE 7: 1-10**

Tuesday September 18th

Reading 1: **1 CORINTHIANS 12: 12-14,27-31**

Responsorial Psalm: **P S. 100{99}: 1-5**

Gospel: **LUKE 7: 11-17**

Wednesday September 19th

St. Januarius, bishop, martyr.

Reading 1: **1 CORINTHIANS 12: 31-13:13**

Responsorial Psalm: **P S. 33{32}: 2-5,12,22**

Gospel: **LUKE 7: 31-35**

Thursday September 20th

St. Andrew Kim Taegon, pastor, martyr & St. Paul

Chong Hasang, catechist, martyr & companions, martyr.

Reading 1: **1 CORINTHIANS 15: 1-11**

Responsorial Psalm: **P S. 118{117}: 1-2,16-17,28**

Gospel: **LUKE 7: 36-50**

Friday September 21st

St. Matthew, apostle, evangelist.

Reading 1: **EPHESIANS 4: 1-7,11-13**

Responsorial Psalm: **P S. 19{18}: 2-5**

Gospel: **MATTHEW 9: 9-13**

Saturday September 22nd

Reading 1: **1 CORINTHIANS 15: 35-37,42-49**

Responsorial Psalm: **P S. 56{55}: 10-14**

Gospel: **LUKE 8: 4-15**

Announcements

1. A warm Welcome to all our visitors who are worshipping with us for the first time.
2. Happy Birthday and Anniversary to those celebrating their special day this week.
3. 2nd collection next week is for Holy Childhood (Holy Father's aid to children).
4. SEPTEMBER 21, 2018 - 33 year since Fr. Richard Award, C.P. has been in Jamaica. We continue to pray for you and wish you good health and strength as you continue your work in Christ. Nuff love to you from the St. E's Church Family.
5. Funeral Mass for the late Anthony Bryan (Beryl Bennett brother) will be held at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, 5 Ransford Ave. Kingston 5 on Saturday, September 22, 2018 @ 11:00 a.m. Interment @ Dovecot.

Have a Blessed Week

*Welcome to the Roman Catholic
Community of St. Elizabeth's Church*
"A Catholic Community in the Passionist Tradition"



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

September 16, 2018

Theme: Taking Up Our Cross.

Today we begin to hear more about the sufferings that the chosen one of God must undergo. It is Jesus Himself who is telling us as He told his early followers: I must suffer and die in order to do the will of God. This suffering and death of Jesus challenge us: Can we really believe that Jesus is God?

Celebrating the Eucharist

Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Tue, Fri: 8:00 a.m.

Wednesdays: 5:30 p.m.

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Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Office is closed on Saturdays & Sundays.

Pastor is available during office hours and by appointment.

The first reading today is again from the Prophet Isaiah. The test refers to the suffering servant, an image developed by this Prophet. Isaiah, even in the Old Testament, was able to understand that one person can accept suffering for the good of others. Isaiah could understand that a person could accept suffering and pain when that person is giving His life for others.

Even today there are many stories of people who go to rescue others and die in the attempt to save someone else. Always the challenge is for us: Am I willing to give up my own life so that others can live? This is a choice to choose the good of others over my own good.

The second reading is from the Letter of James. This particular passage is so strong about the difference between words and deeds: Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works." It does no good at all to talk about faith if we never do the works of faith. Words by themselves are just words—and it takes actions to change the world.

The Gospel brings us back to the suffering of humans and the suffering of Jesus. It is Jesus Himself who tells His followers that He must suffer. We have this wonderful scene of Peter taking Jesus aside and rebuking Jesus for speaking like that. Even the closest followers of our Lord found it difficult to accept that Jesus would that suffer and die. We can think ahead to when Jesus does suffer and die—and all of His followers then doubt. It is the Resurrection that restores faith. For us who live so many centuries later it is important that we understand clearly that Jesus did die and He rose from the dead. The Resurrection is the heart of our faith but resurrection only comes after suffering and death.

Jesus makes clear in this Gospel passage from Saint Mark that we also must follow Him in suffering and death: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." This is both an invitation and a challenge to us. So often we are happy to pray to Jesus and to worship Him—but to suffer and die as He did really stretches us. Faith is more comfortable—but less of a commitment—when it demands nothing of us.

This Sunday we are invited to look at our lives and to compare our lives with the life of Jesus. Are we ready to suffer and die for our faith? Can we follow Jesus? Can we accept His Church with all of its defects and its sins and sinful people? It is much easier to believe in Jesus than to believe in His Church. But if we don't believe in the Church we no longer believe in the Incarnation and thus no longer really believe in Jesus as Lord, as God and Man, as our Saviour.



The Order of Mass

Gathering: *No. 40 "Awake From Your Slumber!"*

Lord Have Mercy

Gloria

Opening Prayer

First Reading: Isaiah 50: 5-9

{Nadine Hibbert}

Responsorial Psalm: 116{114-115}: 1-6,8-9

Response: I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

Second Reading: James 2: 14-18

{Claudia Tyson}

Gospel Acclamation: May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord through which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world.

Gospel: Mark 8: 27-35

Homily

Universal Prayer

Greeting of Peace

Preparation of Gifts: *No. 379 "Take Up Your Cross"*

Presentation of Gifts: *No. 377 "Take, Lord, Receive, All My Liberty"*

Hosanna

Memorial Acclamation

Great Amen

Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

Communion: *No. 185 "If We Eat Of The Lord"*

Meditation: *No. 303 "O The Love Of My Lord Is The Essence"*

Sending Forth: *No. 492 "With A Mighty Hand"*

Today's Extraordinary Ministers:

Ludel Arthur

Ena Whyte