



Often when we are talking about someone who has a great deal of suffering in his or her life, we will say, “That person has a real cross to bear.” The imagery and symbolism of the cross is powerful and universally accepted. The cross has come to be the great symbol of suffering, but also of glory. Death first had to occur, but then there was resurrection. As we go through life, we all have crosses to bear. How do we as Christians look at the cross and in particular, the cross that Jesus in today’s Gospel is asking us to take up as we follow Him?

Jesus never promised His disciples that following Him would be easy. However, He promised them eternal life as well as blessings in the present world. In the long run, we know that eternal life in heaven is our goal. In the meantime, we must live in the “already here but not yet” place we all earth. The Kingdom of God has arrived, but its fullness will not be experienced until our Lord comes again.

Let us pick up the cross our Lord asks us to carry. The cross may involve giving up something we like. It may involve making a sacrifice, doing without so someone else can be taken care of. It may involve a change of behavior, thinking or speaking. Whatever is involved, it will not be easy. Lest we become discouraged as we carry the cross, let us never forget the last line in today’s Gospel: “For the Son of Man will come with His angels in His Father’s glory, and then He will repay all according to his conduct.”

Father David

Thank You to All!

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to all those who helped with our Parish Picnic last Sunday. The weather cooperated (our prayers truly were answered!) and we had a delightful day. The food, games, petting zoo and pony rides, police and fire exhibits, photo booth, face painting, music and socializing put together made for a wonderful afternoon. I thank our Parish Council for spearheading the event and for all those people who came forward to help. May God bless you all!

Father David

Labor Day | Monday, September 4, 2017

As followers of Jesus, we judge economic choices and institutions by how they protect or undermine the life and dignity of the human person, support the family, and serve the common good. This Labor Day, reflect on dignity of work by visiting www.usccb.org/jphd to read the annual Labor Day statement from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Mass at 9:00 A.M. & All Parish Offices Closed

On Monday, September 1st in honor of the Labor Day holiday, Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 A.M. All of the parish offices will be closed on Monday. Normal office hours will resume on Tuesday.

Prayer for Labor Day

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: so guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; And, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*