













Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

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OFFICE HOURS:
Tuesday: 10:00 – 1:00pm
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WEEKDAY MASS TIMES
Monday – Saturday:
9:15am - Good Shepherd
WEEKEND MASS TIMES
Saturday: 6:00pm - Good Shepherd
Sunday: 9:00am - St Carlo Borromeo
11:00am - Good Shepherd
5:00pm - Good Shepherd

ADORATION & BENEDICTION
At Good Shepherd Church on the first Friday of the month after morning Mass, & Wednesday at 6:00pm.

HOLY HOUR: Tuesday Holy Hour **6-7pm**

MARIAN NOVENA
Wednesday at 6:30pm preceded by Adoration/Confession at 6:00pm

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION
Mon-Fri: 8:45am - 9:05am
Wed: 6:00pm - 6:30pm
Saturday: 9:45am - 10:15am
5:15pm - 5:50pm
Sunday: 10:30am

BAPTISM PREPARATION
2ND & 4TH Tuesdays of the month at 6:00pm. Bookings essential.

WEDDING PREPARATION
Bookings to be made 6 months prior to wedding date. Bookings made through Parish Office.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel continues the story that began in last week's Gospel. Simon Peter was called the "rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus' identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him "Satan." In opposing this aspect of Jesus' mission, Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ's disciple is to follow in his way of the cross.

Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. Messianic expectations were a common aspect of first-century Judaism. Under Roman occupation, many in Israel hoped and prayed that God would send a Messiah to free the Jews from Roman oppression. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the Messiah in a different way.

Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus' disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus' prediction of his Passion. He whom Jesus had called "rock" would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Christian leaders today are still called to sacrifice and serve others as Jesus did.

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