

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

You duped me, YHWH, and I let myself be duped;
you were too strong for me, and you triumphed.
All day, I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me.
Whenever I speak, I must cry out,
“Violence and outrage is my message;
the word of the Most High has brought me
derision and reproach all the day.
I say to myself, “I will not mention YHWH,
nor will I speak in YHWH’s name any more.”
But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones;
I grow weary holding it in,
I cannot endure it.

The Word of God. R. Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Sisters and brothers, I beg you through the mercy of God to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not

conform yourselves to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your minds, so that you may judge what God’s will is — what is good, pleasing and perfect.

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Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21-27

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

From that time on, Jesus began to explain to the disciples that he must go to Jerusalem, to suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and religious scholars, and that he must be killed, and on the third day raised to life.

Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Rabbi!” he said. “This will never happen to you!”

Jesus turned to Peter and said, “Get yourself behind me, you Satan! You are trying to make me stumble and fall. You are setting your mind not on the things of God, but on the things of mortals.”

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “If you wish to come after me, you must deny your very selves, take up the instrument of your own death and begin to follow in my footsteps.

“If you would save your life, you will lose it; but if you would lose your life for my sake, you will find it. What profit would you show if you gained the whole world but lost yourself? What can you offer in exchange for your very self?

“The Promised One will come in the glory of Abba God accompanied by the angels, and will repay all according to their conduct.”

The Good News of Salvation!
R. Glory and praise to our Savior Jesus Christ!