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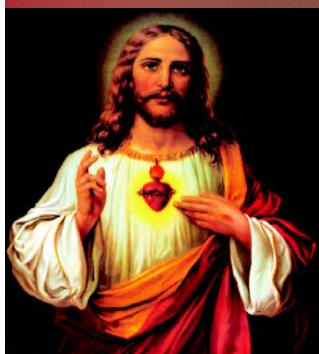
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Fr. Thomas J. Winkel, M.Div.  
Parochial Vicar

Deacon  
David N. Chordas, M.A.



Saturday  
6:45 a.m.,  
(Vigil) 5:00 p.m.

Sunday  
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,  
11:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Monday–Friday  
6:45 a.m., 12:10 p.m.

Holy Days  
Consult Parish Bulletin

#### CONFESSIONS

Saturday  
3:30 p.m.– 4:30 p.m.  
or by appointment

New to the Area? Moving?  
Recently Married?  
Changed Address? Or Phone  
Number?

PLEASE notify the Parish Office  
(216.382.7601)  
of any changes  
or of your desire to register.

# SACRED HEART OF JESUS

*A Merger of St. Gregory the Great and St. Margaret Mary Parishes*

*My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

## *Welcome to Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish*

As we, former members of St. Margaret Mary, St. Gregory the Great, and other parishes in our area, come together as one new parish united in the Sacred Heart of Jesus, let us renew our commitment to live our faith more fully and to witness to that faith in our daily lives. Let us build on the strong traditions of our previous parishes and look forward to a bright future together.

Over the years Almighty God has blessed the work of many pastors, religious and dedicated members of the laity. He has called us to witness His Love in the world. As so many did in the past, let us step forward in Faith to continue the work of Evangelization today. Let us, as a people centered on the Eucharist, strive to unite our lives more fully to the Heart of Christ.

These are exciting, albeit difficult times. We all realize the sadness of the closing of our individual parishes and the loss that brings, but as a people of faith, let us place our trust in Almighty God and let us work together to build our new parish.

We will bring our traditions and histories together, as well as develop some new traditions, as we begin to write the history of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish together.

The Parish Council and I welcome your ideas.

*May God's blessings be yours this week,*

*Father Ireland*

JUNE 20, 2010  
12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## A FATHER'S DAY PRAYER ...



*God our Father,*

*You govern and protect your people  
and shepherd them with a father's love.*

*You place a father in a family as a sign  
of your love, care, and constant protection.*

*May fathers everywhere be faithful to the  
example shown in the Scriptures:  
Steadfast in love, forgiving transgressions, sustaining  
the family, caring for those in need.*

*Give Your wisdom to fathers  
that they may encourage and  
guide their children.*

*Keep them healthy  
so they may support a family.*

*Guide every father with the Spirit of Your love  
that they may grow in holiness  
and draw their family ever closer to You.*

*Amen.*

## UPDATE YOUR PARISH INTERNET CONTACT INFO ...



### For the Parish:

email: [office@sacredheartofjesusparish.org](mailto:office@sacredheartofjesusparish.org)

website: [www.sacredheartofjesusparish.org](http://www.sacredheartofjesusparish.org)

### For the School:

email: [office@sacredheartofjesusacademy.org](mailto:office@sacredheartofjesusacademy.org)

website: [www.sacredheartofjesusacademy.org](http://www.sacredheartofjesusacademy.org)

### Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline:** Sunday, 2:00 p.m., for publishing the following Sunday.

### New Parishioners

Registration after each Sunday Mass in the Parish Office, or by appointment.

### Baptisms:

First and third Sundays of each month at 1:00 p.m.. Pre-registration required. Parents expecting their first child should arrange to attend the required Pre-Baptism class. These are offered at the parish on the 4th Sunday of January, April, July and October at 1:00 p.m. in Mary's Room. Pre-registration is required. Call the Parish Office.

### Marriages:

Engaged couples should make their arrangements with the priest at least 6 to 12 months in advance of their wedding.

### Holy Communion for the Homebound:

Please call the Parish Office whenever a family member is seriously ill or hospitalized. Arrangements can be made to bring Holy Communion to the homebound weekly or monthly.

**Music Director:** Mrs. Gail Shirley 216.382.4272 or 216.321.3694

### Funerals:

Call the Parish Office to arrange date and time.

### Sponsor Requirements:

All requests for sponsor certificates must be directed to a priest. Individuals must be registered and practicing members of this parish, at least 16 years of age, and have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation, and if married, the marriage must have been accepted by the Catholic Church.

### Sacred Heart of Jesus Academy

4478 Rushton Road, South Euclid, OH 44121

216.381.0363, FAX 216.381.7561

E-mail: [office@sacredheartofjesusacademy.org](mailto:office@sacredheartofjesusacademy.org)

### PSR Religious Education Classes

Sundays 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Principal: Mr. Thomas Kelly, S.F.O. 216.382.3614

### Sts. Margaret and Gregory Credit Union

1499 Dean Drive, South Euclid, OH 44121

216.691.0242, FAX 216.691.0435

Hours: Tuesday-Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

# Tithing IS God's Plan for Giving

Collection for June 13, 2010 \$ 8,086.68 \*\*  
 Collection for June 14, 2009 \$11,679.94  
 \*\* Only 2 Masses last weekend.

Thank you for your kindness.  
 Your generosity is needed to continue the work of the Church.

*Father Ireland*

## *...from the voices of the children*

The children have shared these "Good Deeds for God." They are written exactly as the children presented them. We regret that space does not permit us to record all of the "deeds" the children shared this week.

- Giving my brother and sister complements.
- Found someone's bracelet and gave it back to them.
- Playing with my little sister rather than watching a movie.
- Cheered for both teams on the last day of school.
- I prayed for Father Holland.

*Thank you, children, for sharing these with us.*  
*Father Ireland*



**Rita Marie Kearns,**  
 mother of Barbara Latini  
 who passed away last week.

## THE CARING CONNECTION ...

This new apostolate was developed to serve as a prayer support for parishioners who are experiencing personal crises of any kind.

If you would like to be part of this new apostolate or if you have needs you would like to have included in the prayer intentions for our volunteers, call Tricia Brunton (216,798.5777) or e-mail her at [tbrunton24@yahoo.com](mailto:tbrunton24@yahoo.com).

## Welcome



I am the gate.  
 Whoever enters through me  
 will be safe.

We extend a warm welcome to these newly-registered families:

**Liz & Ryan Fisher**  
**Valerie Duchon**

and we look forward to seeing them at Mass, at our various parish activities, and certainly at the Festival.

## FAMILY PERSPECTIVE ...

### *Suffering is part of daily life for all families.*

Serious illness, grieving and the death of loved ones, divorce, job losses, addictions, domestic violence, strained relationships and the demands of work, school and family responsibilities can be overwhelming.

Christian families who deny their problems refuse the cross. When they face their problems and pull together to pray, encourage, mourn and struggle, they find Christ is with them giving hope, strength and guidance. They find new life.

Fathers have a unique role and responsibility to lead and teach their children the meaning of the cross, how to handle problems, and to suffer for truth and justice.

This weekend, on Father's Day, we pray that all fathers, stepfathers and grandfathers may be instruments of God's love and discipline, but never violent nor coercive in their behavior.



- II. Diana Trausch (Sacred Heart of Jesus) & Brian Kemmerer
- I. Tanisha Childs & Brent Boyd (Sacred Heart of Jesus)

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ...



Please think about spending an hour a week with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, praying especially for blessings on our newly merged parish of Sacred Heart of Jesus.

*Can You Watch One Hour With Me?*

## MASS INTENTIONS...

### Monday, June 21, 2010 Weekday

Optional: St. Aloysius Gonzaga, religious

6:45 a.m. Mike Parras  
12:10 p.m. Clifford MacMillan

### Tuesday, June 22, Weekday

Optional: St. Paulinus of Nola, bishop;  
St. John Fisher, bishop/martyr & St. Thomas More, martyr

6:45 a.m. Josephine Bernacki  
12:10 p.m. Frank Kickel (Anniversary)

### Wednesday, June 23, 2010 Weekday

6:45 a.m. DeJohn Bereavement Group Members & Families  
12:10 p.m. Jay Barker

### Thursday, June 24, 2010 The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

6:45 a.m. Frank LaBono  
12:10 p.m. Louise Grenzebach

### Friday, June 25, 2010 Weekday

6:45 a.m. Megan Coyne  
12:10 p.m. Father Richard Hudak

### Saturday, June 26, 2010 Weekday

6:45 a.m. August & Marie Cole  
5:00 p.m. Michael McFadden (Anniversary)

### Sunday, June 27, 2010

#### Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Joseph & Theresa Svoboda  
10:00 a.m. Martha O'Donnell  
11:30 a.m. Leontine Caito  
5:00 p.m. Parishioners of Sacred Heart of Jesus

## PRE-BAPTISM CLASS ...



If you are expecting the birth of your first child, or have already welcomed a first child into your family, we invite you to attend our next Pre-Baptism Class on Sunday, July 25, at 1 p.m. in Mary's Room.

This class is required by the Diocese of Cleveland of all parents who are requesting baptism of a first child or of those parents who did not attend a class before a previous child's baptism.

Please pre-register by calling the Parish Office (216.382.7601) **no later than July 21**. Thank you.

## MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2010 ...

We are accepting Mass requests the months of July to December of 2010. Our policy with regard to requests remains the same: unless we announce otherwise, each parishioner is able to book **only 1** Saturday or Sunday Mass per year, and a total of 4 per person annually. Now, though, to fill our book, we will allow a reasonable number of Masses per person in excess of the 4.

The Mass schedule will remain unchanged from now until September 4, at which time the Saturday vigil Mass time will change from 5 p.m. to 4 p.m. Daily Mass times are unchanged.

Please be understanding of our desire to fill **ALL** the Masses. That means the 6:45 a.m. daily Mass, too. Please consider taking one of those. A number of "regulars" attend at that time, so they will be praying for your intention even if you can't be here.

## LITURGICAL ROLES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 26 AND 27, 2010

### MASS TIMES

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

### LECTORS

### SERVERS

Saturday Vigil 5 p.m.

B. Pugel S. Orteca R. Basilone

L. Hart

L. Becker C. Dewalt  
N. Vavro T. Vavro

Sunday 8 a.m.

K. Gallito J. & M. Trausch

B. Schneeberger

M. Wolf L. Knudson

10 a.m.

M. Palladino B. Mapel P. DeVito

D. Miklic

Adult Servers

11:30 a.m.

J. Palache B. & S. Krajnak

A. Gilliam

N. Redding A. Danch  
M. Medovich M. Clifford

5 p.m.

C. Cullen C. Welsh V. Ausperk

L. Krajnak

J. L. Gibson H. Angelo  
J. Liptow

# Happy Fathers' Day

To all Fathers, Grandfathers and those who've been like fathers to other children  
A special recognition of Parish dads, from their sons, daughters, grandsons and granddaughters with whom they have shared their precious gifts of life and love. We ask God's blessings on all fathers today and always.

To:

In memory of Giuseppe Aquila  
In memory of Joseph Aquila  
Richard Ayala  
In memory of Louie Basilone, Grandfather  
Doug Best  
In honor of Gary Bloom, Uncle  
Eric Bockmuller  
Eric Bockmuller, Grandfather  
In memory of Pasquale Buccilli  
Jim Buckley, Grandfather  
In memory of John Burrell  
In memory of John Lewis Burrell, Grandfather  
In memory of John Byrne Jr., Grandfather  
In memory of Mannie Campanella, Grandfather  
In memory of Alvin Cepik  
In honor of Deacon Dave Chordas  
Deacon Dave Chordas  
Deacon Dave Chordas, Grandfather  
In memory of Nicholas Chordas  
In memory of Michael N. Cirino  
In memory of Fred Clark  
Brian Clifford  
Jack Clifford, Grandfather  
In memory of James Patrick Cole, Grandfather  
Matt Cole  
In memory of Paul Covey, Sr.  
In memory of Paul Covey, Sr., Grandfather  
In memory of James Cutrone, Grandfather  
In memory of Maxwell Dalton  
In memory of Edward F. Damm  
John DeMichele, Grandfather  
Mark DiNovo  
Jim Durham  
Jeffrey M. Fehn  
Ron Fleming  
In memory of Mathew Fudella, Grandfather  
In memory of Paul Fudella  
Bob Gerome, Grandfather

From:

Frances M. Lemmo  
Frances M. Lemmo  
Jonathan, Christian & Alexander Ayala  
Carolyn, Katie, A.J. & Maryann  
Megan, Danny, Kevin & Brian Best  
Michael  
Jennifer, Eric, Ryan & Stephanie  
Jack & ?  
Joe & Audrey Stanziano  
Kelsey & Halle Letizio  
Zita Colgan  
Zita Colgan  
Andrew, Alex, Ryan & Kaitlin Ribinskas  
Carla & Anthony Campanella  
Teri, Gene & Alicia Lyons  
PSR Staff and students  
David Chordas, Marybeth Russo  
Mossimo  
Dave Chordas, Rich Chordas, Rita Lambro  
Rose Marie Basilone  
Brenda Lemmo  
Matthew & Megan  
Kaylen, Alanna & Eden  
James & Erin Cole  
James & Erin Cole  
Love, Paul Jr., Tom, Donna  
Love, Adam  
Martin J. Kinczel  
Diane Dalton, Maxine Paolucci  
Nancy, Kathleen, Craig  
Courtney, Eddie, Angela, Julia, Gina, Caitlin, Lily, Johnny & Riley  
Matthew, Luke, John & Roman  
Kaylen, Alanna & Eden  
Isabel, Karl, Ana Sofia, Nicholas, Maria Caterina, Josef & Lucia  
Alexandra Fleming  
Mary Kickel  
Mary Kickel  
Nick, Kayli, Anthony, Michael, Bobby, Joey, Patrick, Kasey, Jack & Elizabeth

To:

From:

In memory of Anthony Germano  
 In memory of Anthony Giancola, Sr., Grandfather  
 Fontaine Gilliam, Jr  
 In memory of Fontaine Gilliam, Sr  
 In memory of Fontaine Gilliam, Sr, Grandfather  
 Andrew Hayek  
 Jim Helton  
 Rick Ianni  
 Rick Ianni, Grandfather  
 Paul Kambies  
 In memory of Martin Kearns, Grandfather &  
 Great-Grandfather  
 In honor of Mr. Tom Kelly  
 In memory of Martin Kinczel, Sr.  
 In memory of Anthony J. Kmieck, Grandfather  
 John D. Kocevar  
 John T. Kocevar  
 John T. Kocevar, Grandfather  
 Joe Kowardy  
 Steve Krajnak  
 Brian Lalley  
 In memory of Settine Latini, Grandfather & Great-Grandfather

In memory of Joseph Lawrence  
 In memory of Ralph J. Lemmo  
 Tom Lombardo  
 James Lunsford  
 James Lunsford, Grandfather  
 Frank Marrali, Grandfather  
 In memory of Paul Mastrodonato  
 Papa Tony Mazzolini  
 In memory of John F. McDonald Jr.  
 In memory of John F. McDonald Jr., Grandfather  
 Jim Mekker

In memory of Nicholas Mokris, Grandfather  
 Carlos Mullins, Grandfather  
 J. Scott Mullins  
 John Neelon  
 In memory of Biagio Nero, Grandfather  
 In memory of John Nero  
 Bob Nieser  
 In memory of John Potylicki, Grandfather  
 Robert Prebul  
 Carlos L. Sanabria Predra, Grandfather  
 Louis Ramacciato  
 In memory of Jack Rees  
 In memory of Frank Reilly  
 Rod Reisman  
 In memory of Peter Relic  
 In memory of Edward Ribinskas, Grandfather  
 Ron Ribinskas

Joan Lawrence Germano, Carmen Germano  
 Carla & Anthony Campanella  
 James Gilliam  
 Fontaine Gilliam, Jr.  
 James Gilliam  
 Ali, Natalie & Little Andrew  
 Molly, Joe, Jamie, Timmy & Natalie  
 Rachel, Ricky & Emily  
 Nina  
 Jack & ?  
 Lisa, Monica, Marisa, Alanna, Lora, Dennis, Madison,  
 Morgan, Casey, Joey, Jack, Will, Major, Bearon & Truman  
 PSR Students & Staff  
 Martin J. Kinczel  
 Alexandra Fleming  
 Jennifer & Jack  
 Marilyn, Lisa & John, Barb & Paul, Debbie & John  
 Kristen & Mike, Pete, Karie, Bo, Jennifer, Jack  
 Joey & Matthew  
 Lisa Krajnak, Amy Krajnak, Keven Krajnak and grandchild Colin Krajnak  
 Nicole & Gina  
 Lisa, Monica, Marisa, Alanna, Lora, Dennis, Madison, Morgan, Casey,  
 Joey, Jack, Will, Major, Bearon & Truman

Joan Lawrence Germano, Carmen Germano  
 Frances C. Flaherty  
 Carly Lombardo  
 Aimee Gilliam  
 James Gilliam  
 Nicole & Gina Lalley  
 Joe & Sue (Mastrodonato) Slak  
 Joey, Matthew, Nicole, Anthony, Angelena, Isabella & Kaelie  
 Janet Amill  
 Christine Centano  
 Julie & Billy, Beth, Janet, Hannah, Amanda, Jimmy & Aaron and  
 grandsons, Jack & Andrew

Teri, Gene & Alicia Lyons  
 Carolyn, Katie, A.J. & Maryann  
 Carolyn, Katie, A.J. & Maryann  
 Abby Webster; Matthew & Kate Contipelli  
 Terri Nero Ezzo, Marie Roulan Bella, & Phyl Nero Corona  
 Terri Nero Ezzo, Marie Roulan Bella, & Phyl Nero Corona  
 Pat, Dan & Kelly  
 Kenneth Sulhan, Barbara Sulhan  
 Courtney & Lily  
 Isabel, Karl, Ana Sofia, Nicholas, Maria Caterina, Josef & Lucia  
 Ron  
 Nanette O'Callaghan, Phyllis Rees, Jane Morrell  
 Marianne Chordas, Holly Reilly, Patrick Reilly & Frank Reilly  
 Elizabeth  
 Marianne Relic  
 Andrew, Alex, Ryan, Kaitlin  
 Andrew, Alex, Ryan, Kaitlin

To:

From:

Rocco Russo  
 In memory of George J. Schmitz  
 Rev. Mr. John Sferry, Grandfather  
 Bill Shumaker  
 In memory of Joseph Sirilo, Grandfather  
 In memory of Joseph P. Slak, Sr.  
 In memory of Dominic Stanziano  
 Joe Stanziano  
 Joe Stanziano, Grandfather

Joe Stanziano, Great-Grandfather  
 Greg Stergar  
 In memory of Frank Sulhan  
 In memory of John Sulhan, Grandfather  
 In memory of Joseph Tripi  
 In memory of Phillip Tripi, Grandfather  
 In memory of Alex Tripolsky, Grandfather  
 In memory of Edward Tripolsky  
 Ronald Vitale  
 Patrick Webster  
 Jim Wilk  
 Paul Zinner

Mossimo  
 James J. Schmitz  
 Ali, Natalie & Little Andrew  
 Jack & Andrew  
 Barbara Sulhan, Kenneth Sulhan  
 Joe & Sue (Mastrodonato) Slak  
 Joe & Audrey  
 Steve, Mary, Nancy, Amy & Joseph  
 Jennifer, Eric, Ryan, Stephanie, Michelle, Sarah, Mark, Rachel, Ricky,  
 Emily, Natalie, Isabella & Gabriella  
 Nina, Jack & ?  
 Luke, Patrick & Claire  
 Kenneth Sulhan, Barbara Sulhan  
 Kenneth Sulhan, Barbara Sulhan  
 Frances T. Masi  
 Frances T., Masi  
 Barbara Sulhan, Kenneth Sulhan  
 Barbara Sulhan, Kenneth Sulhan  
 Joseph Vitale  
 Abby Webster; Matthew and Kate Contipelli  
 Michael  
 Bo

Inadvertently the message for **Lucille Ramacciato from Ron** was omitted from the Mother's Day Tribute.  
 Please accept our sincere apology.

***The Respect Life Committee asked for donations from the students of the Day School and PSR Program, as well as from the parishioners, so that the names of their fathers/grandfathers (or "like a Father to me") could be listed in this special Father's Day Tribute. Proceeds will benefit these pro-life support agencies for mothers-to-be:***

**WOMANKIND**  
 5400 Transportation Blvd  
 Cleveland, Ohio 44125  
 216-662-5700

**BIRTHRIGHT**  
 960 E. 185<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Cleveland, Ohio 44119  
 216-486-2800

**ALTERNATERM**  
 2026 Lee Road  
 Cleveland Hts, OH 44118  
 216-371-4848

Anyone wishing to donate maternity clothing, baby clothing, equipment, baby beds etc., or to donate money for those needing assistance during or after a pregnancy, please contact one of the agencies listed above.

**50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

The Department for Marriage and Family Ministry and the Office for Worship are pleased to announce the **50th Anniversary of Marriage Mass on Sunday, July 25 2010** at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in downtown Cleveland. **The Mass is at 2:30 p.m.** Bishop Richard G. Lennon will be the principal celebrant. If you were married in 1960 or are celebrating another significant anniversary (55 years or more) of marriage, you are welcome to register and attend. **Please call the parish office (216.382.7601) to register. Deadline is June 28.**



## SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH FESTIVAL NEWS ...

The weeks are flying by ... and we're getting closer to our First Annual Sacred Heart of Jesus Festival.

Thank you to the many who have already made a commitment to work this year.

Your raffle tickets are available on tables at the back of the Church. They are arranged alphabetically by last name. Please help us save money on postage by stopping by and picking up yours, and those of family members and friends whose envelopes are still in the boxes. At approximately \$1 apiece to mail them out, this would save us a large amount of money.



### CALLING FESTIVAL WORKERS

There will be sign-up sheets for all of the booths in the vestibule after all Masses next weekend, June 27 and 28. Please consider where you would like to work and let us know the days and hours you prefer. **FIRST-TIME WORKERS ARE ESPECIALLY WELCOME.** Bring your questions ~ Captains will be available to help you decide which area is best for you. The Festival is fast approaching, so this will be the last open sign-up. Please volunteer a few hours to help make this event a success.

## ST. JOSEPH WORKS FROM DEACON DAVE CHORDAS

**REMINDER ...** I am still looking for full-time and part-time employment opportunities for some of our parishioners. I am also interested in hearing from you if you are in need of employment. Call me at 216.382.7601, ext. 25.

## NON-PERISHABLE FOODS NEEDED ...

Our pantry shelves are in need of replenishment. Any non-perishable food items, canned or boxed with **unexpired dates** will be greatly appreciated. We have had several requests from needy families in the area for food, paper products, soap, etc. Please, won't you help us out? You may drop off your donations to the baskets in the back of church.

## Parish Recycling Program

Remember ... we have a recycle bin located at the east end of our property between the PFC and the Credit Union to receive your donations of **PAPER** products. If you have not participated yet, please consider saving your newspapers and junk mail and dropping them off in the colorful bin. PLEASE, DO NOT PLACE food, garbage, glass or plastic, cardboard or Styrofoam in this bin. Also, PLEASE DO NOT place your paper products on the ground.

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTION ...

A pendant in the shape of a cross is one of the most popular forms of jewelry. Women and men alike often wear one hanging from a gold or silver chain around their necks. Children often receive one when they make their first Communion. For some people, putting on the cross each day is an intensely religious experience. For others, the gold or silver emblem that they wear possesses nothing more than some sentimental value. For some, it serves only to make a fashion statement. Diamonds are popular, but it is probably fair to say that a cross is far more prevalent.

Writing in the second half of the first century, it is unlikely that the Gospel writers would foresee the boon that Christianity gave to modern-day goldsmiths. For Luke, taking up the cross daily did



not mean fastening a piece of jewelry around his neck. He lived in a time when it was clear that being a Christian meant living a very different way of life. It meant getting up before dawn on the first day of the week to hasten to the early morning gathering for the breaking of the bread. Sunday was a day of work like any other. It

meant contributing to the welfare of others instead of looking out only for oneself. And it meant being prepared to face persecution because one's faith was not consistent with the commonly held opinions of the day.

The Christian values of Sunday prayer, charity toward others, and a strong faith in God have not changed. They are still things that the followers of Jesus cling to as important aspects of the faith. As any disciple would admit, taking up the cross is not about wearing a piece of metal dangling from a chain. Amulets like that can be a reminder of the interior life one hopes to espouse, but they do not guarantee salvation. Only losing our life in Christ will lead to that.

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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS ...

Sunday: Zec 12:10-11; 13:1/Gal 3:26-29/Lk 9:18-24  
 Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Mt 7:1-5  
 Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Mt 7:6, 12-14  
 Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Mt 7:15-20  
 Thursday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17  
 Day: Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80  
 Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12/Mt 8:1-4  
 Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Mt 8:5-17  
 Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62

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