



Catholic Church

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Wednesday, November 8, 2023
Wednesday of the Thirty-First
Week in Ordinary Time



Good morning!

We read Romans 13:8-10, Psalm 112, and Luke 14:25-33. Do we have what it takes to be a Christian, a follower of Jesus Christ? Jesus addressed the crowds, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciples. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Every one of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." These words may stop us in our tracks and cause us to ask, "What does this mean in today's world"? Paul writes, "Love does no evil to the neighbor, hence, love is the fulfillment of the law." There is a lot to digest today in our readings. We are called to love one another, and in the sacrifice of love, we may need to leave behind those we love to follow where the Lord leads us. In giving, we receive, so in giving up what we love and possess, we receive in return, so much more. It looks and feels different yet we know it is right. Discernment continues throughout life, at every stage. Today might be a good day to renew, "Do I have what it takes to be a follower of Jesus Christ?"

Peace,

RevKev

"Blessed the man who is gracious and lends to those in need."

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