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Our Mission Statement: The All Saints Catholic Community is a fully integrated, multicultural community with English as its unifying language. It is an open, warm, welcoming, inclusive community that prays together and celebrates its unity in diversity.

June 30, 2013 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21 • Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-11 • Galatians 5:1, 13-18 • Luke 9:51-62

Celebrant: Fr. Simon Boiser SVD

The suffering of Jesus is connected with the suffering of the world and of humanity

Paul writes that for the followers of Jesus, *“there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is no male and female”* (Galatians 3, 26-29). We might reflect on discrimination and prejudice, the treatment of women, racism, tensions between various religious or ethnic groups, and the way we exclude people who are different from ourselves.

Jesus predicts his rejection, suffering and death (Luke 9, 18-24). *“If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”* We might reflect on the challenge of following Jesus in our contemporary world. The world's values and concerns are not always those of Jesus. Our culture seems to value possession and wealth over the needs of people, military and political power over nonviolent love, personal welfare and security over the needs of the poor. With Jesus we too may experience rejection and suffering.

The suffering of Jesus is connected with the suffering of the world and its people, especially the poor and powerless, the people of Syria, Afghanistan and Iraq, Haiti and the Congo, the homeless and refugees, those who are denied human rights. It is connected with the lives of those who experience racism, sexism and other forms of discrimination, and with the suffering of our planet due to overuse and exploitation.

As Jesus speaks of his rejection and suffering, we are called into a deeper awareness of life, a deeper desire to work for an end to injustice and suffering, a deep solidarity with God and solidarity with each other.

Fr Wolfgang Felber

<https://educationforjustice.org/resources/lectionary-reflections-twelfth-sunday-ordinary-time-c-june-23-2013>

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