

13th Sunday Ordinary Time C

- How many kids here today ever not do your homework
 - When you don't do your homework you could bring in a note with an excuse
 - Listen to some of these
 - Making excuses is not new – People did that in Jesus' day
 - The Gospel tells us of a few people who all had excuses for why they couldn't follow Jesus
- The Gospel reading today describes something only found in LUKE
 - Jesus is going to Jerusalem – and nothing is going to distract Him
 - There will be no excuses
 - He can't be bothered by Samaritans that don't accept Him
 - He doesn't have time to indulge James & John with lightning
 - He needs only 1 thing – loyal followers to proclaim the Kingdom after His Mission is complete
 - He meets a man that wants to put off the call till after he buries his father (Father isn't sick – it could be years
 - It is easy for us to say "I'll do it tomorrow"
 - The problem is tomorrow never comes

We can all look back our life and see a list of should-haves & excuses
But looking back doesn't get us anywhere NOW

How is Jesus calling you NOW
How can I be a better Christian TODAY
How can I be a better father, mother, son, daughter, TODAY

- Today's Gospel is a call to Christian action TODAY
 - It is as if the Lord is a train conductor calling out "All aboard"
 - If we don't listen, and join Him, we will miss the train to Jerusalem
 - If we let Him pass by, we may never get to where Jesus wants us to go

"Please excuse Josh for being absent. I forgot to wake him up and I did not find him until I started making the beds -- by then it was too late for him to go to school."

"John didn't come to school yesterday because he was feeling like he was going to be sick. Thankfully, he wasn't!"

"Please excuse Janet's absence from school. It was Take Your Daughter to Work Day. Since I don't have a job, I made her stay home and do housework."

"Please excuse Ricky from school yesterday. He spilled gasoline on his stomach and I was afraid he might explode."

This one is my all-time favorite!

"Please excuse Mary for missing school yesterday. We forgot to get the Sunday paper off the porch and when we found it on Monday, we thought it was Sunday."

