

## **Catholic Church Bulletin Insert**

*Revealing Peace & Justice through Scripture from – “In the beginning...” (Gn 1:1) to “The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all. Amen!” (Rev 2:21)™*

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14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Zechariah 9: 9 - 10

Romans 8: 9, 11 – 13

Matthew 11: 25 – 30

The Hebrew Testament reading for this 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time brings us back to the simple ethos/atmosphere of humility. What can be more ordinary than humility?

The prophet Zechariah prophesied more practically concerning Christ than most of the other prophets. The reading is Zechariah 9: 9 -10 and chapters 9 and 12 are sermons called “The Burdens of the Word of the Lord”. That is, every word of God has weight and it can be a heavy burden if you choose to live it with authenticity.

Zechariah 9: 9 - 10 is deeply prophetic with a description of a meek King riding into Jerusalem on an “ass’s colt” - a beast of service (v 9b) on Palm Sunday; not a stately horse with a saddle or with a chariot. Who knows, perhaps the donkey thought the applause was for him! This is the welcome sign of the messiah coming – Zion’s King and our King. Only in knowing of the humility of Jesus does this scene make sense.

In the end, WE ARE THE DONKEYS carrying forth the message of Jesus “from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth” (v 10b).

You got to love ordinary time for getting to the bottom line *FAST!*

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