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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Wisdom 1: 13 -15, 2: 23-24
2 Corinthians 8: 7, 9, 13-15
Mark 5: 21 – 43

The readings from Wisdom 1: 13-15, 2:22-23 and Mark 5:21-43 both deal with death; and thereby suffering. In 1984, John Paul II issued the Apostolic Letter *Salvific Doloris* (On the Christian Meaning of Suffering). Here are some ideas.

What we express by the word “suffering” seems to be particularly essential to the nature of man. (#2) Human suffering evokes compassion; it also evokes respect and it intimidates. (#4) The answer has been given by God to man in the Cross of Jesus Christ. (#13) Christ drew increasingly closer to the world of human suffering. He healed the sick, consoled the afflicted, fed the hungry, freed people from deafness, blindness, leprosy, the devil, and disabilities and restored the dead to life. The heart of his teachings is the eight beatitudes. (#16) Thus, with the opening to human suffering, Christ has accomplished the world’s redemption through his own suffering. (#24) Christ did not conceal from his listeners the need for suffering. He said very clearly: If any man would come after me... let him take up his cross daily (#25). The ideas expressed in Catholic Social Teaching, always moves toward action to take up our cross daily.

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