

Lectio Divina

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- **Read and re-read**, out loud and slowly the Gospel
 - **Meditate** on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life
 - **Pray** - Thanksgiving - Repentance - Petition
 - **Action** - Attitude (Call to change / to act / to do)
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August 31st 2014 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A - Matthew 16: 21 - 27

This week's gospel speaks of an incident which happens at a very significant moment in the life of Jesus. Up until now he met with great success in Galilee. Large crowds followed him and his fame spread throughout Syria. Then opposition to him grew, mainly from Scribes and Pharisees. He decided that the time had come to confront these opposing forces at the seat of their power, Jerusalem their home. This decision had tragic consequences which he accepted.

When have you found that following Jesus brought you new life even though at the time it may have been difficult?

Prayer :

Thank you Lord for the times that you allowed us to experience the peace that Jesus promised us through our relationship with him.

Forgive us for the times that as individuals and communities we did not respond like Jesus in enabling people to find their true selves and peace in their heart.

Help us Lord at all times to enable the Spirit of peace to live in our church, our families and our world.

