



## Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 19, 2021

The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.

### THE MEANING OF DISCIPLESHIP

The geography of today's Gospel is significant. Jesus is completing his ministry in Galilee and beginning his journey to Jerusalem, where he will meet both death and resurrection. The prediction of his death placed here is the second of three in Mark's Gospel, and as usual it is the occasion for an important teaching on the part of Jesus. Today that lesson is tied to the need for his disciples to embrace a ministry of service. A play on words in Aramaic would have linked the words "child" and "servant," thus turning Jesus' gesture of placing a child in their midst into an illustration of his understanding of himself as the Servant of the Lord. It is that same awareness of the meaning of their ministry that Jesus (and Mark) wishes to instill in the disciples. Theirs must be a ministry of service if they are to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. And that service might even require of them that they be "handed over" to death. What would have been—in the culture of Jesus' day—an ordinary discussion of social status ("who is the greatest") becomes in Mark's context a key insight into the meaning of discipleship for the disciples and for us.

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### Remember In Prayer

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### WEEKLY OFFERING

SEPT 12th

BUDGET \$1351.00

\$581.00

B&M

\$120.00

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The wicked say: With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test (Wisdom 2:12, 17-20).

**Psalm** — The Lord upholds my life (Psalm 54).

**Second Reading** — The wisdom from above is full of mercy and good fruits (James 3:16 — 4:3).

**Gospel** — Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me (Mark 9:30-37).

### FEAST OF FAITH

#### Doxology and Amen

"Doxology" comes from a Greek word meaning "words of praise." The Eucharistic Prayer ends with a doxology addressed to the triune God: "Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever." It is an exclamation of praise, honor, and glory to God, reminding us that we receive everything from God through the Son, in the power of the Spirit. At the consecration, the priest held up the host and then the chalice for us to see and adore. During the doxology, the host and chalice are held up again, but this time they are held up and offered to God the Father. With the doxology, the Eucharistic Prayer ends, as it began, with words of praise addressed to the Father: truly, it is right and just to give God praise, and we assent to this in our whole-hearted acclamation, "Amen." Never was more meaning packed into so short a word. This "Amen," sometimes and fittingly called "the great Amen," is our response to the entire Eucharistic Prayer.

SEPT 26TH

Lector Melissa

#### OUR BEST

The more the world is at its worst,  
the more we need the Church at its  
best.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8;  
Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13;  
Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14;  
Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Catechetical Sunday

Monday: Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gön,  
Paul Chông Ha-sang, and Companions;  
Sukkot (Jewish harvest festival)  
begins at sunset

Tuesday: St. Matthew

Wednesday: Autumn begins

Thursday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Spaghetti Dinner is Friday Oct 15th  
Tickets are available in the front of the  
church from Jim or Peach

Carry out will be available for lunch  
11:am until 2:00. Tickets will be \$9.00 a  
plate that includes spaghetti with meat  
sauce, roll, salad, drink and cake from 3:  
until 7:00 pm