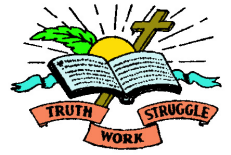




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Sunday, September 19, 2021
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow. Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

9:00 AM - *"Hymn of Faith"*

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READING I - Wis 2:12, 17-20

The wicked say: Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us; he sets himself against our doings, reproaches us for transgressions of the law and charges us with violations of our training. Let us see whether his words be true; let us find out what will happen to him. For if the just one be the son of God, God will defend him and deliver him from the hand of his foes. With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test that we may have proof of his gentleness and try his patience. Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6 and 8

R. *The Lord upholds my life.*

O God, by your name save me, and by your might defend my cause. O God, hear my prayer; hearken to the words of my mouth.

R. *The Lord upholds my life.*

For the haughty men have risen up against me, the ruthless seek my life; they set not God before their eyes.

R. *The Lord upholds my life.*

Behold, God is my helper; the Lord sustains my life. Freely will I offer you sacrifice; I will praise your name, O LORD, for its goodness.

R. *The Lord upholds my life.*

READING 2 -Jas 3:16-4:3

Beloved: Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.

Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from? Is it not from your passions that make war within your members? You covet but do not possess. You kill and envy but you cannot obtain; you fight and wage war. You do not possess because you do not ask. You ask but do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest/Lector: God has called us through the Gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL - Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciples and telling them, "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him.

They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in the their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me." This is the gospel of the Lord.

R/: *Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

OFFERTORY HYMN - *"Blessed Assurance"*

COMMUNION HYMN -

"I Myself Am the Bread of Life"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - *"I Come to the Garden Alone"*

St. Francis Weekly "Faith Renewed"

MARK THE DATES!



Saturday, October 9, 2021 - 1 p.m.

Blessing of the Animals. Ask how you can help.

Sunday, December 5, 2021

Mass will be at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 5, 2021 - 3 p.m.

Christmas Fund-raiser Dinner. Ask how you can help.



ST. MATTHEW, September 21 (First Century) Apostle and Evangelist

The call of St. Matthew, the tax collector, to be one of the twelve apostles of Jesus is described in the Gospel which bears his name. "Jesus saw a man named Matthew at his post where taxes were collected. He said to him, "Follow me!" And Matthew got up and followed him." It is hard to imagine a more unlikely person for Jesus to call as a companion than Matthew. Tax collectors, as agents of a hated Roman government and members of a profession known for unfairness and greed, were despised by the Jewish people. They were excluded from the synagogue and the temple. When Jesus invited Matthew to follow him and then ate at his house where Matthew's friends, outsiders like himself, were gathered, he heard the outraged comments of Capernaum's local leaders. "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" Jesus answered simply, "Those who are well have no need of a doctor; sick people do." By calling Matthew, Jesus invited an outcast to enjoy the healing friendship of God. In a lesson of love, he showed that God wants all, no matter who they are, to share his life. According to tradition, Matthew wrote down the stories and words of Jesus in Aramaic, the ancient language of Palestine. The first Gospel had its origins in him. Among the evangelists he is symbolized by the figure of a man, because Matthew's Gospel begins with the human origins of Jesus. There are reports that Matthew left Judea and preached in the East, where he was martyred in Ethiopia. His prayer, O God, may we follow your call. Amen.



THERE'S A BIT OF HEAVEN

There's a bit of Heaven
In each and every day,
Everywhere in simple things
As we go on our way.
We'll find it in a bird song
Among the blossomed trees,
And in a little butterfly
Just floating on a breeze.
There's a bit of Heaven
In the beauty of a rose,
In puppy dogs, and birthday cakes
And presents tied with bows.
A bit of Heaven's in each smile,
Each happy child's kiss,
In promises and rainbows,
Pumpkins and apple crisp.
Whenever we are most aware
Of God's abundant love,
We'll find a bit of Heaven
Sprinkling down from up above.

~Joyce Mary Ecochard

Take a moment out and pray...

† † † † † † PRAYERS † † † † † † †

Health Needs: Lord God, Jesus, our Savior, Mary and all the Saints, we ask you to bring peace and your healing touch to those who are ill, afraid or worried. Amen.

Health Needs of: All who have the Coronavirus & Debbie Marciano, Beverly Hester, Gregory Klein, James Conlon, Iris Cafran, Nancy Fernandez Petrozza, Sophia Kyriakakis, Billy Murphy, Helen de la Sota, Jeff Curtis, Ottavia Daquino, Linda Fryszacki, Daniella Vasquez, Bill & Ann Siebuhr, Blanca Vasquez, John Luis Vasquez, Eileen McChesney, Rosemary Rosen, Joe Glovack, Carla Calabrese, Janis Siebuhr, Debbie Granaldi, Dominick Ocello, Louise & Anthony Kuzniewski, Jorge Juan Vasquez, Jessica Arrubla, Debbie Tino, Elena Accomando Capuano, Emily Smith, Anita Paczkoski & for all caregivers.

Requiem Intentions for faithfully departed:

Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

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