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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 'B' – SEPTEMBER 22ND 2024
"IF ANYONE WISHES TO BE FIRST, HE SHALL BE THE LAST OF ALL AND THE SERVANT OF ALL."



In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus again predict his passion, death, and Resurrection to his disciples. The setting here is important. Jesus and his disciples are preparing to journey through Galilee, a Jewish territory in which Jesus has already encountered problems with the Pharisees. Perhaps this is why Mark indicates that Jesus was trying to journey in secret. In predicting his passion, Jesus is acknowledging the danger they will face and is trying to preparing his disciples for it. Yet Mark tells us that the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask what he meant.

Mark paints a vivid picture in today's Gospel. Having arrived at Capernaum, Jesus and his disciples enter a house. In this private place, Jesus asks his disciples about the argument they had while they were journeying. Again, the disciples are uncharacteristically silent and afraid to answer. They have been found out. Jesus then summons the Twelve. To this select group of disciples, Jesus teaches that those who would be first in God's kingdom must be servants of all.

Jesus then calls forward a child and teaches the Twelve that to receive a child in Jesus' name is to receive both Jesus and the One who sent him. We might easily fail to understand the significance of this action. In first-century Palestine, children were without status or power, possessing no legal rights. In this action, Jesus is teaching his disciples and us that when we serve the least ones among us, we serve Jesus himself. Who are the people without power or status in our society that Jesus is calling us to serve? Do we do so willingly? Jesus teaches that God's judgment of us will be based on this criterion alone.

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XXV DOMINGO ORDINARIO 'B'

SI ALGUNO QUIERE SER EL PRIMERO, QUE SEA EL ÚLTIMO DE TODOS Y EL SERVIDOR DE TODOS"

En el Evangelio de hoy, escuchamos nuevamente a Jesús predecir su pasión, muerte y resurrección a sus discípulos. El contexto aquí es importante. Jesús y sus discípulos se están preparando para viajar a través de Galilea, un territorio judío en el que Jesús ya había encontrado problemas con los fariseos. Quizás por eso Marcos indica que Jesús estaba tratando de viajar en secreto. Al predecir su pasión, Jesús está reconociendo el peligro que enfrentarán y está tratando de preparar a sus discípulos para ello. Sin embargo, Marcos nos dice que los discípulos no entendieron lo que Jesús estaba diciendo y tenían miedo de preguntar qué quería decir.

Marcos pinta un cuadro vívido en el Evangelio de hoy. Habiendo llegado a Cafarnaúm, Jesús y sus discípulos entran en una casa. En este lugar privado, Jesús les pregunta a sus discípulos sobre la discusión que tuvieron mientras viajaban. Nuevamente, los discípulos están inusualmente silenciosos y tienen miedo de responder. Los han descubierto. Entonces Jesús convoca a los Doce. A este grupo selecto de discípulos, Jesús enseña que aquellos que serán los primeros en el reino de Dios deben ser servidores de todos.

Jesús llama entonces a un niño y enseña a los Doce que recibir a un niño en el nombre de Jesús es recibir tanto a Jesús como a Aquel que lo envió. Fácilmente podríamos no entender el significado de esta acción. En la Palestina del primer siglo, los niños no tenían estatus ni poder, no poseían derechos legales. En esta acción, Jesús está enseñando a sus discípulos y a nosotros que cuando servimos a los más pequeños entre nosotros, servimos a Jesús mismo. ¿Quiénes son las personas sin poder ni estatus en nuestra sociedad a las que Jesús nos llama a servir? ¿Lo hacemos voluntariamente? Jesús enseña que el juicio de Dios sobre nosotros se basará únicamente en este criterio.

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY COMES CLOSER TOGETHER AMID ATTACKS IN THE HOLY LAND

Although interreligious dialogue among the Holy Land's Jews, Muslims, and Christians has suffered as a result of the intensification of armed conflict in the region, a Benedictine abbot in Jerusalem said the situation has also led to tighter bonds among the Christians of different backgrounds who remain there.

"Our enemies have a more ecumenical thinking than we because they don't divide us by denomination, they hate us because we're Christians," said Father Nikodemus Schnabel, abbot of the Dormition Abbey in Jerusalem, who has frequently been the target of spitting attacks by Orthodox Jews in the area.



Schnabel, a German citizen who was told by the German government to leave Israel because of the insecurity there, has not only decided to stay but also has begun to organize weekly Sunday lunches for members of different Christian rites and communities in Jerusalem, including Catholics, Armenians, Syrian Orthodox, Anglicans, and others.

The gatherings provide a time for Jerusalem's diverse Christian community to share their struggles and encourage one another to persevere. In the words of Schnabel, the persecution Christians suffer serves as "a call to us to say, 'OK, if we are attacked because of our common baptism, maybe we should also live this common baptism, this common vocation as Christians, more authentic.'"

"We stay voluntarily in this ocean of suffering as islands of hope," Schnabel told EWTN Vatican. Data released by Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics in December 2023 reported 187,900 Christians living in Israel, and the number has likely declined even further since then.

SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Wednesday — Friday, 12 noon

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil at 4:30 PM

Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 AM in English,
Spanish Mass: 2nd Sunday of the Month at
1:00 pm in the Church.

4th Saturday of the month at 7:00pm in
Cachagua.

Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:30 PM and by appointment

Office Hours

Wednesday — Friday:
10 AM - 12 PM; 2 - 4 PM

The church is open Wednesday — Sunday
from 10 AM to 4 PM for personal prayer.

MASS INTENTIONS

September 21st — 29th 2024

Sat. Vigil Sep. 21st 4:30: - People of the Parish
Sun. Sep. 22nd 9:00 + Mercedes Selis
11:15 + Rosa Palma

Wed. Sep. 25th 12:00: Health of Richard Carr
Thu. Sep. 26th 12:00 Health of Angelo
Fri. Sep. 27th 12:00: + Adrian

Sat. Aug. 28th 4:30: Int. Art & June Taylor on
(69th Wedding Anniv)

7:00pm: Mass in Cachagua (18800 Cachagua Rd # 6)
+ Meliton Blanco, y - Por la salud de Carmen Resendiz

Sun. Sep. 29th 9:00: + Peter Coakley
11:00: People of the Parish

MAY THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL
DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD,

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Aug. 31st & Sep. 1st: \$ 3,859.63
Sep. 7th & 8th: \$ 3,533.25
Sep. 15th & 16th: \$ 1,968.80
Maintenance 2nd Collection: \$757.00

PARISH STAFF

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Music Ministry

4:30 pm Sat. Mass: Kim Hartford

9:00 am Sun. Mass: Stefania Ortiz

11:15 am Sun. Mass Parish Choir

Angelica Lozano

Custodian

PARISH VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES

Pastoral Council

- Dede Woodhead (chair), Alondra Klemek (vice chair),
Jeff Hawkins (secretary), Daryl Lyon, Sean Devine,
Trini Resendiz

Finance Council

- Alex Gray (chair), Jim Rice (secretary), A.B. Introcaso,
Jack McAleer, Ed Quinnan

Faith Formation

- First Communion:** Michele Higa (1st year) Susan
Franks (2nd year) Jennifer Bodner Supply teacher:
- Confirmation:** Alondra Klemek (1st year).
- RCIA / Adult Faith Formation:** Derwin Borling

Bereavement Ministry:

Trudy Dowd

Manna Ministry:

Janice Hawkins

Human Trafficking

Brendan Cook

Parish Hall & Events:

Berni Aliotti

Social Media:

Lorraine Yglesias

Website:

John Finn

Lectors:

Dede Woodhead

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SAINT OF THE WEEK: SEP. 26TH:
SAINTS COSMAS AND DAMIAN
MARTYRS

SAINT COSMAS and SAINT DAMIAN. They were twin brothers of Arabic descent, born in the third century. Physicians, trained in Syria, they accepted no payment for their services, and their charity brought many to Christ. It was reported that they miraculously replaced the ulcerous leg of a man named Justinian with one from a recently deceased man. Arrested during the persecutions of Diocletian, they were tortured, but suffered no injury. Later, they were tortured and beheaded c.303 in Aegea, Cilicia (modern Ayas, Turkey). Many fables grew up about the brothers, connected in part with the ability of their relics to heal. An ancient Church near the Roman Forum is dedicated to them, and their names are included in the Roman Canon. I-Breviary



EVENT CALENDAR

Sun. Sep. 22nd 10am **Beginning of First Communion** Classes: 1st and 2nd Year.

Sat. Sep. 28th & Sun. Sep. 29th. **Results of the Parish Survey.** By. Pastoral Council.

Fri. Oct. 4th 12:30-5:30pm. **First Friday Adoration.**

Sun. Oct. 6th. 12pm **Beginning of Confirmation.**



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



SUNDAY OCTOBER 6TH AT 1:00 PM

