

**The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time****Year B****Sunday, September 23, 2018**

Readings: 1) Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 2) James 3:16 – 4:3 3) Mark 9:30-37

**Sunday Liturgy**

The focus for today is that Jesus calls on us to set ourselves apart from the world and serve others.

Our world is full of arguments and conflicts. People fight and despise one another out of jealousy and selfish desires. Today, Jesus calls on us to be different from the world and learn to serve others. This is how we can be the greatest in his eyes.

In the first reading, we hear how the wicked plan to revile and torture the just one, putting God to the test of defending him. In the second reading, James contrasts the character of those who have wisdom from above with those who are bound by earthly things. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples of his impending death and resurrection. When they fail to understand, he exhorts them to have an attitude of service to the least among them.

**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS****PRIEST:**

**Out of care and humble service to one another,  
let us offer these prayers to our heavenly Father.**

**For Church leaders,  
may they have the spirit of humility and servanthood  
in their ministry for God's people,  
and inspire us to do the same.**

We Pray to the Lord. Hear our prayer.

**For the leaders of the world,  
may they learn to seek the way of peace and reconciliation  
and put an end to wars and conflicts.**

We Pray to the Lord. Hear our prayer.

**For those who are sick in mind, body and spirit;  
may God grant them the light of his hope.**

We Pray to the Lord. Hear our prayer.

**For our deceased loved ones,  
may they find eternal peace and joy in God's kingdom.**

We Pray to the Lord. Hear our prayer.

**For our parish community,  
may we imitate the humble attitude of Jesus and serve the poor  
and the misfortunate among us.**

We Pray to the Lord. Hear our prayer.

**For our own personal intentions.**

We Pray to the Lord. Hear our prayer.

**PRIEST:**

**Loving Father, bless these prayers we offer on behalf of**

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**your children throughout the world and grant them according to your will.**

We ask this in the name of Jesus, your son and our Lord.