

## Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 23, 2018

### The Messiah is Servant of All

**Readings:** Wisdom 2:12,17-20; Psalm 54:3-8;  
James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

In today's First Reading, it's like we have our ears pressed to the wall and can hear the murderous grumblings of the elders, chief priests, and scribes—who last week Jesus predicted would torture and kill Him (see Mark 8:31; 10:33-34).

The liturgy invites us to see this passage from the Book of Wisdom as a prophecy of the Lord's Passion. We hear His enemies complain that "the Just One" has challenged their authority, reproached them for breaking the law of Moses, for betraying their training as leaders and teachers.

And we hear chilling words that foreshadow how they will mock Him as He hangs on the Cross: "For if the Just One be the Son of God, He will . . . deliver Him. . . ." (compare Matthew 27:41-43).

Today's Gospel and Psalm give us the flip side of the First Reading. In both, we hear of Jesus' sufferings from His point of view. Though His enemies surround Him, He offers himself freely in sacrifice, trusting that God will sustain Him.

But the apostles today don't understand this second announcement of Christ's passion. They begin arguing over issues of succession—over who among them is greatest, who will be chosen to lead after Christ is killed.

Again, they are thinking not as God, but as human beings (see Mark 8:33). And again, Jesus teaches the Twelve—the chosen leaders of His Church—that they must lead by imitating His example of love and self-sacrifice. They must be "servants of all," especially the weak and the helpless—symbolized by the child He embraces and places in their midst.

This is a lesson for us, too. We must have the mind of Christ, who humbled himself to come among us (see Philippians 2:5-11). We must freely offer ourselves, making everything we do a sacrifice in praise of His name.

As James says in today's Epistle, we must seek wisdom from above, desiring humility, not glory, and in all things be gentle and full of mercy.

**Father Blake Evans, Pastor**



**“Let the children  
come to me.”**

Matthew 19:14

Religious Education begun on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, however you can still enroll your children. All young people must be in religious education for two years in a row before receiving a Sacrament.

**Latin for the Masses:** At the request of many parishioners beginning this Fall, Nativity will celebrate one Sunday Mass in Latin on the 5th Sunday of only those months that have 5 Sundays. The Mass will be sung - the *Novus Ordo* the "new mass" you know, not the Tridentine or Extraordinary Form of the mass of the Council of Trent. Readings & Homilies and Intercessions will be in English. Hymns will be in English and/or Latin as appropriate. Mass parts will be sung in Latin. Singers/cantors familiar with the Mass parts are asked to volunteer to help Father lead the chants. "Latin remains the official language of The Church." - *Pope Francis*.

**Sunday, September 30 at 8:00 am Mass**

**RCIA**  
Christian Formation Process

**Mystagogy session with Brother Michael Solomon.**  
Saturday 10:00 – 11:00 am. in the Music room.

Do you want to know more about becoming a Catholic?  
Contact the RCIA Ministry at (202)-341-2707 or at [mvleakesr@outlook.com](mailto:mvleakesr@outlook.com)

**Youth and Vocations:** Remember to daily pray for all Catholic School/College students and our seminarians. Pray that they will listen to God to guide their vocations and be people of Virtue who live in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Catholic Daughters. Our Lady of the Americas, Court 2344,** will meet on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. All Catholic Daughters are encouraged to arrive promptly at 7:30 am., for the recital of "Our Lady of Sorrows Litany" All parishioners are welcome. After the Litany and Mass, the CDA Court will meet in the Lounge for regular meeting.

# Mass Intentions for the Week

**September 22- 29, 2018**

Sat. 9/22	8:00 am	Jim De Coursy
	5:30pm	+A. J. Cooper, III
Sun. 9/23	8:00am	+Sara Garcia Cooper
	10:00am	People of the Parish
	1:00 pm	Sandra Rivera Moreno & family
Mon. 9/24	12:00	+Anthony Peires
Tue 9/25	12:00	+Suzanne Ongbehahal
Wed. 9/26	12:00	+Anthony Peires
Thu. 9/27	12:00	+Rafaela C. Evans
Fri. 9/28	12:00	+Charles Hailstorks
Sat. 9/29	8:00 am	Hurricane Florence victims
	5:30pm	Amelie Ongbehahal unborn child

**Please pray for the sick of our Parish:**

\*Alice R. Allen, \*Amina Anderson-Pringle, \*Ann Butler, \*William Cammack, \*Lukas Pastier, \*Carmen Dolores Campos, \*Carla Andrea Catacora, \*Shawn Coleman, \*William Corbel, \*Maria Cruz, \*Maurice & Flora Detiege \*Kevin Fagan, \*Isel Fitzgerald, \*Dion A. Fortune, \*Linda Foster, \*Charlie Gick, \*John Green, Sr., \*Janet Henery, \*Blanca Hernandez, \*Lawrence C. Hill, \*Lee Hobbs, \*Sydney Horge, \*Francis Howard, \*Elaine Hunt, \*Helen Hurd, \*Larry Ivy, \*Irene Jimenez, \*Geraldine Jones, \*Charles Johnson, \*Odile Kalla, \*Michael Kelly, \*Busara Keneddy, \*Claude Kolthoff, \*Betty Lawton, \*Yavonna Lewis, \*Sandra Lucas, \*Eric Malcolm, \*Edwin & Regina Mbanude, \*Theresa McNair, \*Edith Mebane, \*Maria Magdalena Medrano, \*Agnes Moore, \*Gina Myers, \*Iris Newman, \*Sheryl Newman, \*Amelie Ongbehahal, \*D. Cynhia Peters, \*James Pope, \*Margaret Pope, \*Dorothy Richburg, \*Auristela Roman, \*Rosa Maria Santos, \*Bonafacio Selayo \*Delores Sloan, \*Adrian Smith, \*Alice Smith, \*Bernadette Smith, \*Theresa Smith, \*Louise Sweatt, \*Suzie Thompson, \*Emily Towles, \*Dominic Valentine, \*Dorothy Waring, \*Paul Williams, \*Florentina Zoretta



“The fruit of silence is prayer, the fruit of prayer is faith, the fruit of faith is love, the fruit of love is service, the fruit of service is peace.”

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

**ATTENDANCE REPORT**

**9/16/18**

**Attendance: 470 souls**

Offerings & Tithes: \$6,974

Spanish Mass: \$503

Utility fund: \$700

**Question of the week:** What do I want that I do not have? What do I feel that I should have if life were fair? How can I redirect my passions towards selflessness rather than selfishness?



“**Corinthians**”. Monday, September 24, 5:45pm in the Music Room. Please bring your bible and CCC.

*Whatever you do, do it all to the glory of God. 1  
Corinthians 10:13*



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**"LIVING WITH YOUR BAGS PACKED!"** Another three-part education presentation on estate planning and administration. The second presentation: Estate Planning and Charitable Giving will be held **Tuesday, October 16th**. The final presentation, on Incapacity Planning, will be on **Tuesday, November 20th**. All presentations will begin at 7pm and be held in the Lounge. Refreshments will be served.

**26<sup>th</sup> International Week of Prayer and Fasting** unites with the Marians Fathers, Legion of Mary and Priests for Life, Sept 29 – Oct 7, 2018. Opening day, Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception from 9 am – 4:30 pm. Registration is FREE, but please register online at [www.iwopf.org](http://www.iwopf.org)

**Nativity Sodality** will meet on Sunday Oct. 7, 2018 after the 8am Mass. Sodalists are encouraged to arrive at church by 7:30am to pray the Rosary. All parishioners are welcome. Sodalists, please wear your Nativity Sashes.