

## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

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

— James 3:18

### 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. © J. S. Paluch Co.

### 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**).

### OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$2,795.00	\$2,300.00
Number of Families contributing	87	74
Total Pledge for 2021	\$161,051.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (33 Weeks)	\$114,557.00	\$116,603.00
Received to Date	\$106,934.00	\$84,708.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$7,623.00	\$31,895.00

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$359.00	\$7,340.00

Thirty ladies made a contribution last week.

### PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$90.00	\$105,805.00

Three people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

### BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$63,780.00

**POOR BOX** totaled \$79.00.

20 **CHILDREN** contributed \$88.00.

**BAA** totaled \$40.00.

**CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA** totaled \$40.00.

### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

A 30-year-old son decided to admit his father into an old people's home as desired by his wife. He brought his father to an old people's home run by a Catholic priest. The elderly priest had a long chat with the old man. The son wondered and asked the priest whether he knew his father before. The priest replied yes, and continued, "He came here 30 years back and took with him a very sick orphan boy who everyone else rejected for adoption. This man gave that boy a home and saved his life. He told me: 'I'll dedicate my life to making him the wealthiest young man when he turns 25.'" The priest continued, "I don't know how long you have known him, but I can tell you he is a good man, and I am glad to inform you that you were the sick boy."

The boy upon hearing this fell on his knees and begged the old man for forgiveness. The old man looked at him with a smile and said, "Son, I have forgiven you. You threw me out of my own home because of your wife. Take the house but know that I have removed you from my documents as the sole heir of my empire. I have willed all my properties to his orphanage where I now belong."

*At the zenith of your success don't forget where you are coming from, if not you will miss your destination and lose your crown. I pray we will not forget those who helped us to get to the top.*

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of Rosie Girl in loving memory of her on her Birthday;
2. the Burkes' in loving memory of Mary Burke on the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of her death;
3. the Family of Jack Suedle in loving memory of him on his 79<sup>th</sup> Birthday;
4. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

**CONGRATULATIONS FR. CHERIAN** The Most Rev. Robert Guglielmone, Bishop of Charleston, has proudly announced that Pope Francis has bestowed the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Medal also known as the "Cross of Honor" upon our own Rev. Cherman Thalukulam. By the Act of Decree and Medal the Holy See has recognized Fr. Cherman's extraordinary service and dedication to the Diocese of Charleston. The honor will be conferred upon him at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Charleston this Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 P.M.

### A LITTLE REMEMBRANCE

**We come with nothing, we go with nothing, but one great thing we can achieve in our beautiful life is:  
A little remembrance in someone's mind  
and a small place in someone's heart.**

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE** The Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time for Jim Bryant Gorman and Velvet Carroll.

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time for Johnny Sherlock and Richilyn Carroll.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES** began last week. Classes will be held from 4:00 P.M.— 5:00 P.M in the New Hall. It is the parent’s responsibility to make sure their child/children attend Religious Education classes.

*Monday — 5<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> Grades*  
*Thursday — 1<sup>st</sup> thru 4<sup>th</sup> Grades*

**THANK YOU** to a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite, St. Joseph, Mother Teresa, and the Blessed Mother for a favor received; and also to a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK**

Two guys are walking through a game park, and they come across a lion that has not eaten for days. The lion starts chasing the two men. They run as fast as they can and one guy starts getting tired and decides to say a prayer, “Please turn this lion into a Christian, Lord.” He looks to see if the lion is still chasing him and he sees the lion on its knees.

Happy to see his prayer answered, he turns around and heads toward the lion. As he comes closer to the lion, he hears it saying a prayer: “Thank you Lord for the food I am about to receive.”

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

*Sunday:* Catechetical Sunday  
*Monday:* Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions;  
*Tuesday:* St. Matthew  
*Wednesday:* Autumn begins  
*Thursday:* St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

*Monday:* For the repose of the soul of Rosie Girl on her Birthday and for the repose of the soul of Mary Lisa McNally on the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her death.  
*Tuesday:* For the repose of the soul of Black’s Jimmy Riley on his Birthday.  
*Wednesday:* For the repose of the soul of Jack Suedle on his 78<sup>th</sup> Birthday.  
*Thursday:* In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory; and for the repose of the soul of Johnny Weaver on the first Anniversary of his death.  
*Friday:* For the repose of the soul of John L. McNally on the 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death and for the repose of the soul of Big A on the 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death.

**HANG IT ON THE CROSS**  
*If you have a secret sorrow,*  
*A burden or a loss,*  
*An aching for healing...*  
**HANG IT ON THE CROSS.**

*If worry steals your sleep,*  
*And makes you turn and toss,*  
*If your heart is feeling heavy,*  
**HANG IT ON THE CROSS.**

*Every obstacle to faith*  
*Or doubt you come across,*  
*Every prayer unanswered....*  
**HANG IT ON THE CROSS.**

*For Christ has borne our brokenness*  
*And dearly paid the cost*  
*To turn our trials to triumph...*  
**HANGING ON THE CROSS.**

**READERS**

**Sat. Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.**  
 Christina & Julie Ann

**Sun. Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.**  
 Jimmy Joseph & Jersey

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**Sat. Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.**  
 Ritz & Savannah

**Sun. Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.**  
 Jimmy Joseph & Jersey

**READERS – WEEKDAYS**

Monday	-	Graclynn
Tuesday	-	Claire
Wednesday	-	Marilyn
Thursday	-	Dayna
Friday	-	Ciara

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY**

Monday	-	Rose Melissa
Tuesday	-	Nora
Wednesday	-	Catherine Ann
Thursday	-	Mary Cat
Friday	-	Rosie Cat

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND**

<b><u>Saturday 4:00 P.M.</u></b>	<b><u>September 18<sup>th</sup></u></b>
Front	Winnie Ann
Right	Cathy Pole
Left	Catherine Ann
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>Sunday</u></b>
<b><u>September 19<sup>th</sup></u></b>	<b><u>September 26<sup>th</sup></u></b>
Rose Marie	Rose Marie
Mary Cat	Mary Cat

**INTERESTING QUOTES FROM OSCAR WILDE**

- ❖ I can resist everything but temptation.
- ❖ To live is the rarest thing in the world. Most people exist, that is all.

**LIFE IS SHORT**

Life is very short, so break your silly egos, forgive quickly, believe slowly, love truly, laugh loudly, and never avoid anything that makes you happy.

**KINDNESS**

*A boy in a wheelchair saw me desperately struggling on crutches with my broken leg and offered to carry my backpack and books for me. He helped me all the way across campus to my class and as he was leaving, he said, “I hope you feel better soon.”*

**WISDOM OF ST. FULTON SHEEN**

*Self-discipline brings back to us the excitement of our childhood when our pleasures were rationed—when we got our dessert at the end of the meal and never at the start.*

**GOOD DEEDS**

*Your good deeds might seem invisible, but they leave a trail that is imprinted on the hearts of others.*

**~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~**

**PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO HUNGER FOR GOD’S WILL**

*Lord, open my ears to hear the good news of Your kingdom and set my heart free to love and serve You joyfully. May nothing keep me from following You with all my heart, mind, and strength. Amen.*