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Twenty Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time

A Sabbath Thought

Those who follow Jesus are to be humble, hospitable people. No one is to be spurned, no one is to be refused because everyone is in Jesus.

About Today's Bible Readings

WISDOM 2:12, 17-20

Just persons are sitting targets. In a cynical world, they draw the anger of those who cannot bear goodness.

Responsorial Psalm: 54:3-4, 5, 6 and 8

R. The Lord upholds my life.

JAMES 3:16 - 4:3

The restlessness of the human spirit is our undoing. Our cravings drive us crazy. Only peace *within* us can bring peace *around* us.

MARK 9:30-37

Ranking comes naturally to us because we want to know where we stand. But Jesus advises us to take our stand in humble service, not in arrogant authority.

ENTRANCE RITE: 1 Jeremiah 12:19a, 20

V. Yet I, like a trusting lamb led to slaughter, had not realized that they were hatching plots against me.

R. But, You, O Lord of hosts, O just Judge, searcher of mind and heart, Let me witness the vengeance You take on them, for to You I have entrusted my cause!

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ALLELUIA: 1 Peter 3:18a

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that He might lead you to God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE 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

Worship Services

Today – Sept. 22nd

25th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Sunday – Sept. 29th

26th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

First Holy Communion of Edgardo (Edgar) Avilés re-scheduled to November 3rd.

Sunday – Oct. 6th

27th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Sunday – Oct. 13th

**Solemnity
The Christian Family**

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Sunday – Oct. 20th

29th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Sunday – Oct. 27th

30th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Coffee and Donuts

Fellowship hour in the Church Hall following each Mass has resumed! Coffee and donuts will be served with the coffee being free and the suggested donation for each donut being \$1.00. I hope that many of you will join us.

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Debra Caldwell, Dan Shaner, Sharon Fitzwater, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Elizabeth McAlanis, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Jane and John Aldershoff, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Eileen McCoury, Alexis, Matthew and Kristy Samsel, Janet Kelly, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Bob Price, Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Eric Meck, Darryl Weinhold, Scott Kallish, Damon Grossman, Joseph Grossman, Jr., Corby Beck, Tom Beck, Skye Sadowski, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, John Bennett, Alicia Bennett, David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich, Berne Bloom, Marilyn Seiders, Peggy Smith and family, Chi Koch, Vicki Shoemaker, William Kutenits, Todd Shaffer, Cristin Burke, Kelly Wylezik Shawn Siedel, Father Carmen Bolock, Christine Mulutzie, James Horning, Frederick Smith, David Metzger, Amber Irving, Paul Edling, Natalie Frankfort, Cheryl Weinhold, Carol Urban, Kenneth Borah and Joe Bezek. **Our Father....**

If there are any changes to this list, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, October 12th; The 14th Synod of the Central Diocese of the Polish National Catholic Church will be held beginning at 8:00 AM via Zoom. Father Senior Donald, Michael and Sally Traczuk will represent Saint Stephen's.

If there are any other events not listed here, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

BOSCOV'S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

The Ladies Society for the Admiration of the Most Blessed Sacrament is selling Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Coupons. For a \$5.00 Donation to the ANS you will receive a coupon good for 25% off for your entire purchase at any Boscov's store or online on Tuesday, October 22nd, 8:00 AM until 11:00 PM. (Exclusions Apply) Please see the flyer on the table in the vestibule for more information and contact Sally Traczuk or any ANS member to purchase your Shopping Pass now!

THE KNIGHTS CLOSET

The Reading Area School District has informed us that the Knights Closet Project which provides items of basic necessity to students in need will resume this year. The parish has generously participated in this worthwhile cause in past years and I hope that we will find it in our hearts to continue to do so. Please leave your contributions on the table in the Fellowship Hall and we will get them to those in need. Thank you in advance for your kind generosity.

