

# 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24, 2006

The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace  
for those who cultivate peace.-James 3:18

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Upcoming  
Parish  
Events

Mon. Sept 125—



**Bible Study & Prayer Group,**  
7:30 pm, Chapel

Tues. Sept 26—  
Parish Council,  
7:30 PM, Scanlan  
Hall

Fri. Sept 29—  
**Aacc Youth Grp,**  
6:30 pm, Scanlan  
Hall

**Prince of Peace,**  
8:30 pm, Scanlan  
Hall

## Comment

The reading from the Book of Wisdom draws our attention to the trials the “just one” must endure. The plotters resent this person who dares point out their mistakes. They wonder aloud if the just one would stand for God and against threats of condemnation and death. As celebrated in today’s liturgy, the passage can easily be viewed as a prediction of the Passion, which Jesus himself announces in today’s Gospel reading. In Mark’s Gospel, this is Jesus’ second prediction of his passion.

Placed next to the first reading, the Gospel may seem only to be a prophetic fulfillment, but it is more than that. Jesus makes it clear that his deliverance into the hands of men is not accomplished by humans, as in the first reading, but is part of his mission and part of God’s wisdom. But becoming the servant to this wisdom of God will not only overthrow the wisdom of human beings, it will save those very human beings in the bargain.

The beginning of today’s Gospel is filled with foreboding. Jesus, who is alone with his closest followers, announces his mission to fulfill God’s will in this horrifying way. One can feel the tension in the air. But then the scene quickly deteriorates into an odd comedy. The disciples either don’t get it, or they get it and can’t face it. So they skirt the issue entirely and bicker among themselves about who is greatest.

Jesus persists, however. He will not allow them to get away with their misinterpretation and ensuing childishness. As if to make the point more strongly, Jesus takes a small child by the hand and sets him in plain sight, so they can’t miss his intentions. He urges his followers to be child-like, to make themselves open and of service to others. In the end, Jesus rescues the scene by linking his mission to the image and meaning of being a child, that is, a servant. (In Greek, the word for servant and child is the same.) -Copyright © 2002, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK, SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday, Sept 24:** Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54; Jas 3:16 -- 4:3; Mk 9:30-37  
**Monday:** Prv 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18  
**Tuesday:** Ss. Cosmas and Damian; Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21  
**Wednesday:** St. Vincent de Paul; Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6  
**Thursday:** St. Lawrence Ruiz & His Companions; St. Wenceslaus; Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9  
**Friday:** Ss. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael; Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51  
**Saturday:** St. Jerome; Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Lk 9:43b-45  
**Sunday, October 1:** Nm 11:25-19; Ps 19; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**Full Plate Program:** Thanks for your support of this program. Pls. bring your donations of canned foods and dry goods & place them in the green bins at the church entrance. September menu items: 1 Box of cereal, 1 can of stew or chili, 1 can of tuna or chicken, 1 container of 100% juice. No glass items, please. Thanks.



**\*Second collection:** Many retired priests continue to contribute to our parishes well into their retirement years. Today's second collection is for the **Priests Retirement Fund**. Please be generous to them who have given us so much of themselves.

\*Everyone is invited to the **No-vena to the Santo Nino at 7pm** in the chapel. A little potluck reception follows in the Scanlan Hall.

\*Bidding for October for **Name a Way (Plaza/Court/Fountain)** for October is still open. Minimum bid is \$100. Please talk to Father Labib or call the office to make a bid.

**\*Point 7 Now! Conference.** Volunteers are invited to this national economic conference focusing on global poverty on **October 27-28 at St. Mary's Cathedral**. Please call the office if you are interested.

\*For those who can't make it to our traditional blessing of animals on October 4th (after school—3:15 or so) there will be a blessing of **Animals on Saturday, September 30, 10:30 am on the Geary Blvd Plaza of the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption**. Children's choirs from all over the Archdiocese will participate. Bring your pets—on a leash—or their pictures—don't forget the "pooper-scooper"!



\*Everyone is invited to the National Shrine of Saint Francis of Assisi for a **"Convivio Italiano"** on September 27, from 5 pm to 9:30pm. For \$60, enjoy pasta, wine, a presentation by Bob and Penny Lord of EWTN fame, and Vespers with Bishop John Wester. In addition, all the buildings, including the Gift Shop, will be open & will display pictures of the transformation planned for the National Shrine. Call Molly Arthur at (415) 983-0222 or email MollyArthur@flash.net.



I have chosen to become a member of **St. Thomas More** and commit myself to building a community that seeks to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with God. I will commit myself to this mission by my active and consistent presence at worship each week and will respond consistently by my financial giving even when I cannot be present.

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I want to receive the envelopes and commit myself to a weekly contribution.

Yes, pls  No, thanks

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## MASS INTENTIONS

September 24—30, 2006

- 9/24 Sun 10:00 am Ursula (Anita) Martinez†  
8:00pm People of the Parish
- 9/25 Mon 8:30am Teresa Small (Sp. Int.)
- 9/26 Tue 5:30pm Joan Small (Sp. Int.)
- 9/27 Wed 8:30am Vincent Duc Luu†
- 9/28 Thu 5:30pm Teresa Small (Sp. Int.)
- 9/29 Fri 8:30am Elena Rodriguez, (Sp. Int.)
- 9/30 Sat 8:30am Joan Small (Sp. Int.)  
5:00pm Rodriguez Family†

Please call the office to schedule. Participating in the Mass you offer is appreciated.



**All the sick people in our parish** especially Eddie Bernal, Zenaida Salamat, Herbert

Panaszewicz, Nahil Nazzal, John Silva, Rhona Palencia, Mary Lee Burke, George Crawford, Restituto de Guzman, Michael Karney, Majida Totah, William & Deena Tannous, Jamal Musallam, Nazzal Nazzal; and deceased Edward Hurst, III.

**Thank you for your contributions. Please remember us in your prayers.**

Your offerings for the weekend of **Sept 17th:**  
**\$3,412**



**Actual Construction & Repairs Money in Bank is:**  
**\$117,672**

*Please continue to support our Construction fund. We need to repair the Skylight, upgrade the lights in the church and upgrade Carroll Hall.*

**Thank you!**