



Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 19, 2021



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 18

8:00am: Dr. Thomas W. Tully
5:00pm: Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish

Sunday, September 19

8:00am: Otto Cortesi
10:30am: Gaspare DeLuca
Elzbieta Roza Rdzka
Silvo Nudo

Monday, September 20

8:00am: Dr. Thomas Tully

Tuesday, September 21

8:00am: Caterina Giunta
Domenico & Maria Giunta
Giancarlo Martella

Wednesday, September 22

8:00am: George Phoenix

Thursday, September 23

8:00am: Maria Pia Guigli

Friday, September 24

8:00am: Gaspare DeLuca

Saturday, September 25

8:00am: Deceased Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish
5:00pm: David Geubelle
Yolanda & Michael Bernardi
Nelda Workman

Sunday, September 26

8:00am: Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish
10:30am: Dorando Rinaldi
Dr. Thomas Tully



MASS		LECTOR
Saturday, September 25	5:00 PM	Steve Hauer
Sunday, September 26	8:00 AM	Bryan Green
Sunday, September 26	10:30 AM	Cheryl O'Hare
Saturday, October 2	5:00 PM	Modi Obochi
Sunday, October 3	8:00 AM	Angie Nutter
Sunday, October 3	10:30 AM	Dan Mortier



Father Mike's Homiletter – September 19, 2021 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; Psalm 54:3-4, 5, 6-8; James 3:16 – 4:3; Mark 9:30-37

Fall is a beautiful season which has an underlying peace which I find most satisfying. The bursts of color and growth which come with spring and summer are over, school has resumed and the extra activities of summer are mostly over. Fall basks in nature's rich colors and a deepening sense of completion in nature.

Our readings today bring us deeper into the reality of Jesus' teaching: the lessons have more to do with our interior disposition than outer appearances. In the first reading, the "wicked" can't tolerate the criticism of God's prophet. In their righteousness, they decide to attack the critic, relying on God to save him if he is truly one of God's prophets. They are so correct, they do not see that they are actually testing God, daring Him to protect the one they find obnoxious. They have lost focus: instead of real, sincere concern for doing what is right, they have become focused on *being perceived as right*. Instead of concern for God's good opinion, they have become focused on the good opinion of others, including themselves, and won't consider that they might be in the wrong. Their minds have closed, and on exactly the wrong thing.

St. James cautions about this mindset: beware of envy and "selfish ambition." It's not all about *us*. If our actions produce conflict, we need to re-evaluate things: are we acting in the interests of others, unselfishly, generously? Seeking the wrong things is likely to result in turmoil, not peace. If we seek to satisfy the least kindly tendencies of our nature at the expense of others, rather than act with love and generosity, we will not find peace. If we keep our minds focused on our ultimate goal – eternal union with God – and let that guide us, we will have the peace of knowing we are on the right road, and the odd "pothole" will not distract us.

Our Gospel demonstrates very clearly how easy it is to get distracted: after journeying with Jesus through the Gentile territory of the Decapolis, Jesus travels back into Galilee, where He has been welcomed, and returns to Capernaum. Along the way, Jesus had described His coming struggle with the authorities in Jerusalem, and His ultimate death and Resurrection. The disciples didn't get it, and apparently didn't want to get it – they were afraid to ask questions about what they didn't understand. Instead, they were discussing who was the most important in their group. We all learn to identify who is the leader of an effort – who has the most knowledge, energy, and has been tasked with making sure a particular job gets done. But the disciples were asking "Who is the greatest?" I wonder what characteristics they thought went into making someone "the greatest".

But Jesus knew they weren't focused on the right thing. Even though they didn't tell Him what they had been talking about when He asked, He knew. By now, they are inside the house, probably St. Peter's house in Capernaum, and Jesus explained where they went wrong: trying to identify who would be first in the new order. Jesus is very clear that the new order would be exactly that – unlike the past. It would not be those in fine clothes, with authority and glamor who would be first, but rather those who were at the end of the line, cleaning up the mess, doing all the tasks that no one wanted to do: caring for the poor, sheltering the homeless, protecting the widow and orphan, soothing the sick and dying. He uses a child as the example. At that time, society paid little attention to children because they were of very little use: they could not work, they did not have any resources of their own – they were just extra mouths to feed. But Jesus says that's where our efforts should be focused – on those who can do us no good – but who have an inherent value because God made and loves them. He has put something of Himself into every human being, and it is our job to find it, and highlight it for others. And when we find that divinity in others, we will find it in ourselves. When we are truly *with those in most need* in love and concern, we will find Jesus, and the Father and the Spirit with Him.

Peace!

Father Mike

CORKS & FORKS

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I hope this message finds you all well and healthy! As you know, we had to cancel Corks & Forks last year due to the Covid crisis, but we were hoping that this year we could pick up the tradition again. A date has been booked with Bella Via, Saturday November 13th.

However, with the new Delta variant intruding in our daily existence, I would like to check with the congregation to see what the feelings are about proceeding.

The concept for this year would differ from previous years: rather than having a walk-around wine tasting and a buffet-style dinner, we were considering a sit-down wine tasting dinner. I am suggesting a three or four course meal, each course accompanied by one or two wines. This way you could book a table with friends and family, be seated with people you are comfortable with, while still enjoying the camaraderie of our wonderful parish community. We would also restrict this event to immunized individuals or require a recent covid test.

We would like to hear back from you to determine if there is enough interest in this concept to proceed. We don't need a firm commitment at this time, just an indication of your sentiments towards this event. We are looking for a **"show of hands"** from all of you to gauge interest in planning this year's event. Your response is very important. **Please email Natalie Hennigan at the parish office nhennigan@icparish.org to let us know if you may be interested.**

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Hans van Overbeek

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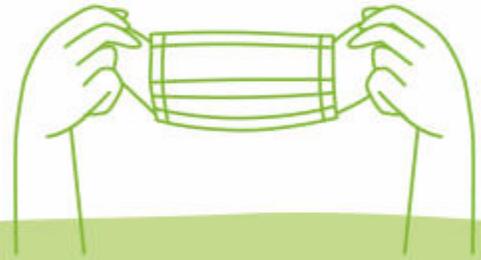
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Sunday mornings 9:00-10:15
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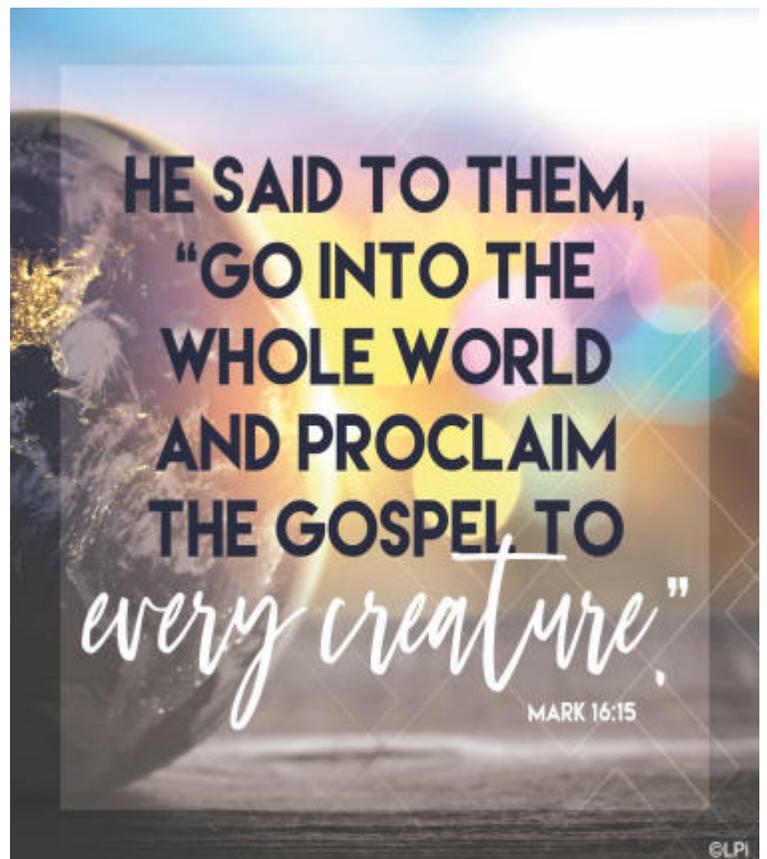


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A wonderful time was had by all during the Back to PREP Meet and Greet on Wednesday. It has been exactly 1 1/2 years since we have been in the classroom. It was an exciting and bittersweet time, but mostly exciting as in person classes resume 9/19. We had a wonderful turnout as students met their catechist, saw their classroom and classmates. It truly felt as if no time had passed since we were last together.

We ended our time together with a prayer service and blessing in church with Father McMahon.

