

October 18, 2015

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary time (B)

From The Desk of Msgr. Corrigan:

It is hard for me not to relate what is happening in Jerusalem today to our gospel this Sunday. The mother of the apostles, James and John, asks Jesus to make her sons very prominent in the soon-to come Kingdom of God. She, and most everyone else, is not looking forward to a kingdom in heaven, but one here on earth. Men and women are flocking to Jesus because they see him as the chosen one, the Messiah, who will establish his kingdom in Jerusalem. He will win because God will interfere in human history and defeat his enemies. The Temple of Jerusalem will become the center of the world. Jesus chose to enter the Jerusalem publicly to the accolades of the crowd. Many of the Jewish leaders, especially the priests of the Temple, are fearful of an uprising that will draw the wrath of Rome. Rome does see Jesus as a potential insurrectionist and crucifies him. Forty years later when an actual insurrection did occur, the Romans completely destroyed the magnificent Temple of Jerusalem and killed thousands (perhaps hundreds of thousands) of the Jewish people. The temple is lost forever or is it? In 638 the Muslims take over Jerusalem and build the Dome of the Rock on the same ground where the temple once stood. The Crusaders captured Jerusalem in 1099 only to lose it again to the Muslims in 1187. In 1967 Israel captures most of Jerusalem. Today Jerusalem is again in turmoil over the site of the Temple of Jerusalem. I wonder what the mother of James and John, now in heaven, thinks of the situation.

Nothing turned out the way the disciples of Jesus expected. Everything was a disaster. Then Jesus rose from the dead and everything changed or did it?



COLLECTION:

The collection for last Sunday, October 11, 2015 was \$4,079.00

This Sunday, October 18, 2015 the second collection will be for World Mission Sunday. Your support reaches clinics caring for the sick and dying, orphanages providing a place of safety and shelter, schools offering education from kindergarten through high school. All if this takes place in 1,150 mission dioceses, mostly in Africa and Asia, were the poorest of the poor receive an education and health care, while experiencing the loving heart of our Lord through the service of priest, religious and lay faithful.

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Our loving **God** has called us together today to hear and respond to the **Good News** that **Jesus Christ** came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many. What today's celebration also makes clear is that if we are to follow **Jesus**, we too must learn to serve without expectation of reward.

In the first reading, Isaiah 53:10-11: a loyal servant makes the ultimate sacrifice. But God grants him a great victory.

Responsorial Psalm, Psalm 33 *"Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you!"*

In the second reading, Hebrews 4:14-16: We have a summary of **Jesus'** life. He is our great and sinless high priest, but he also endures temptation and can sympathize with us in our weaknesses.

In the Gospel, Mark 10:35-45: **Jesus** teaches that places of honor in the kingdom of **God** are not his to give. In fact, authentic discipleship demands suffering and a total commitment to service.



Question of the week: What does humility mean concretely in my life? What specific things can I do to share in the humility of Jesus?



Praying with the Word: **Jesus**, you are the great high priest who knows our needs and presents them before **God the Father**; help us to open our hearts to you, who desire deeply to share in our joys and sorrows. **Amen**



Pope Francis:

Let us learn solidarity. Without solidarity, our faith is dead.



Annual Dinner Dance: This year's Annual Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, November 14th in the Parish Hall from 7pm to midnight. More information will be available in the coming week's bulletins.



Religious Education News:

❖ **Classes have started on Saturdays from 9:30 to 11:00am. All children are to meet in the Parish Hall at 9:15am. Class will be held in the School Building.**



Parish Council Meeting: Please be advised that the parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 7:00pm in the Parish Rectory.