

September 19, 2021
Twenty-fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Ps. 54

James 3:16-4:3

Mark 9:30-37

Do Your Desires and Passions Lead To the Good of All?

There are times in my life when I chase after earthly desires and overlook the Good. In my quest for earthly reward it is possible others may be hurt. Thus, I must examine my conscience and pray for God's guidance and strength to carry on in his direction.

Saint James (second reading) shows the contrast between what is base and what is good. James points out jealousy and selfish ambition cause disorder and foul practice. "But, the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity."

James goes on to point out our passions cause conflicts and wars. Note, the things we covet we do not possess. What we overly desire we cannot obtain. This is like vanity. Vanity is vapor that slips through our fingers. We cannot grasp it or hang on to it. "You ask but do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions."

I am often concerned about my passions and desires. Do they lead to what is good for others and not just for me? Most every morning I pray to God, "Lord, let me bring your good to others today." It is a simple request. I do not involve myself in lengthy sentences. Just, "let me do good". Then I trust God will guide me. I also ask for his strength to endure on his path.

There are many challenges and difficulties along the way of ministry. Often, they are almost overpowering. At times I have wondered why I should be so challenged. I note I never asked for the priesthood and ministry. Therein is the answer.

Actually, the nearly overwhelming challenges I complain about keep me out of trouble. I do not have time to chase my own desires. By God's grace I stay out of trouble. There are no idle hands here. Doing God's work keeps me safe from giving into evil desires.

Each of us is a piece of the Church. Together we make up the Body of Christ. Surely temptation effects every one of us. No member is immune. When earthly desires creep into our ranks it is necessary to address the matter. We do not want ill behaviors among us that hurt the body of Christ.

Our Pope Francis has been addressing such matters during his time in office. He has outright dismissed leaders, even Cardinals, from their jobs. He has reformed the Vatican Bank for example. And where people have sought to reverse the workings of the Holy Spirit in Vatican Council Two teachings, he has applied correction. Moreover, he is leading the Church to greater inclusion of the people "in the Pews". The spirit of the Council is to render greater local church governance in order to speak to local cultures.

The Pope has done so bravely. Some people have "pushed back" at him vigorously. Some have been more subtle in their

attempt to undermine his leadership. The first reading speaks to this kind of dynamic. The Book of Wisdom tells of people who wanted to do away with the "just one". They found the just one to be upsetting the way they were satisfying their own earthly desires and letting others suffer the oppression of their rule.

It is important, then, for each of us to examine his or her conscience. It is necessary to do so collectively too. This collective examination is being planned now by Pope Francis. Keep a watch. For now, though ponder this week's Scripture Readings. Examine your own conscience. Do your desires and passions lead to the Good of all?

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
Nm11:25-29;Jas5:1-6;Mk9:38-43,45,47-48

<u>Stewardship</u>	
Attendance last week:	230
Tithes Collected:	\$6,236.00
Online Giving:	\$260.00
Total:	\$6,496.00
Thank you!	

LITURGY FOR SEPTEMBER 19, 2021
25th Sunday Ordinary Time :Cycle B

- **SONG #1: GOD, WE PRAISE YOU (Nettleton)**
 1. God, we praise you! God, we bless you!
God, we name you sov'reign Lord!
Mighty King whom angels worship,
Father, by your Church adored:
All creation shows your glory,
Heav'n and earth draw near your throne,
Singing "Holy, holy, holy," Lord of hosts
and God alone!
 2. True apostles, faithful prophets,
Saints who set their world ablaze,
Martyrs, once unknown, unheeded,
join one growing song of praise.
While your Church on earth confesses
one majestic Trinity:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
God, our hope eternally.
 3. Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
everlasting Son of God,
Humble was your virgin mother,
Hard the lonely path you trod:
By your cross is sin defeated,
Hell confronted face to face,
Heaven opened to believers,
sinners justified by grace.
 4. Christ, at God's right hand victorious,
You will judge the world you made;
Lord, in mercy help your servants
for whose freedom you have paid:
Raise us up from dust to glory,
Guard us from all sin today;
King enthroned above all praises,
Save your people God we pray.

- **PSALM 54: (D.Perez-Cuan)**
The Lord upholds, the Lord upholds my life.

- **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** (Mass of Peace/Perez)
God has called us through the Gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

SONG # 2: AD MAIOREM DEI GLORIAM (For the Greater Glory of God) (Schutte)

1. **Ad maiorem Dei gloriam God of all things, in great and small things, so we labor to set all hearts on fire for your greater glory, O God.**
2. Be the passion in our soul as we fight for justice and long for the reign of peace.
3. Be the hunger in our heart as we bring your mercy to all who are bound by shame.
4. Be the wonder in our mind as we seek for wisdom and walk in the way of truth.
5. Be the blessing on our lips as we share your promise of hope for the homeless heart.

- **SONG #3: O HOW BLESSED (The Beatitudes) (Schutte)**

1. O how blessed are the poor in spirit, the kingdom of God is theirs. O how blessed those who dwell in sorrow, they surely will be consoled.
2. **Rejoice and be glad, beloved of the Lord, the kingdom of heaven is yours. The first shall be last, the last shall be first, for such is the wisdom of God.**
3. O how blessed are the meek and lowly, for they shall possess the earth. O how blessed those who thirst for justice, they surely will have their fill.
4. O how blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall behold God's face. O how blessed those who mend with mercy, forgiveness is their reward.
5. O how blessed those who fight for peace, the children of God are they. O how blessed those despised and hated, who bear it because of me.

- **SONG # 4: GO LIGHT YOUR WORLD (Rice)**

1. There is a candle in every soul; some brightly burning, some dark and cold. There is a Spirit who brings a fire, ignites a candle and makes his home.
2. **So, carry your candle, run to the darkness, seek out the hopeless, confused and torn. Hold out your candle for all to see it. Take your candle and go light your world. Take your candle and light your world.**
3. Frustrated brother, see how he's tried to light his own candle some other way. See now your sister, she's been robbed and lied to, still holds a candle without a flame.
4. **So carry your candle, run to the darkness, seek out the lonely, the tired and worn. Hold out your candle for all to see it. Take your candle and go light your world. Take your candle and light your world.**
5. We are a family whose hearts are blazing, so let's raise our candles and light up the sky, praying to our Father, in the name of Jesus: makes us a beacon in darkest time.
6. **So carry your candle, run to the darkness, seek out the helpless, deceived and poor. Hold out your candle for all to see it. Take your candle and go light your world.**

7. **Carry your candle, run to the darkness, seek out the hopeless, confused and torn. Hold out your candle for all to see it. Take your candle and go light your world. Take your candle and go light your world.**

- **SONG # 5: WITH ONE VOICE (Manalo)**

1. Take the Word and go out to every land; shine the light of Christ for all to see! May the lives of those we touch sing praise to God above. Let us sing, we'll sing:
2. **With one voice we'll pass the Word along; with one voice, bring justice to the world. And with all the angels we'll spread the goodness of God. With all power and glory the Word of God shall reign.**
3. Take the Word to our neighborhoods and streets; shine the light of Christ for all to see! May we all set out to live in peace and harmony. They will see and sing:
4. Take the Word to the people in despair; shine the light of Christ for all to see! May our actions and our deeds bring comfort to their needs. And they'll know and sing:
5. Take the Word to the nations everywhere; shine the light of Christ for all to see! May the witness of our lives transform the world anew. And we'll shine, we'll shine;

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MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday, September 18
4:00 p.m. Eddie Koh by Selma Carr
Diana, Denley, Patricia, Britney,
Kelle by Mom
- Sunday, September 19
9:00 a.m. Dr. Ricardo Infante by Selma Carr
10:45 a.m. Dorothy Tucker by Anita
† Gertrude McGee by Bruce
Gottsch
- Monday, September 20
8:00 a.m. NO MASS
- Tuesday, September 21
8:00 a.m. † Souls In Purgatory by Richard &
Margaret Schmelz
- Wednesday, September 22
8:00 a.m. † Bernard & Eileen Flood by Flood
Family
- Thursday, September 23
8:00 a.m. † Troy Hustler by Rogerio Desouza
& John. A. Pinango
- Friday, September 24
8:00 a.m. † Souls In Purgatory by Richard &
Margaret Schmelz
- Saturday, September 25
4:00 p.m. † Ralph Cahill by Vivian
Ryan Hurst by St. Vincent de Paul
- Sunday, September 26
9:00 a.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish
10:45 a.m. † Maria Pozo I Jose Ariza by Maria &
Natalia
† Frank Bruno Pileggi, Jr. by Melissa &
Joe Johnson