

## TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### THE CHURCH: SERVANT OF GRACE AND BLESSING

The Book of Wisdom confronts us by accusing us that the just person has to suffer and prepares us to understand how Jesus was persecuted and handed over to be killed. A good person will always be a silent reproach those of us who live like pagans. Let us keep firm that faith we have received. The letter of James is not very optimistic about the activities of Christians in our communities. And reminds us that the true wisdom comes from God and his fruits are justice and peace and places before us to consider that there are two ways to be wise. If we allow ourselves to be dominated by the mind of this world, we will not escape the jealousies and the conflicts amongst us. Today's Gospel reveals that Jesus travelled with his disciples, drawing great crowds, sometimes on great plains. The best way to get to know each other is to walk and travel together. While Jesus speaks to them of death, resurrection and lives this interior tragedy, they discuss with each other who will be the greatest in the kingdom.

National Black Catholic Congress XII Pastoral Plan of Action Archbishop Gomez wants input...meeting today at 12:30pm. Pick up plan from Delia **TODAY**.

### WARNING

There are many churches using the name Catholic but are not recognized by the Archdiocese or the Pope. They offer First Communion and other sacrament classes for a few months. These sacraments are not valid in the Roman Catholic Church. Before you register with them call the Archdiocese at 213-637-7000 or St. Lawrence 323-567-1439 to confirm that they are recognized as a Roman Catholic Church.

### Blessing of Religious Articles in Mass

As we look to renew ourselves in the liturgy, there are several things that will be changing. The First: as of Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, we ask you that all religious items to be blessed in the Mass be placed in front of the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue rather than in front of the altar. Thank You.

### MASS INTENTIONS

**5:30PM** +Joe Aleman

**7:30AM** Dolores Cardelucci, +Helen Duncan

**11:00AM** +Marcelo Serrano, +Ana Napoles

### IMPORTANT: KITCHEN AND PUESTO

Please support our Sunday food service programs. The Puesto helps us pay our parish bills: lights, water, air conditioning and heat. The revenue is part of our annual budget. The kitchen supports our ministries: retreats, speakers and basic necessities. The revenue from the kitchen also supports our school budget. The parish does not subsidize the school. Your support of the Puesto and Kitchen makes a real difference as we try to improve our services to you! Thank you. -Fr. Matt.

### Weekend of Prayer and Penance

In response to the Archbishop's request we will have a weekend of Prayer and Penance for the sins of the Church on September 29 and 30. On the 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM we will have the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary, adoration and songs until 9PM. On the 30<sup>th</sup> at all the masses we will pray for the victims of abuse and those priest/bishops who committed them.

*Following Fr. Matt's Invitation Sunday ...Join us in helping our Church & School Community in "Keeping our Kid's Safe"*

*If you are involved in a ministry and have not come To a Virtus training please plan on attending one and call to schedule fingerprinting.*

*Virtus/Spanish..September 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30PM to 9:30PM*

*Fingerprinting...October 19<sup>th</sup> noon to 3:30PM and 4:30PM to 7:15PM*

*Please call the office 323-567-1439 or school 323-564-3051*