

Year of
Consecrated Life



20 September 2015

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

LET THE FIRST BE THE SERVANT OF ALL

The aspiration to rise above others is deeply rooted in the heart of man. Its source is usually pride. On this 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we are invited to overcome that pride with humble and generous service.

In the Gospel, Jesus challenges his disciples and us to be the servant of all. That is the most practical and effective way to counteract the devastating consequences of “the passions that make war within our members.” (Second Reading)

In this Eucharist, let us ask the Lord to grant us the grace to be able to serve with love and for love. And as we continue the celebration of National Catechetical Month, we are also invited to pray for all catechists so that they may not only teach but also live the faith.



INTRODUCTORY RITES



Entrance Antiphon

(To be recited only when no Entrance Hymn is sung.)

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Greeting

P –Blessed be Jesus, the Servant of the Father and of all mankind. May his grace and peace be with you all!

All—**And with your spirit!**

Penitential Act

P –As we prepare ourselves to celebrate the Sacred Mysteries, let us reflect on what makes us unworthy to do so. *(Pause)*

P –You came to call sinners to conversion. Lord, have mercy!

All—**Lord, have mercy!**

P –You gave your life for the salvation of the world. Christ, have mercy!

All—**Christ, have mercy!**

P –You plead for us at the right hand of the Father. Lord, have mercy!

All—**Lord, have mercy!**

P –May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All—**Amen!**

Gloria

All—Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our

prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen!

Collect (Opening Prayer)

P –O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbor, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All—**Amen!**

LITURGY OF THE WORD



1st Reading *Wis 2:12.17-20*
This passage from the Book of Wisdom offers us a scary insight into the plans of evil men

against a typical faithful Jew who has dared to urge them to abandon their perverse way of life. The persecuted just man is a prophetic figure of Jesus, the just man par excellence.

R –A proclamation from the Book of Wisdom

The wicked say: “Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us, he sets himself against our doings, reproaches us for transgressions of the law and charges us with violations of our training.

Let us see whether his words be true; let us find out what will happen to him.

For, if the just one be the son of God, God will defend him and deliver him from the hand of his foes.

With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test that we may have proof of his gentleness and try his patience.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him.”

The Word of the Lord!

All—Thanks be to God!

Responsorial Psalm Ps 54

R –The Lord upholds my life!

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The Lord up-holds my life!

* O God, by your name save me, and by your might defend my cause. O God, hear my prayer; hearken to the words of my mouth. **R.**

* For the haughty have risen up against me, the ruthless seek my life; they set not God before their eyes. **R.**

* Behold, God is my helper; the Lord sustains my life. Freely will I offer you sacrifice; I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness. **R.**

2nd Reading Jas 3:16-4:3
To a community plagued by

conflicts, greed, and selfishness, James proposes the only workable solution: to seek wisdom from on high and to actively promote peace.

R –A proclamation from the Letter of James

Beloved: Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every 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. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.

Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from? Is it not from your passions that make war within your members?

You covet but do not possess. You kill and envy but you cannot obtain; you fight and wage war. You do not possess because you do not ask. You ask but do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

The Word of the Lord!

All—Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

All—Alleluia! Alleluia!

God has called us through the Gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 9:30-37

Today Jesus teaches us about humility and spirit of service. These are two moral qualities which the apostles find difficult to practise because of their personal ambitions. Jesus concretizes his teaching on humility by offering his disciples and us the example of a child.

P –The Lord be with you!

All—And with your spirit!

P –A proclamation from the holy Gospel according to Mark

All—Glory to you, O Lord!

Jesus and his disciples left from there [the place near Mt.

Tabor] and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it.

He was teaching his disciples and telling them, “The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise.” But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him.

They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, Jesus began to ask them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.”

Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.”

The Gospel of the Lord!

All—Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Homily

Profession of Faith

(Nicene Creed)

All—I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance

with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen!

Prayer of the Faithful

P –Trusting in God’s loving kindness toward those who seek refuge in Him, let us humbly present our petitions in behalf of all those in need. Let us all say:

All—Source of all consolation, hear us!

C –For the Catholic communities which are discriminated against or persecuted: May the hope of the eternal reward be their source of strength. Let us pray! **R.**

C –For the Holy Father and the other leaders of the Church: May they treasure humility and a spirit of service in imitation of Jesus, the Servant of all. Let us pray!**R.**

C –For our catechists and all those involved in the catechetical ministry: May they see rewarded with success their efforts to form the young generation according to the teaching of Jesus. Let us pray! **R.**

C –For all those who take care of abandoned children, the handicapped, and drug addicts: May they persevere in their good work of serving Christ in their less fortunate brethren. Let us pray! **R.**

C –For all of us: May we discard the jealousy, greed, and selfishness that divide us, and instead replace them with kindness, generosity, and concern for others. Let us pray! **R.**

C –Let us pray in silence for our personal intentions. (*Pause*)

Let us pray! **R.**

P –Lord Jesus, grant us a spirit of humility and service that we may become instruments of your love to all our brothers and sisters, especially those who are suffering. You who suffered and now reign for ever and ever.

All—Amen!

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST



Preparation of the Gifts

P –Pray, brethren . . .

All—May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

P –Receive with favor, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries.

Through Christ our Lord.

All—Amen!

Preface II

P –The Lord be with you!

All—And with your spirit!

P –Lift up your hearts!

All—We lift them up to the Lord!

P –Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

All—It is right and just!

P –It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For out of compassion for the waywardness that is ours, he humbled himself and was born of the Virgin; by the passion of the Cross, he freed us from unending death, and by rising from the dead, he gave us life eternal.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

All—Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Memorial Acclamation

P –The mystery of faith!

All—Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION RITE



All—Our Father . . .

P –Deliver us, Lord . . .

All—For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever!

Sign of Peace

Breaking of the Bread

All—Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. (2x)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Communion

P –This is the Lord Jesus, the Just One who endured persecution and death for our sake. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to his supper.

All—Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon

(*To be recited only when no Communion Hymn is sung.*)

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Prayer after Communion

P –Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life.

Through Christ our Lord.

All—Amen!

CONCLUDING RITES



P –The Lord be with you.
All–**And with your spirit!**

P –Bow your heads and pray for God’s blessing. (*Pause*)
May almighty God keep you from all harm and enrich you with every good gift.

All–**Amen!**

P –May you walk in His ways,

always doing what is right and good, until you enter your heavenly inheritance.

All–**Amen!**

P –May He give you strength to endure your trials and make you compassionate toward those who suffer.

All–**Amen!**

P –May almighty God bless you: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All–**Amen!**

P –Go in peace to love and serve the Lord in your neighbor.

All–**Thanks be to God!**

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