



“...Whoever receives one child as this in my name, receives me: . . . .”

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish  
*Small Church Communities*

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Year B  
 September 23, 2018

Love. Pray. Serve.  
 Proclaim Christ!

<b>First Reading:</b> WIS 2: 12, 17-20	..."Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him."
<b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> PS 54: 3-4, 5, 6 and 8	"The Lord upholds my life."
<b>Second Reading:</b> JAS 3: 16-4:3	..."Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from? Is it not from your passions that make war among 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."
<b>Gospel:</b> MK 9: 30-37	<p>Continuing from the theme of last weeks Gospel of denying self, this weeks Liturgy is heavy with contrast, particularly in the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading &amp; Gospel, between God's ways ('wisdom from above...' in the first half of the second reading; Jesus focus on childlike followers) and our own (1<sup>st</sup> reading and the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading; plus the disciples who is 'greatest' amongst them in the Gospel).</p> <p>Think back over the past week, and consider sharing an example from you own recent journey where you either followed closely to the 'wisdom from above' in the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, vs falling into the patterns presented in the 1<sup>st</sup> reading or later in the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading or the Gospel's disciple's discussion.</p>

<b>Saint's Feast Days for the Upcoming Week &amp; Info links:</b>	
9/23 Saint Padre Pio (Pio of Pietrelcina), Priest <a href="https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/september-23---st-pio-of-pietrelcina-padre-pio-priest/">https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/september-23---st-pio-of-pietrelcina-padre-pio-priest/</a>	9/27 Saint Vincent de Paul <a href="https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/september-27--st-vincent-of-paul/">https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/september-27--st-vincent-of-paul/</a>

