

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FIRST READING: *James 3:14-18; 4:1-3, 7-8*

This is a reading from a letter written by James.

My brothers and sisters,

When people are jealous and think only about themselves,
they do all kinds of evil things.

But when people live by God's wisdom,
they are honest and kind.

They are gentle and forgiving.

They live in peace and try to make peace with everyone.

Why do you have fights and arguments?

Isn't it because when you don't get what you want
you are jealous,

and so you fight and argue?

You don't get what you want because you don't ask for it
or because you ask for the wrong reasons.

You ask for what you want just to be selfish.

Give up these evil ways.

Stay near to God and God will stay near to you.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSE: *Psalm 25*

Show me your ways, O Lord.

Teach me your paths.

Verses:

1. You show me when I have sinned.
2. My Savior, I hope in you.
3. O lead me in ways of truth.

(Repeat Response after each Verse.)



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

“If you want to be the greatest,
you must serve my brothers, serve my sisters.”
Alleluia, alleluia.

“If you want to be the greatest, you must serve.”

GOSPEL: *Mark 9:33-37*

This is a reading from the Gospel of Mark.

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum.
And when they were inside the house,
Jesus asked his disciples,

“What were you talking about on the way home?”

They didn’t answer him
because they had been talking about which one of them
was the most important disciple.

Jesus sat down and called the twelve apostles
to come and sit with him. He said to them,

“If you really want to be the most important,
you must treat everyone else as more important than yourself.
And you must serve all other people.”

Then Jesus put a little child in front of them.
He put his arms around the child and said to the disciples,

“Those who accept a little child like this because of me,
are also accepting me.
And those who accept me
are really accepting the One who sent me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.