

September 20, 2009
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time B

Reading 1

Wis 2:12, 17-20

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.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6 and 8

R. (6b)**The Lord upholds 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. **The Lord upholds my life.**
For the haughty men have risen up against me,
the ruthless seek my life;
they set not God before their eyes.
R. **The Lord upholds my life.**
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. **The Lord upholds my life.**

Reading II

Jas 3:16-4:3

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.

Gospel

Mk 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples left from there 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,
he 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 the 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.”

Sophomores: LW 1.3 Due: Tuesday September 22, 2009. Answer the questions on a separate sheet of paper. All work must be typed following the instructions on your “Student Instruction Handout” to receive full credit. (You may print on both sides of the page.)

1. What title has the Catholic Church given to Sunday, September 20, 2009?
2. For this question you need to read the Second Reading for 9/20/09, Jas 3:16-4:3, then read the footnotes for this pericope in your CYB. The footnote for Jas 4:1-12 will help you understand the issue that James, the letter writer, is addressing. Read the footnote for Jas 4:1-12. What is the “concern” James is addressing in this pericope?
3. Read the footnote for Jas 4:1. What is the Greek understanding of the word “passions?” What does the editor of your CYB suggest about “passions” in the context of this pericope?
4. Read the Gospel for 9/20/09. Find this Gospel pericope in your CYB. By doing so, it will be easier for you to understand. Note that the editors of the CYB give headings for Mk 9:30-37. These headings were meant to help you. What are these headings?
5. Referring to Mk 9:30-37, where is Jesus when he speaks of his passion for the second time and who is with him? Is this “passion” the same as the passion in the Second Reading for 9/20/09? Why or why not?
6. Where is Jesus in Mk 9:33-37 and to whom is he speaking? What is the issue Jesus is addressing in Mk 9:33-37?
7. What do you think of Jesus telling “the twelve” that they must be like “children” to be true followers?