

**September 19, 2021: The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time****First Reading****Wisdom 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****Psalm 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.**

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**Time**

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**Second Reading**

**James 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 Reading**

**Mark 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.”

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