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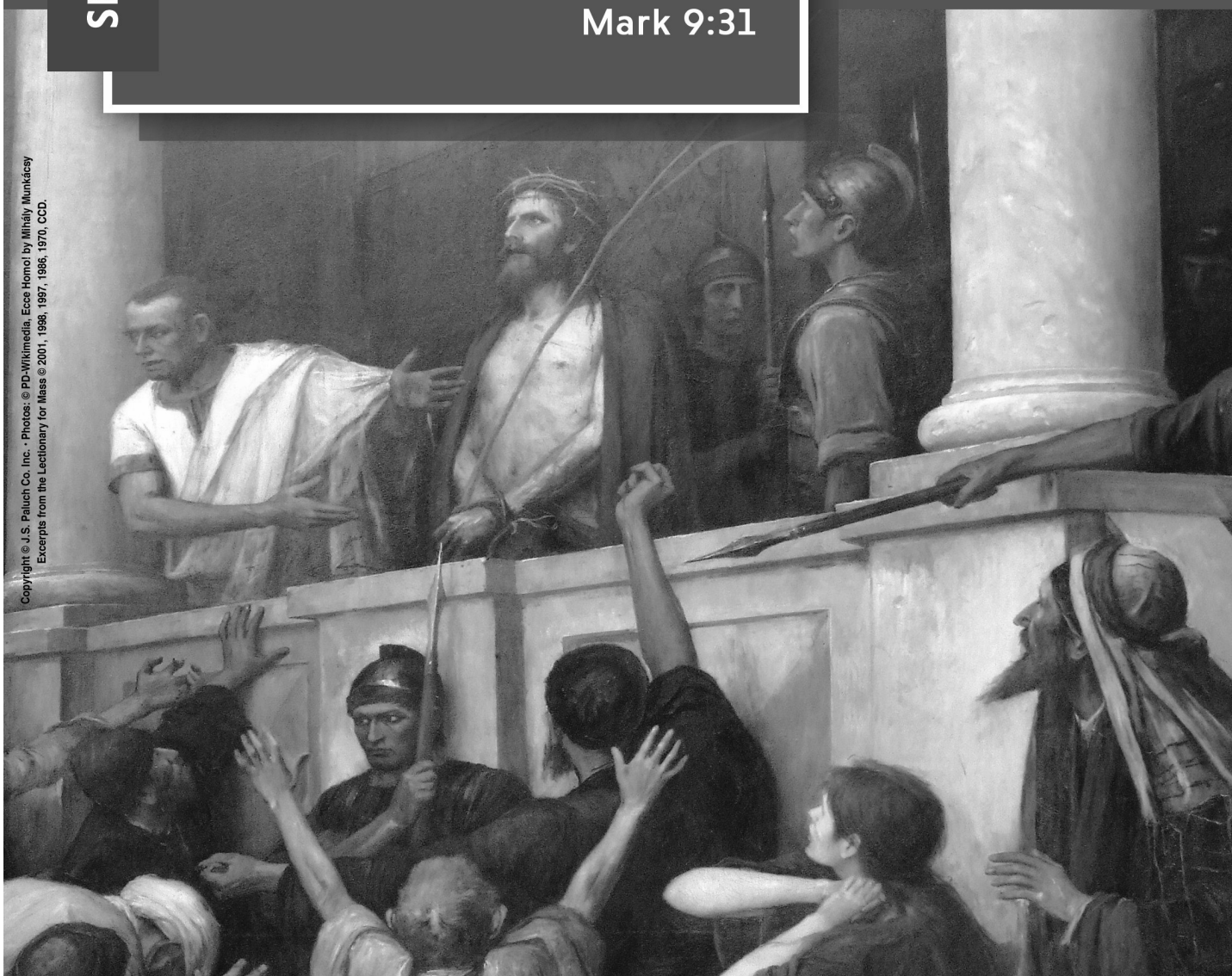


SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

**The Son of Man is to
be handed over to men
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Mark 9:31

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection for the 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

“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.” Mk. 9:37.

Last Sunday we celebrated the Exaltation of the Holy Cross because it is the patronal feast of Santa Cruz Parish. Therefore, we did not hear the gospel proclamation of the 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time in which Jesus tells his disciples about the suffering and death he will undergo. “He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days.” This scandalized them, especially Peter who pulled Our Lord aside to rebuke him for saying such a thing, whereupon Jesus said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.” The Gospel concludes with Jesus saying, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me,” Mk.8: 31-34.

In the Gospel Proclamation this Sunday, Jesus again speaks of his suffering and death. “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,” Mk. 9:31. This forecast of his suffering, like the one last Sunday, is followed by a teaching on discipleship. “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Then Jesus takes a child and places it in the midst of his disciples and puts his arms around the child and says, “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 gesture of Jesus putting his arms around the child is only mentioned in the Gospel of Mark. We will come across it again on the 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time when Jesus blesses the children. “Jesus put his arms around the children and blessed them by placing his hands on them, Mk. 10:13.

The reason Jesus uses the example of a child is because his disciples had been discussing among themselves who was the greatest. This was after he told them about his suffering and death. They did not understand his words so instead they discussed who among them was the greatest. Jesus’ lesson is clear. Those who are most humble and self-denying, most resemble Christ, and shall be most tenderly loved by him. This Jesus taught them by a sign; “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.”

This is a remarkable teaching. To receive a child in his name is to receive God. “God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten son,” Jn 3:16. What a gift a child is. We really ought to reflect on this teaching of Jesus about discipleship and about children. We will have an opportunity to reflect on this again a couple of Sunday’s from now.

Let us journey together in faith.

~Fr. Stephen F. Watson, O.C.D.



Arizona Rosary Celebration
Saturday
October 16, 2021
10:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
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Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 18th

8:00am Gilbert Shea/R.I.P.
5:30pm Terrence O'Neil/R.I.P.

Sunday, September 19th

6:30am Santa Cruz Parishioners
8:00am Victor Gilbuena/R.I.P.
10:00am Debbie Varelas/Improved Health
12:00pm Miguel Felicísimo/R.I.P.
6:00pm Vilma Gargano/R.I.P.

In Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe
 Ray & Eva Badua/41st Wedding Anniversary


In Honor of Saint Joseph
 Special Int./Amelia Casado

Lucy Flores/R.I.P.
 Delma Bustamante Huggins/R.I.P.

Roberto Da Silva/R.I.P.
 In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus/
 Int. Nieves Ortiz & Family


In Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe
 Hilario Casado/R.I.P.

HOLY HOUR
 Please join us for a Holy Hour in
 Honor of Saint Joseph with
 Evening Prayer and Exposition of the
 Blessed Sacrament every
 Wednesday from 5:00 pm to 6:00
 pm in the church.




Religious Education

Registration for catechism classes will continue until September 17. Regular classes and First Holy Communion and First Confession classes will begin on Saturday, September 18. All Classes are limited in number of students because of distancing rules. Please contact the Religious Education Office at 882-9687, for information and to set your appointment to register your child. Teen Confirmation class will begin on October 2nd and parents need to call the office before you register to get the important information about what you need to register your teen.



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