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**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time —
 September 19, 2021 Year B**



We must become great through humble, self-giving service. Greatness, in Jesus' view, is found in our willingness to accept, welcome, and serve those who are considered unacceptable by reason of class, color, religion, wealth or culture. We must welcome people the way a child welcomes them before he is taught discrimination. If we are to be truly great, we must be ready to accept four challenges: (1) to put ourselves last, (2) to be the servant of all, (3) to receive the most insignificant human beings with love, and (4) to expect nothing in return. During the holy Mass let us pray for the true spirit of service and for an attitude of love for those around us. May the Holy Spirit help us to become truly great through humble, selfless service.

We need to practice humility in thoughts, words, and actions. "Learn from Me, for I am meek and humble of heart." "What is the essential thing in the religion and discipline of Jesus Christ?" St. Augustine asks, and then responds, "I shall reply: first humility, second humility, and third humility." We should not seek recognition and recompense for the service we do for Christ and the Church as parents, teachers, pastors, etc. Trusting Faith resulting from true humility is essential for all corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Since children reflect the innocence, purity, simplicity, and tenderness of our Lord, and since they are given the protection of a guardian angel, we are to love them, train them, and take care not to give scandal to them. We need to try to treat everyone with love and respect because, "Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life" (St. Basil), CCC # 336. (frtonyhomilies)

XXV DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO (ANNO B)

Il santo battesimo ci ha inseriti nella morte del Signore, ci ha resi conformi al suo sacrificio. Questa è la radice della nostra esistenza cristiana, la sua sorgente profonda: il frutto deve essere l'umiltà, l'esistenza che ne sgorga deve essere un'esistenza donata nel servizio. È questo un punto centrale della vita cristiana. In essa, e dunque nella Chiesa, la logica delle "precedenze" è completamente rovesciata: il primo è colui che si fa il servo di tutti, come Gesù, il cui primato è stato posto dalla sua obbedienza ed immolazione sulla croce. La vera dignità è nella possibilità offerta all'uomo di imitare l'umiltà del Verbo Incarnato. Una conseguenza sconvolgente: il piccolo è il "sacramento" di Gesù e quindi in lui accogliamo il Padre. (lachiensa.it)

The sick in our parish: Teresa & Con Lamonaca, Nola, John Markis, Kathy Romanow, Elda Taranto, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Lorraine, Patricia, David, Vanessa Borg, Peta Wright, Herrmann Family, Adam, Helen Rakuscek, Angelina Butera, Antonina Paulus, Bob Brown, Rina Carfi, Angela Barto

Upcoming funerals: Concetta Sciola : Monday September 20 @ 11.00 am
 Pasqualina Torchia : Tuesday September 21

Recently deceased: Mario Tumolero, Concetta Sciola, Pasqualina Torchia, Evelyn Arbor, Fortunata Mercado Ozzazaga, Denis Robinson, Giovanna Oro, David Smith.

We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Elizabeth Negeline, Charles Hollman, Gilda Papile, Maria Lamonana, Camillo Lamonaca, Salvatore Ierardo, Giovanni Butera, Angelo Torchia

We especially pray for all the deceased whose names are on the Church pews & the Resurrection Chapel.

**Rosters for weekend masses
 September 18/19**

Lectors:
 Saturday 5.30 pm : J. Butera
 Sunday 10.30 am : C. Di Giulio

Mass times

Weekday:
 Tuesday-Friday 9.30 am
 Novena mass: Wednesday 7.00 pm
Weekend:
 Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm
 Sunday 10.30 (English/Italian mass)

Father's Day Appeal

Father's Day (Sunday September 5), the traditional day for the annual collection for the Priests Retirement Foundation. This appeal creates one the four main income streams for the Foundation enabling us to support the retired priests of the Foundation. Donations can be the Priests Retirement Foundation website via debit, credit card or Paypal where the donor's details are loaded and receipts can be issued. The site is www.cam.org.au/foundation.

Please donate

Vinnies Winter Appeal

"Australia is in the middle of a homelessness crisis. Each night, over 25,000 children are experiencing homelessness across the country. Their safety, their education, their emotional and physical health are all suffering. If we don't help now, this moment of pain may turn into a lifetime of struggle. By supporting our Vinnies volunteers, you will help ensure that families at risk of homelessness get the financial and emotional support they need to keep their children safe".

There will a collection for the Vinnies Winter Appeal at masses during September.

Please donate

St. Matthew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

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