

Seventeenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

July 26, 2009

Theme: If we give what we have to Jesus, he can multiply it beyond our greatest expectations.

Masses of the Week

Sunday	26th	8:00 AM	✠	Cheryl Jones <i>requested by</i> Chuck & Jackie Berry
Sunday	26th	10:30 AM	✠ ●	Mass for the People of Prince of Peace
Monday	27th	8:30 AM	✠	Gillie Loos
Tuesday	28th	No Mass		No mass
Wednesday	29th	8:30 AM	✠	Millie Martin <i>requested by</i> Mary Rose Benoit
Thursday	30th	No Mass	✠	No mass
Friday	31st	8:30 AM	✠	Re Loos
Saturday	1st	5:30 PM	✠	Jacqueline Seibert <i>requested by</i> Bill Seibert



CHURCH NURSERY
10:30 MASS (ONLY)
Room 107
Conference Center

The nursery is FREE to assist parishioners with childcare during the 10:30 am Mass each Sunday.

Nothing emboldens the wicked so greatly as the lack of courage on the part of the good.

Pope Leo XIII, Sapientiae Christianae, January 10, 1890

JAMES THE GREATER

by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI



Feast Day, July 25th

“James (the Greater) was able to take part, together with Peter and John, in Jesus' Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane and in the event of Jesus' Transfiguration... In one case, James, together with the other two Apostles, experiences the Lord's glory and sees him talking to Moses and Elijah, he sees the divine splendor

shining out in Jesus. On the other occasion, he finds himself face to face with suffering and humiliation; he sees with his own eyes how the Son of God humbles himself, making himself obedient unto death. The latter experience was certainly an opportunity for him to grow in faith...to discern that the Messiah, whom the Jewish people were awaiting as a victor, was in fact not only surrounded by honor and glory, but also by suffering weakness. Christ's glory was fulfilled precisely on the Cross, in his sharing in our sufferings...

We can learn much from St. James: promptness in accepting, the Lord's call even when he asks us to leave the "boat" of our human securities, enthusiasm in following him on the paths that he indicates to us over and above any deceptive presumption of our own, readiness to witness to him with courage, if necessary to the point of making the supreme sacrifice of life.

Thus James the Greater stands before us as an eloquent example of generous adherence to Christ. He, who initially had requested, through his mother, to be seated with his brother next to the Master in his Kingdom, was precisely the first to drink the chalice of the passion and to share martyrdom with the Apostles. And, in the end, summarizing everything, we can say that the journey, not only exterior but above all interior, from the mount of the Transfiguration to the mount of the Agony, symbolizes the entire pilgrimage of Christian life, among the persecutions of the world and the consolations of God..., in following Jesus, like St. James, we know that even in difficulties we are on the right path.” *From the EWTN library /PAPALDOC/b16ChrstChrch12.HTM*