



*CATHEDRAL BASILICA
of the
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION*

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MASSES:

Saturday Morning Mass	8:00 A.M.
Saturday (Eve of Sunday):	4:30 P.M.
Sunday:	8:00 A.M.
	10:30 A.M.
Weekday:	12:10 P.M.
Holy Days, Eve of Feast:	5:30 P.M.
Feast:	12:10 P.M.

CONFESSIONS:

Daily:	11:45 A.M.—12:05 P.M.
Saturday:	3:30 – 4:15 P.M.
Anytime on request.	

Cathedral Office Hours:
 Monday – Friday 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Prayer Request Line: 434-8291

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 23, 2012

The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace
for those who cultivate peace.

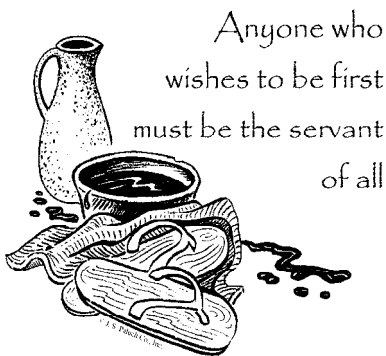
— James 3:18

SCRIPTURE THEME:

THE MEANING OF DISCIPLESHIP

The geography of today's Gospel is significant. Jesus is completing his ministry in Galilee and beginning his journey to Jerusalem, where he will meet both death and resurrection. The prediction of his death placed here is the second of three in Mark's Gospel, and as usual it is the occasion for an important teaching on the part of Jesus. Today that lesson is tied to the need for his disciples to embrace a ministry of service. A play on words in Aramaic would have linked the words "child" and "servant," thus turning Jesus' gesture of placing a child in their midst into an illustration of his understanding of himself as the Servant of the Lord. It is that same awareness of the meaning of their ministry that Jesus (and Mark) wishes to instill in the disciples. Theirs must be a ministry of service if they are to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. And that service might even require of them that they be "handed over" to death. What would have been—in the culture of Jesus' day—an ordinary discussion of social status ("who is the greatest") becomes in Mark's context a key insight into the meaning of discipleship for the disciples and for us.

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Anyone who
wishes to be first
must be the servant
of all

RED MASS SEPT. 28, 2012:

The St. Thomas More Society will be sponsoring the Celebration of the Red Mass on September 28, 2012, with Archbishop Rodi being Celebrant at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, beginning at 12:10 PM. This Special Mass asks for God's blessings on our Judicial System and elected officials. If you would like to join the St. Thomas More Society, or participate more fully in the Red Mass Celebration, please contact Greg McAtee at (251) 661-9399.

SPECIAL COLLECTION HURRICANE ISAAC:


We thank God that Hurricane Isaac did not directly impact our area. Archbishop Rodi has asked that we take up a special collection to assist our neighbors in Alabama, as well as Mississippi and Louisiana. Please be generous.

Mass Intentions

Week Beginning Sunday, September 23

Sunday September 23	8:00 AM 10:30 AM.	Anthony Chan Parishioners
Monday September 24	12:10 PM..	Anna & Harold Paige & Family
Tuesday September 25	12:10 P.M.	Deceased Members of the McGill Family
Wednesday September 26	12:10 PM	Rosemary Cain Matthews
Thursday September 27	12:10 P.M.	Thomas E. Stanton
Friday September 28	12:10 PM	Jesse Earl Cormiers
Saturday September 29	8:00 A.M.	Elizabeth B. Nunan

TITHES AND DONATIONS:

We are grateful for your tithes and donations of Our Weekly Offering  m2,171.40. Your donations to Catholic University were \$171.30. Thank you.

PARISH MEETINGS:

Cathedral Prayer Network:

Are you in need of prayer? Have you been worrying about health, children, finances, jobs, school, protection, safety, marriage, faith or any other special intention? Our prayer network volunteers will help you pray for your intentions. Just call the Prayer Line at 434-8291 and leave your special request on the answering machine.

The Prayer Network meets the **third Sunday** of each month at 2:00 PM in the Cathedral Rectory.

Cathedral Altar Society:

The Altar Society meets the **third Thursday** of each month at 6:00 PM in the Portier House.

St. Vincent de Paul Society:

This group meets on the **first and third Tuesday** of each month at 6:30 PM in the Allen Memorial Home located at 735 S. Washington Avenue. If you, or someone you know needs assistance, please call 545-1230.

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:

There will be a special collection next weekend for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please be generous. Thank you.