

Daily Reading for Sunday, September 19th, 2021

Reading 1, *Wisdom 2:17-20*

¹⁷ Let us see if what he says is true, and test him to see what sort of end he will have. ¹⁸ For if the upright man is God's son, God will help him and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. ¹⁹ Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his patience to the test. ²⁰ Let us condemn him to a shameful death since God will rescue him -- or so he claims.'

Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 54:3-4, 5, 6-8*

³ Arrogant men are attacking me, bullies hounding me to death, no room in their thoughts for God. ⁴ But now God is coming to my help, the Lord, among those who sustain me.

⁵ May their wickedness recoil on those who lie in wait for me. Yahweh, in your constancy destroy them.

⁶ How gladly will I offer you sacrifice, and praise your name, for it is good, ⁷ for it has rescued me from all my troubles, and my eye has feasted on my enemies.

Reading 2, James 3:16-4:3

¹⁶ Wherever there are jealousy and ambition, there are also disharmony and wickedness of every kind; ¹⁷ whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it is also peaceable, kindly and considerate; it is full of mercy and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. ¹⁸ The peace sown by peacemakers brings a harvest of justice. ¹ Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Is it not precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? ² You want something and you lack it; so you kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. It is because you do not pray that you do not receive; ³ when you do pray and do not receive, it is because you prayed wrongly, wanting to indulge your passions.

Gospel, Mark 9:30-37

³⁰ After leaving that place they made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, ³¹ because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of man will be delivered into the power of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' ³² But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. ³³ They came to Capernaum, and when he got into the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' ³⁴ They said nothing, because on the road they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. ³⁵ So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' ³⁶ He then took a little child whom he set among them and embraced, and he said to them, ³⁷ 'Anyone who welcomes a little child such as this in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me, welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'