

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time of the Year

(Wisdom 2:12,17-20, James3: 16-5.3, Mark 9:30-37)

THEME: Do Not Be Selfish, Always Seek And Pray For The Good Of All

Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, we are being encouraged through the biblical readings of today to seek and pursue virtues that will lead to the common good of all. St. James, through the second reading of today, reminds each and every one of us to long and seek for wisdom from above, which is “pure, peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without any trace of partiality or hypocrisy (James 3:16).

St. James also advises us to put behind us, envy and selfish ambitions, that, leads to disputes and conflicts. He also, wants us to always pray for the things that are good and will benefit us and the community.

Sometimes we do complain of unanswered prayers. The fact is not that God has closed his eyes or ears to our needs, nor is He tired of our petitions. The truth is, we most of the time, fill our prayers with our wants and not with **our needs**. We may want a lot of things, but, in actual fact, we may not need these things. So God, who sees the heart of human beings, knows those things that we need and he will give an answer to those petitions.

St. James tells us that, there is no good prayer presented to God, that, He does not answer.

In prayer also, we need to be patient with God. But one thing is certain about our prayers to God, and that is, God always answers the prayers of his children who call on him from their hearts. If you feel that God did not answer you today, be patient and wait on God with faith, and He will answer you at the favourable time.

Once again in our prayers, and doings, let us not be selfish, but always pray and seek for the good of all.