25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 23, 2018, Cycle B

Mass Intentions for September

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Schedule of the Week:
Mon through Friday

............... 8:00am Mass/
............... 8:30am-4pm Silent Adoration
............... Tues., 8:15am Mass with School

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Tues., 25  8:15am Mass with school
Thurs., 27  6:30pm Choir Practice w/Gloria in Parish Center’s Chapel
Fri., 28  4:00pm Perpetual Help Novena
           7:00pm Choir Practice w/Joji in Parish Center’s Chapel
Sat, Sept. 29 10:00am
St. Finn Barr Feast Day Mass
3:30pm Confessions
4:30pm Vigil Mass

This week’s second collection for Sept. 22 and Sept. 23 is for the Priests’ retirement fund.
Thank you for your contributions. Support of the Fund is an expression of gratitude to our local clergy for their lifetime of ministry & service.

AAA Appeal – 2018

Our Campaign Goal is $28,382. As of September 18, we have received $15,296 and reached 54% of our goal. Keep up the good work!

The school and parish are establishing a memorial scholarship in Sr. Ita Murray’s memory. Please consider a substantial donation to help establish it. There will be a collection soon.

We are now accepting applications for St. Finn Barr Catholic School for the 2019-2020 school year. For more info., contact the school office at 415-333-1800
email m.mortonson@stfinnbarr.org; website stfinnbarr.org
St. Finn Barr
Feast Day
September 25
Saint Finnbarr was born at Lisnacaheragh and he was a child of the Diocese of Cork. There his father, Ainairgen, was a professional artisan and his mother was the daughter of a local landowner. At his baptism he was named Loan McAmairgen. The baptismal name of Loan was changed to Finnbarr in unusual circumstances. Sometime after the baptism of the child, a number of clerics, who were on a pilgrimage from Ossory to South Munster, were impressed by the youth. With the permission of his parents they took him on the return journey to Ossory for his education. On the way the youth was tonsured at a place called Tlos Coill, believed to be situated in the region of the Nagle mountains, which now marks the northern boundary of the Diocese of Cork. In the course of the ceremony, the cleric who tonsured him remarked: “Fair is the crest (barr) on Loan.” The elder cleric added: “This shall be his name henceforth – Finbarr.”

For a period of about seventeen years Saint Finnbarr worked not only as the master of great schools, but continued the pioneering work of Saint Patrick, extending the Faith. While still on active service he died about the year 620, aged about 70 years. The circumstances of his passing are indeed touching.

Because of continuing raids, his enshrined body was removed in the ninth century to a safer resting place, but in vain. The relics of the saint have been lost. Through the centuries many legends have grown in relation to the life and work of Saint Finnbarr. There is ample testimony to his holiness as a pioneer of the Faith and to his greatness as a man of Ireland’s soil. “May chaste Bairre from Corcach be before me in Heaven. For he was kind and gentle to the poor.”

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Collections: Weekly Goal: $3,000
September 15-16 Offerings $2,107
Thank you for your generosity!

This Weekend’s Mass Assignments:

**Sat. Sept. 22, 2018, 4:30pm**
Lector: ................Jean Fontanilla
Lay Ministers: .........S. Montenegro
Server(s): ...............Johanna Gormley

**Sun, Sept. 23, 2018, 8:30am**
Lector: .................E. Llorente
Lay Ministers: ..........M. Napili
Server(s): ...............Drew Davis

**Sun, Sept. 23, 2018, 10:00am**
Lector: .................L. Gomez
Lay Ministers: ..........Q. Dennis
Server(s): ...............Mateo Campus

**Sun, Sept. 23, 2018, 11:30am**
Lector: ................Evelyn Ibarra
................................Marlon Baldizon
Ministers: ...............Indiana Arguello
................................Alejandra Gonzalez
................................Carmen Dominiguez
Server(s): ...............Scarlett Borges

St. Mary’s Cathedral Recitals
1111 Gough St. at Geary stmarycathedralsf.org
Sunday’s recitals are at 4:00pm & are free to the public but a free-will offering is suggested. There is free parking. Upcoming concerts are:
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B

Sunday, September 23, 2018

First Reading
Wisdom 2:12,17-20
The just one is put to the test.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 54:3-4,5,6 & 8
A prayer for God’s protection.

Second Reading James 3:16—4:3
James teaches about the wisdom from above.

Gospel Reading
Mark 9:30-37
Jesus teaches his disciples that the greatest are those who serve all.

Background on the Gospel Reading
In today’s Gospel, we hear Jesus again predict his passion, death, and Resurrection to his disciples. The setting here is important. Jesus and his disciples are preparing to journey through Galilee, a Jewish territory in which Jesus has already encountered problems with the Pharisees. Perhaps this is why Mark indicates that Jesus was trying to journey in secret. In predicting his passion, Jesus is acknowledging the danger they will face and is trying to preparing his disciples for it. Yet Mark tells us that the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask what he meant. Such hesitation on the part of the disciples is not characteristic behavior. Peter had no fear about rebuking Jesus in last week’s Gospel. Perhaps this is an indication that the disciples were aware that a new situation was emerging.

Mark paints a vivid picture in today’s Gospel. Having arrived at Capernaum, Jesus and his disciples enter a house. In this private place, Jesus asks his disciples about the argument they had while they were journeying. Again, the disciples are uncharacteristically silent and afraid to answer. They have been found out. Jesus then summons the Twelve, whom Mark identified earlier in his Gospel as those chosen by Jesus to preach and to drive out demons. To this select group of disciples, Jesus teaches that those who would be first in God’s kingdom must be servants of all.

Jesus then calls forward a child and teaches the Twelve that to receive a child in Jesus’ name is to receive both Jesus and the One who sent him. We might easily fail to understand the significance of this action. In first-century Palestine, children were without status or power, possessing no legal rights. In this action, Jesus is teaching his disciples and us that when we serve the least ones among us, we serve Jesus himself. Who are the people without power or status in our society that Jesus is calling us to serve? Do we do so willingly? Jesus teaches that God’s judgment of us will be based on this criterion alone.