

# St. John Paul II Parish, Sellersburg IN

## The First Fifteen

Here at JP II, we like to begin all of our parish meetings with some faith sharing focused on one of the upcoming Sunday's readings. To begin, one person in the group proclaims the reading provided below. Then everyone is invited to reflect and share on the readings. The questions provided below are a guide to stimulate your discussion. You can use these or anything that strikes you about the Word of God. Conclude your prayer with "Come, Holy Spirit".

### Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Mark 10:35-45*

*October 17, 2021*

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said to him,  
"Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you."  
He replied, "What do you wish me to do for you?"  
They answered him, "Grant that in your glory  
we may sit one at your right and the other at your left."  
Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking.  
Can you drink the cup that I drink  
or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?"  
They said to him, "We can."  
Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink, you will drink,  
and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized;  
but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give  
but is for those for whom it has been prepared."  
When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John.  
Jesus summoned them and said to them,  
"You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles  
lord it over them,  
and their great ones make their authority over them felt.  
But it shall not be so among you.  
Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant;  
whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all.  
For the Son of Man did not come to be served  
but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

#### Thoughts to Ponder:

1. How would you reply if Jesus asked you, 'What do you wish me to do for you'?
2. How can our suffering be used to help others and unite ourselves closer to Christ?
3. Could you be better at serving others? How can we teach others to serve rather than be served?

*End with Come, Holy Spirit...*

Come, Holy Spirit  
Fill my heart.  
Enkindle in me  
the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit,  
and I shall be created.  
And you shall renew the face of the earth.