



BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

September 19, 2021

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectionary: 134

Gospel Mk 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciples and telling them, "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him. They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in the child in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

Spiritual Reflection: Here are ten ways we can bring children to Mass:

1. Pray Out Loud During Pregnancy.
2. Take Your Children to Mass.
3. Pray with Them Before Bedtime
4. Make Them Familiar with the Images of Jesus and Mary
5. Let Them Choose Movies and Books about God
6. Let them Participate in Activities Related to the Church
7. Let them See that There are Kids that Do Not Have Everything
8. Teach Them How to Appreciate Nature
9. Teach Them that There is More Satisfaction in Giving than in Receiving
10. Teach Them to Say Grace

Spiritual Questions:

1. How can you bring children to Jesus?
2. How does your parish bring children to Jesus?
3. What are some other ways in which you can bring children to Jesus?
4. Why does Jesus identify himself with children?
5. Who is the greatest person you know? And why?