

**Homily – Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B  
Mass for Persons with Disabilities – St. Vincent de Paul – 09/19/21**

**Does anybody here love Jesus? I can't hear you!**

**I know you love Jesus! But you know what? He loves you even more. He loves you more than you love him. And whenever you think you can love him more, He loves you even more. He even loves you more than those who care for you. And no matter how hard they try to love you, Jesus will always love you more than them. No one can beat Jesus in his love for us. And let me tell you a secret: You are his favorites! You, and those who serve you, because Jesus said that "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." So I came to celebrate with you not only to be closer to you, but to be closer to Jesus.**

**We are all God's children. In today's gospel, Jesus took a child, he placed it in the midst of the apostles, and putting his arms around the child, "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.'"**

**We should all try to be like children. They have a special kind of wisdom that we should not lose as we grow older. On the contrary, we should cultivate it, like a small plant that little by little becomes a large tree. The apostle James describes that wisdom in the second reading. It "is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace." If you know people like that in your lives, try to learn from them.**

**May Our Lady of Guadalupe raise us in God's wisdom as her children.**