

## 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – B

- James is one of the earliest epistles (47-49AD)
  - Church in Jerusalem had a problem
    - Incredible growth
    - Spiritual groupies – lack of depth
    - Fertile ground for misunderstanding and heresy
  - James was dealing with a huge problem
    - Heresy was that our works interfere with God's plan
    - God's plan was going to play out SO DO WHATEVER
    - How we live **doesn't** matter is a LIE, it does matter.
      - We have Churches today filled with people who claim Christ – but their lives conflicts with the faith they claim
      - In James' time – and in ours – the Church must continually call people to come deeper – to discover genuine faith that results in changed lives
  - Tom D and the traffic dummy
    - Because I'm a Christian
    - Have you ever had someone ask you WHY you do what you do and the answer is because I'm Xian.
    - Today we are about to baptize these babies
      - How we live will be their example