

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE TWENTY-SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
 Our commitment to daily prayer using the weekday Mass readings as our guide

MONDAY 10/1

Job 1:6-22
 Luke 9:46-50

TUESDAY 10/2

Exodus 23:20-23
 Matthew 18:1-5, 10

WEDNESDAY 10/3

Job 9:1-12, 14-16
 Luke 9:57-62

THURSDAY 10/4

Job 19:21-27
 Luke 10:1-12

FRIDAY 10/5

Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5
 Luke 10:13-16

SATURDAY 10/6

Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-16
 Luke 10:17-24

Solemnities, Feasts, & Memorials of the Week

Monday, Thérèse of Lisieux; Tuesday, Guardian Angels;
 Thursday, Francis of Assisi; Saturday, Bruno

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

This coming Friday and every First Friday of the month we celebrate First Friday devotions, Holy Mass followed by Exposition, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Joseph Church, Mammoth, beginning at 7 o'clock PM.

WEEKDAY MASS

Weekday mass is celebrated at 7:00 AM in the Mammoth rectory on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. A service of the word and Communion is celebrated on Thursdays conducted by our lay ministry team. Just walk in the door and come up the stairs. Stay after for coffee and fellowship.

PRAYERS

Our prayers are requested for Bonnie Zwart, Mark & Mary Anne Bewsher, Tina Quan, James Zvetina, Pat Glynn, Bobbie Engstrom, Raquel Rodriguez, John Gracey, Bob Tomko, Jr., Virginia Reyes, Elizabeth Cauzza, Kay Reilly, Mary Jo Ferreir, Julie Rogers, Josefina Flores, Jim Rothe, Sue Ann Logar, Glenn Inouye, Peter Mariniello, Consuelo Mendoza Aéyon, Joseph Hawkins, and for the repose of the soul of Mel McCoy.

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THE MONO COUNTY CATHOLIC

You must open the interior eyes of your soul on this light, on this heaven within you, a vast horizon stretching far beyond the realm of human activity, an unexplored country to the majority of human beings.
 -Saint Vincent Ferrer

September 30, 2012

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna.

Mark 9:45



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CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated at St. Joseph Church in Mammoth Lakes from 5:30 to 5:45 on Saturday afternoons, 7:30 to 7:45 on Sunday mornings, y en español a las tardes del domingo de 5:00 a 5:15; and upon request before mass at Our Savior of the Mountains mission in Lee Vining and Infant of Prague mission in Bridgeport. The "Act of Contrition" is available in the confession room.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Mammoth Lakes: St. Joseph Church –
Saturday Vigil: 6:00 PM
Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM
La Misa en Español: 5:30 PM

Lee Vining:

Our Savior of the Mountains Mission -
Sunday Mass 10:00 AM
Bridgeport: Infant of Prague Mission -
Sunday Mass 12:00 Noon

FIRST READING: Numbers 11:25–29

When a young man quickly told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp," Joshua said, "Moses, my lord, stop them." But Moses answered him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!"

Great care was taken by the Priestly authors of the Pentateuch to make sure that the smallest details of God's instructions to Moses were carried out precisely. In this case, God told Moses to assemble seventy elders of Israel at the meeting tent and, when they were in place, God would bestow on them "some of the spirit" he had given Moses to lead the people. So, the fact that Eldad and Medad didn't gather with the others like they were supposed to, yet received the same shot of the spirit, must have rankled Joshua. Not only that, but when Eldad and Medad started whooping it up in the camp, you could almost read Joshua's mind: "Wait a minute. The rubrics of whooping it up and prophesying are only for those who showed up at the meeting tent. The guys in the camp are supposed to put a lid on it," and he pleads with Moses to stop them. Thus we have history's first liturgy Nazi.

The consensus of the Pentateuch is that you don't question success. If God tells you to stand on your head and spit wooden nickels, you do it. Yet there is a clear thread of Yahwist wisdom woven into the predominantly Priestly tradition. As Jesus would teach eighteen hundred years later, the rules were made for the sake of people, not the other way around.

SECOND READING: James 5:1–6

Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries. Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth eaten, your gold and silver have corroded, and that corrosion will be a testimony against you; it will devour your flesh like a fire.

On the one hand, you see a lot of people in Catholicism who maintain an excessive concern for the rules and regulations. On the other, you see a lot of people who set up some amazing denial systems to insulate them from the more crucial teachings of our religion. For instance, we make a big deal out of the Ten Commandments. One of the top three is that you take one day off from work every seven days, preferably the Sabbath. (Granted we've switched from the seventh day to the first day, but hey, it's a new religion so we took some liberties.) A guy boasts that he worked two months and four days non-stop without taking a day off. Young executives on a steep career slope are expected to work seven days a week. It's considered a virtue, a mark of good character that a person be so dedicated to work that he or she overlooks a fundamental principle of life, the commandment of rest, put into place for the health and well-being of people.

"You cannot serve God and money," Jesus says in Matthew 6:24, but a lot of us do, or at least try to. This reading from James is one of the strongest voices in the New Testament against the practice of accumulating wealth, but we don't hear it and preachers are often afraid to preach it. Yet here it is.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:38–43, 45, 47–48

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. Whoever is

not against us is for us."

In all the gospel stories, Jesus prevents and forbids very little. When he does, it's usually to restrain his disciples when they try to disrespect a woman who lavishes expensive oil on the Lord's feet (Mark 14:3–9), or when they want to call down fire on the inhospitable Samaritans (Luke 9:51–55), or when they attack the temple guards with a sword (26:51–52), or in today's gospel reading when they want to put the clamps on someone who's not a card-carrying member of the group.

It's amazing that we've become a religion that restricts and forbids and prevents so much. Yet we're known for it. We make announcements at Mass listing those who,

though they may be company in the Lord's house, are not welcome at his table. Our pope writes a really nice encyclical about Holy Communion, and all the interpreters say it's a reminder to divorced and remarried people that they're forbidden to receive, which it doesn't say.

Yes, we have rules. And yes, they should be obeyed. But the Lord was known for breaking the rules and letting people off the hook. It was a rule that women caught in adultery should be stoned, but Jesus got her off with a warning. They weren't supposed to pick the grain on the Sabbath, but the guys were hungry. And the prodigal son should have been punished, but he wasn't. You and me? Let's hope he forgives us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. *FP*

Decir la Verdad

Las posesiones materiales no pueden satisfacer la vida humana, el contacto con el Espíritu Santo sí lo puede hacer. Ese contacto se refleja específicamente en la manera en que la comunidad ejerce su servicio en la sociedad: entre los pobres y afligidos, los ancianos y niños, los oprimidos y prisioneros, los enfermos e indocumentados.



¡Ojalá que el Señor comunicara su Espíritu a todo el pueblo y que todos profetizaran! Ser profeta no quiere decir pronosticar el futuro, sino ver al presente y poder decir la verdad sobre él. Esa verdad pavimenta el camino hacia el futuro. La Palabra del Señor es la verdad, y nuestra oración le pide a Dios que nos mantenga arraigados en ella. Cuando ignoramos la verdad, nace la maldad. El Evangelio de hoy retumba en nuestros oídos, mientras seguimos abriendo los ojos ante los escándalos que han estremecido a la Iglesia. Mientras seguimos proclamando la verdad con valentía, oremos para sanar las faltas desconocidas que hayamos cometido.