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Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: (English) 8:00am

Sunday: (Spanish) 1:00pm

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

First Saturday 9am

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30am

Tuesday 6:00pm (English)

Thursday 6:00pm (Spanish)

ROSARY PRAYED IN COMMON

Tuesday & Thursday: 5:40pm

Wednesday & Friday: 8:10am

Saturday: 5:15pm

Sunday: 7:15am & 12:15pm

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

Tuesday, Thursday and

2nd & 4th Saturdays 5:00-5:45pm

and by appointment 936-825-3920

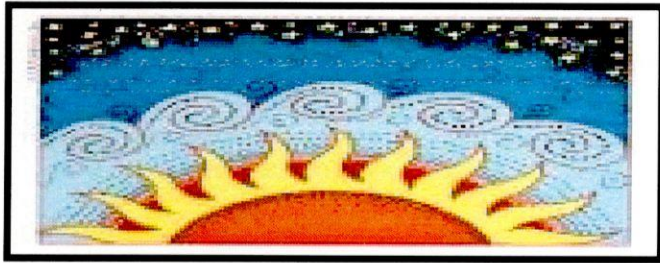
RECONCILIACION/CONFESIONES

Los Martes, jueves y el

segundo y cuarto sábado a las 5:00-5:45pm

y por cita 936-825-3920

September 26, 2021 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 26, 2021

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul; the decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple. —Psalm 19:8

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Every 1st weekend of the month (Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses) blessing of all who have a birthday or Wedding Anniversary during the month.

MONTHLY REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASSES

Refreshment will be served after Masses the first Sunday of each month. The refreshments and service will be provided by the following:

Altar Society—January and July
Pastoral Council—February and October
Finance Council—March and September
R.E. Board—April and August
Stewardship—May and November
Choir—June and December

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time — “Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.” Mark 9:41 We are made in God’s image and likeness. We tend to forget this. When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them? When others look at you, do they see the face of Jesus in you? When we realize that all lives matter to God, then gratitude and generosity become easier. Why? Because that’s the way we are made! We are one Body of Christ; when one of us is hurting, all of us feel the pain.

REFLEXIONES DEL BOLETIN DE CO-RESPONSABILIDAD

26° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario — “Les aseguro que cualquiera que les dé un vaso de agua en mi nombre por ser ustedes de Cristo no perderá su recompensa.” Marcos 9:41 Somos hechos a imagen y semejanza de Dios. Tenemos la tendencia a olvidar eso. Cuando mira a los demás, ¿ve en ellos la cara de Jesús en usted? Cuando notamos que todas las vidas le importan a Dios, entonces la gratitud y la generosidad se nos hacen más fácil. ¿Por qué? ¡Porque esa es la manera en la que fuimos hechos! Somos uno en el Cuerpo de Cristo: cuando uno de nosotros sufre, todos sentimos el dolor.



October 17, 2021—Hearts & Songs, A Concert of Sisters, 2:00 PM, St. Stanislaus Parish Hall.

All Concerts are free of charge.

For more information, Contact Susan Russell @ russellharp@outlook.com

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Vocations**



PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

to the Priesthood and Religious Life especially in our Archdiocese.

MEMORIALIZING THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

If you are interested in memorializing the Sanctuary candle, in memory of, in personal reverence and petition or Special Intention for the week, stop by the parish office for more information.

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PROCLAIM THE WONDER OF GOD September 26, 2021

The gift of the Spirit is given freely, not according to human expectations, but according to the generosity of God. Joshua wants Moses to stop Eldad and Medad from prophesying in the camp, when they were not with the others as the spirit was bestowed on them. Moses, so close to God’s mind in the matter, wishes everyone could possess the spirit of God and proclaim it to the nations.

Psalm 19 celebrates the perfection of God’s law, and how it brings joy and delight. It is better than the finest gold or the sweetest honey. Moreover, God gives the wisdom of the prophets to everyone, especially the simple and lowly ones, even to children. It is the “little ones” who proclaim the wonder of God to all.

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DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2021

DSF Goal \$25,000.00
Gifts Received \$14,471.00
54 Donors

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IGNITE

Ignite Parish Goal \$208,632.00
Gifts Amount Received \$69,054.00
38 Donors

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Students must be registered before the first day of class on September 12th. .

If you would like to volunteer to help teach CCE or be a teacher's assistant, Please email Carolynn Katkoski @ reboard@christourlight.org or contact her at 936 825-1869. We are looking for more volunteers to assist with this important ministry to our children.

Classes for RCIA and Adult Confirmation will begin in September. To register contact Carolynn at the RE Office 936-825-1869 or [email reboard@christourlight.org](mailto:reboard@christourlight.org)

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BAZAAR SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

Saturday, September 25 set-up workday

Sunday, September 26 all day Bazaar then take down and return supplies to metal storage Building

MASS TIME CHANGE ON BAZAAR SUNDAY

Sunday, September 26th 8:00 AM in English and 10:00 AM in Spanish

WE WILL NEED CAKES FOR THE DINNERS AND CAKES FOR THE CAKE BOOTH

Bring your cakes for the Dinners on Saturday to the Church

and for the Cake Booth on Saturday or early Sunday the day of the Bazaar to the Church.

This is what we need to make our 37th Annual Homecoming Bazaar another success. Our Bazaar preparation and weekend of the Bazaar are days of work, fun and fellowship.




Volunteers ...

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Sept. 26, 2021

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Nm 11:25-29 | Jas 5:1-6 | Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Today's graphic Gospel passage always sounds a bit jarring: "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off." Upon first reading that passage, our response might be, "What?" But upon further reflection, it strikes me that Jesus is challenging us to attend to what *causes* us to sin: the vices we have acquired, the temptations we do not ignore, the sinful thoughts and behaviors we entertain or in which we engage. It is also important to identify where we might be culpable in leading *others* astray. In all of this, Jesus is asking us to be honest with ourselves and to take the necessary steps to "cut" out of our lives the things that lead us away from the Lord, allowing us to move toward him. Lest we get discouraged, we need only remember that we are not alone: We belong to Christ whose word is truth, whose precepts "give joy to the heart," and who tells us "whoever is not against us is for us." Like Moses in the first reading, we can ask that the Spirit descend upon us and give us strength.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Amazing feats we see on TV or read in the news can't help but capture our imagination. Our rich Catholic faith can be a little like that: just take a look at the lives of the saints. That's why I find the other passage in today's Gospel so encouraging. Jesus reminds us that even the smallest things we do matter — actions to help others grow in their faith: "Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." As the Lord's spirit moves us to be a prophet to others — that is, to perform deeds in his name (mighty or not-so-mighty) — we have the ability to witness the Gospel of Jesus Christ in very real and concrete ways. As St. Teresa of Avila said: "Accustom yourself continually to make many acts of love, for they enkindle and melt the soul."

ACTIONS Prepare for the sacrament of reconciliation by asking Jesus to help you identify what causes you to sin or drives a wedge between you and others or between you and God. Then participate in this beautiful sacrament and pray for the grace to make changes.



God speaks to us in many ways, including through the Sunday Scripture readings. The Sunday Connection provides useful background and activities to better understand the upcoming Sunday's Scripture readings, helping you to connect the Scripture to daily life in a meaningful way.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B

Sunday, September 26, 2021

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Recall that last week we heard Jesus chastise his disciples for their argument about who among them was the greatest. Jesus taught them that the greatest among them will be those who serve the least ones. In today's Gospel, the disciple John questions Jesus about an unknown exorcist who was driving out demons in Jesus' name. John's question might have been motivated by jealousy. Previously in Mark's Gospel, Jesus healed a boy whom the disciples had been unable to heal. John's question is further evidence that the disciples have not yet grasped Jesus' words to them. They continue to compare themselves to others who seem to have greater healing powers, and they do not want to share the power of Jesus' name with others.

Today the demon possession described in the Gospels might be seen as a form of mental illness, but the need for healing these syndromes was as real then as it is now. Exorcism was a common practice in first-century Palestine. Some people had the power to heal the symptoms of possession. One of the strategies used was to invoke the name of a person or figure who was believed to have the power to heal.

The disciples observed that the unknown exorcist invoked Jesus' name and was successful in his healing efforts. This unknown healer recognized the power of Jesus' name, yet he was not a follower of Jesus. In his reply to his disciples, Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He also teaches that the disciples should not be reluctant to share Jesus' healing powers with others.

Later in this Gospel, Jesus teaches us not to create obstacles for those who are just beginning to have faith but to encourage even the smallest signs of faith. The Greek word used here for sin also connotes "stumbling" or "causing scandal." In vivid terms Jesus teaches his disciples the consequences to those who would put obstacles before people who are on the road to faith.

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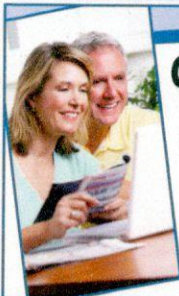
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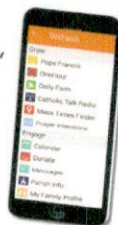
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