September
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2021

Any who give you a
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because you belong to Christ,
amen, I say to you,
will surely not lose their reward.

Mark 9:41

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

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From the Desk of Father Mac

Today the U.S. Church celebrates **Priesthood Sunday.**

What is Priesthood Sunday?
Priesthood Sunday is a day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States and to reflect upon and affirm the central role of the priesthood in the life of the Church. This nationwide event is coordinated and sponsored by the US Council of Serra International, an organization devoted to praying for, promoting, and supporting priestly vocations.

When is Priesthood Sunday celebrated?
Priesthood Sunday is celebrated on the last Sunday of September each year.

Why is Priesthood Sunday important?
Catholics are invited to observe worldwide vocation events such as World Day of Prayer for Vocations and World Day for Consecrated Life. In the U.S., we also have National Vocations Awareness Week and National Catholic Sisters Week. Priesthood Sunday, however, specifically honors priests, without whom the Mass could not be offered and the Sacraments could not be celebrated.

Priesthood Sunday is, above all, an opportunity to express our gratitude to our priests, thanking and honoring them for their service and sacrifice. It is also an opportunity to pray for our priests and pray for more priestly vocations.

It is important to note that the number of priests and ordinations in the United States has steadily declined in the past 50 years. Meanwhile, the number of parishes without a resident priest pastor has sharply increased in the same period of time. The men who answer the call to priesthood are special indeed, and they are working harder than ever.

I humbly ask that you keep Fr. Cyprian and myself in your prayers, that God may grant us the courage, wisdom, and strength to continue living out our priestly ministry with great joy and fidelity. Please continue to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. If you see someone you would make a good priest, tell him! Finally, I humbly encourage you to say 'Thank You' to your priests now and then! A little gratitude goes a long way!

In Christ,
PASTOR
REVEREND EBEN MAC DONALD

Fr. Mac

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

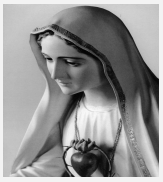
Here's how to play a part in 40 DAYS FOR LIFE in our community:

Saint Cyril's will anchor the 12pm to 2pm slot on Saturdays.

If you would like to help support this peaceful prayer vigil, just come to the location listed below. Please bring whatever you will need to be comfortable- personal water bottle, hat, sunscreen, folding chair, snacks etc. You can come anytime from 7am to 7pm. Please come and pray with us for as long or as short a time as you can! You are not obligated to stay the entire two hours

Vigil location:
Family Planning Associates ("FPA")
10200 Sepulveda Blvd. Mission Hills
Vigil Hours:
7am-7pm daily.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION TO OUR LADY



Candlelight procession and Rosary
on October 2nd, 2021
immediately following
the 4:00 p.m. Mass.

Our Blessed Mother said to Sister Lucia of Fatima:

"I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess; receive Holy Communion; recite five decades of the Rosary; and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me."

The aim of the devotion is to unite humankind to God through Mary's heart. The object of the devotion being to love God and Jesus better by uniting one's self to Mary for this purpose and by imitating her virtues.
All are welcome!

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS welcomes any adult who is interested in the Catholic faith and those Catholic adults who need to complete their Sacraments. Classes meet twice monthly, on Thursdays from 7-8:30pm. Please call the Religious Education Office to be included in the contact list.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION classes will begin this Fall for students who do not attend a Catholic school. We will be meeting on Tuesdays from 3:30– 4:45pm. Please call the Office of Religious Education for details 818-789-5947.

CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY Registration for new and returning candidates is now open. This group will meet on alternate Sundays here on the SCJ campus. For more information or to register please contact Program Director, Dianne Eusebio, at youthministy@st-cyril.org.

SAFEGUARDING THE CHILDREN
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KEEP VIDEO GAMES SAFE

If your children play video games, it is important to know what they are playing and who they are playing with. Although video games may look like a solo activity, many involve teams or groups where players meet online. Talk to your children about what they are playing, and what they are talking about with other players. Remind them about your internet safety rules, and what information they can and cannot share online. You can also research a game's content at the Entertainment Software Rating Board, www.esrb.org. For more information, visit https://www.missingkids.org/content/ncmec/en/blog/2021/schools-out-for-summer-gaming-safety-for-kids.html.

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ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THIS SPECIAL DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH
4:00 pm Gloria Yarborough- *RIP*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH
8:00 am - People of the Parish, *SPEC. INT.*
10:00 am -Rose Marie Russell, *SPEC. INT.*
12:00 pm - Joseph Arce, *RIP*

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH
7:30 am - Debbie Pape *SPEC. INT.*

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST
7:30 am - Corazon Bedar, *RIP*

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND
7:30 am - Joseph Tachiki, *RIP*

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD
7:30 am - Butz Acosta Dizon, *RIP*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH
7:30 am - John Starr, RIP

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH
7:30 am - Maria Park &,
Kyongbin Yim, *RIP*

Weekly Collection
Sunday, September 12th

Total: $10,145
Weekly Goal: $15,000
Weekly Deficit: $4,855

MAY GOD REWARD YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

SECOND COLLECTION FOR PRIEST RETIREMENT

We are truly blessed by the men who have given their lives in service to thousands of families as a priest.. Have you ever wondered what happens to our priests after they retire from teaching, preaching, and serving on a regular basis? Like us, they desire rest and have needs for care and medical treatment as they grow older. Unlike most of us, though, their modest salaries were never meant to provide for them after many years of service.

Your gift to the Priest Retirement Fund is a meaningful investment and true blessing for the care and comfort of our spiritual fathers as they enter the later chapters in life. They deserve nothing less.

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem Church

Sunday & Weekday Mass Schedule

Saturdays:	4:00 PM
Sundays:	8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12 Noon
Sunday 12 Noon Mass	Livestreamed on Facebook
Vigil of Holy Days	7:00 PM
Holy Days	7:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 7:00 PM
Weekdays *(Mon-Sat)*	7:30 AM

Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation

Saturday: 8:00-8:30 AM & 3:00-4:00 PM

Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions

Tuesdays following the 7:30 AM Mass

Holy Rosary

Daily After 7:30 AM Mass & Mondays at 7PM

Sacrament of Baptism

Second Sundays, 2PM—Please contact the Parish Office

Weddings

Must contact the priest at least 6 months in advance

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Closed until further notice

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

8-9 AM First Fridays

Pray For

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** All doctors, nurses, medical workers

** All those who have lost their income due to public health closures**

** All those who are suffering due to the pandemic**

Mary, health of the sick, pray for us

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Sept. 26, 2021

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

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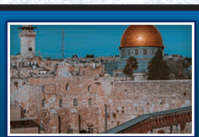

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