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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*

SUNDAY MASSES
5PM VIGIL
7AM; 9AM (WITH DRIVE-IN)
11AM (WITH ZOOM)
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DAILY MASSES
MORNING MASS
8:15AM
EVENING MASS
6:30PM
(JUEVES EN ESPAÑOL)
HOLIDAYS @ 9AM, NO EVENING MASS

CONFESSIONS CONFESIONES
SATURDAY (SÁBADO)
9:00 AM - 10:30AM

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
MONDAY - SATURDAY
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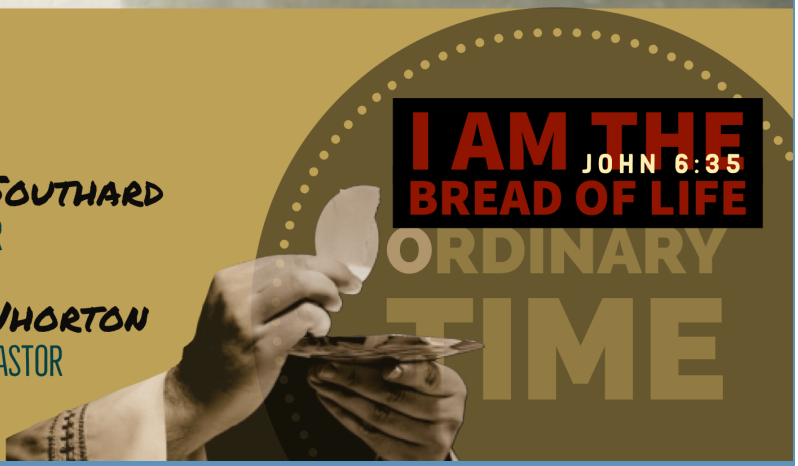

Praying for You

Mass Intentions for the Week
September 25 & 26, 2021

5pm Vigil -		Leonel Matias +; Tomas & Marcela Adriano +; Merry Yuhico Lim +
7:00 am -		Antonina Tavener +; Abraham Chacko +; Allan Amador +
9:00 am -		Dean Patrick Castro +; Thelma Rosario Arzaga +; St. Michael Parish of Marilao; Kyle Phillip Nuckolls-Habit
11:00 am -		People of the Parish
1:00pm -		Rafael Palacios +; Victor Ramos +; Martin & Rosa Baeza
5:00 pm -		Leonel Matias +
September 27	**8:15am**	Jose & Monica Deogracias +; Severo & Juana Solleza +; Hansel Anabol +
	6:30pm	Jesus Esparza +; Alejandro H. Yaranon +; Sergio Aguilar
September 28	**8:15am**	Wenceslao Barte +; Gloria & Gabriel Novoa; Guan Ching +; Lucita Navarro +
	6:30pm	Isabella Simoni; Samson Javellana
September 29	**8:15am**	Jesse Baza +; Rogelio Nepomuceno +; Rosenda Torres +
	6:30pm	St. Michael Parish of Marilao; Lilia Yaranon +; Romeo Pangan, Sr. +
September 30	**8:15 am**	Bennie Lim +; Herminia Punongbayan +; Emelita Robles +; Susan Cobangbang
	6:30pm	Victor Ramos +
October 1	**8:15 am**	Paul Sensible +; Daniel Marcus +; Paul Treadway +
	6:30pm	Ricky Perez +; Gay Ty; Rita Moreno
October 2	**8:15am**	Alex Luna +; Victor Yap +; Araceli Ceballos +

Readings for the Week

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Moses said, "Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!" (Numbers 11:25-29).

Psalm — The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart (Psalm 19).

Second Reading — Come now, you rich. The wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud (James 5:1-6).

Gospel — Whoever is not against us is for us (Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Sunday: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

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Who is Christ Knocking at Your Door?

There is a story of a devout woman who fervently prayed for Christ. In answer to her prayers, she was visited by an angel who told her that Christ would come to her house. And so she cleaned her house, cooked a wonderful meal and prepared herself for Christ's visit.

That afternoon, there was a knock at the door. When she opened the door, she saw a homeless man asking for help. She asked him to leave because she was expecting someone important. A few hours later, there was another knock at the door. When she opened the door, she saw the same homeless man again asking for help. She again politely asked him to leave. Later that evening, there was another knock at the door. She opened the door and saw the same homeless man. This time, she was angered (he simply didn't get the message) and told him to leave and not come back or she would call the police. Night time came and the guest she expected had not arrived.

That night, the angel appeared and asked her why she was depressed and crying. She expressed her frustration that Christ had not come. The angel explained that Christ had indeed come three times yet she had turned him away each time.

Christ is in each of us but do we recognize him or have we set our expectations too high? Matthew warns us that whatever we do for the least of our brothers and sisters, we do for him. Do we welcome the Christ in those who irritate us, who make us uneasy, who are not pleasant to be around? Or do we only see Christ in our family and friends?

In December 2019, my family took in a blind, elderly homeless woman and her service dog - converting an add-on exercise room into a spare bedroom. She had exhausted the help that the government and other non-profits could give her. It was a choice of letting her sleep in the park on a cold, wet night or giving her food and shelter. We all agreed that this was only for 3 or 4 months, a temporary, rent-free shelter until we could find more permanent housing for her. But then COVID-19 hit, housing options dried up and the 3 or 4 months became 21 months.

During this time, we celebrated her birthdays and the holidays, helped her with food and transportation and even with her electronic devices (though not always successfully). We gave her someone to talk with and let her know that others cared. We helped her experience a love that we all know and take for granted - a love without strings attached. For her, it was a love she had not known for much of her life.

This was a person who valued her independence, developed defenses to handle a harsh world, resisted change and treasured her best and only friend - her service dog. Yet, she responded with love, celebrated our birthdays and became a part of our family. In her own way, she helped us when we were depressed or frustrated. She became more open to change and to help. She began to believe that others might show her the same love we had shown her.

She finally accepted an offer last week to move into a new homeless shelter run by Hope of the Valley. It was a "tiny home" (an 8x8 unit for she and her dog) with access to bathrooms, showers, 3 meals a day and a dog park. She was welcomed by a staff who wanted her to feel at home, who wanted her to feel special without drawing special attention to her. To her comfort, she found that there were other people that could love her as we did.

In the end, I believe that Christ came knocking at our door. I can only pray that we welcomed him and made him feel loved and at peace.

Who is the Christ knocking at your door, how would you respond to that person and what would the angel say to you afterward?

Yours in Christ

Chris Ranieri

¿Quién es el Cristo que llama a tu puerta?

Hay una historia de una mujer devota que oró fervientemente a Cristo. En respuesta a sus oraciones, recibió la visita de un ángel que le dijo que Cristo vendría a su casa. Así que limpió su casa, cocinó una comida maravillosa y se preparó para la visita de Cristo.

Esa tarde, alguien llamó a la puerta. Cuando abrió la puerta, vio a un vagabundo pidiendo ayuda. Ella le pidió que se fuera porque esperaba a alguien importante. Unas horas más tarde, hubo otro golpe en la puerta. Cuando abrió la puerta, vio al mismo vagabundo nuevamente pidiendo ayuda. Ella nuevamente le pidió cortésmente que se fuera. Más tarde esa noche, hubo otro golpe en la puerta. Abrió la puerta y vio al mismo vagabundo. Esta vez, ella estaba enojada (él simplemente no recibió el mensaje) y le dijo que se fuera y no regresara o llamaría a la policía. Llegó la noche y el invitado que esperaba no había llegado.

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Esa noche, el ángel apareció y le preguntó por qué estaba deprimida y llorando. Expresó su frustración porque Cristo no había venido. El ángel explicó que Cristo había venido tres veces, pero ella lo había rechazado cada vez.

Cristo está en cada uno de nosotros, pero ¿lo reconocemos o hemos puesto nuestras expectativas demasiado altas? Mateo nos advierte que todo lo que hacemos por el más pequeño de nuestros hermanos y hermanas, lo hacemos por él. ¿Damos la bienvenida al Cristo en aquellos que nos irritan, que nos inquietan, que no son agradables? ¿O solo vemos a Cristo en nuestra familia y amigos?

En diciembre de 2019, mi familia acogió a una anciana ciega sin hogar y a su perro de servicio, convirtiendo una sala de ejercicios adicional en una habitación de invitados. Había agotado la ayuda que el gobierno y otras organizaciones sin fines de lucro podían brindarle. Fue una decisión entre dejarla dormir en el parque en una noche fría y húmeda o darle comida y refugio. Todos estuvimos de acuerdo en que esto era solo por 3 o 4 meses, un refugio temporal y gratuito hasta que pudiéramos encontrarle una vivienda más permanente. Pero luego llegó el COVID-19, las opciones de vivienda se agotaron y los 3 o 4 meses se convirtieron en 21 meses.

Durante este tiempo, celebramos sus cumpleaños y las fiestas, la ayudamos con la comida y el transporte e incluso con sus dispositivos electrónicos (aunque no siempre con éxito). Le dimos a alguien con quien hablar y le hicimos saber que a los demás les importaba. La ayudamos a experimentar un amor que todos conocemos y damos por sentado, un amor sin ataduras. Para ella, era un amor que no había conocido durante gran parte de su vida.

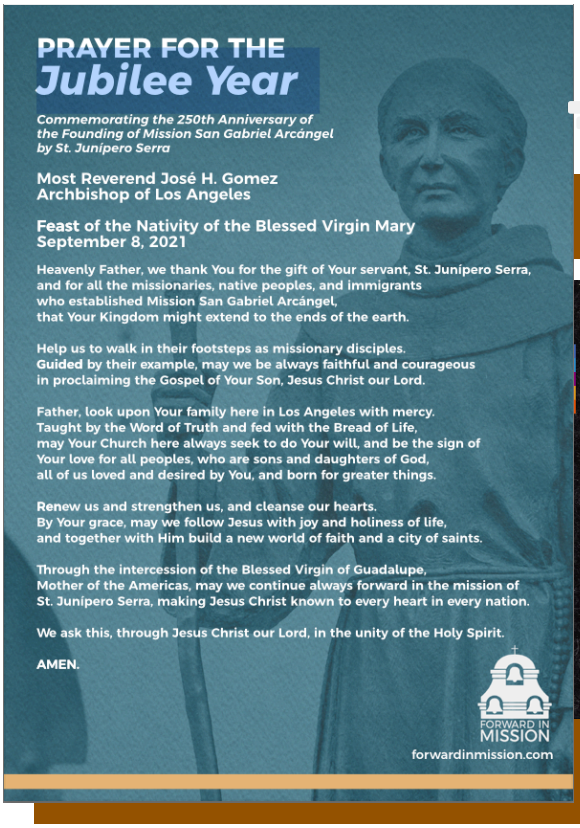
Esta era una persona que valoraba su independencia, desarrolló defensas para manejar un mundo duro, resistió el cambio y atesoraba a su mejor y único amigo: su perro de servicio. Sin embargo, ella respondió con amor, celebró nuestros cumpleaños y se convirtió en parte de nuestra familia. A su manera, nos ayudó cuando estábamos deprimidos o frustrados. Se volvió más abierta al cambio y a ayudar. Comenzó a creer que otros podrían mostrarle el mismo amor que le habíamos mostrado.

Finalmente aceptó una oferta la semana pasada para mudarse a un nuevo refugio para personas sin hogar administrado por Hope of the Valley. Era una "casa pequeña" (una unidad de 8x8 para ella y su perro) con acceso a baños, duchas, 3 comidas al día y un parque para perros. Fue recibida por un personal que quería que se sintiera como en casa, que quería que se sintiera especial sin llamar la atención sobre ella. Para su comodidad, descubrió que había otras personas que podían amarla como nosotros.

Al final, creo que Cristo llamó a nuestra puerta. Solo puedo rezar para que lo recibamos y lo hagamos sentir amado y en paz.

¿Quién es el Cristo que llama a tu puerta, cómo responderías a esa persona y qué te diría el ángel después?

Tuyo en Cristo,
Chris Ranieri



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