

# 26th Sunday In Ordinary Time

## *Protect Life*

Sts. Peter and Paul Church

September 30, 2018

### GOOD NEWS!

The tapestry scene may not seem to have much to do with the readings, yet it does. Let me explain: This wall-size work of art depicts the murder decreed by Herod of all the children two years and under. It was his desperate effort to extinguish any possibility that the Messiah might eventually contest his throne.

The reading of James could very well be applied to the greedy and avaricious Herod. "You have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure; you have fattened your hearts for the day of [your own] slaughter" (James 5:5). All the wealth, authority, and success he had only led him to be more grasping and insecure. Anyone who sees a threat to his own well-being in the birth of a child reveals his own internal poverty of spirit.

Rather than remove the little ones from our lives, we should do all we can to edify and maintain their faith. Jesus, as well as James, has harsh words for anyone who would lead a little one to sin.

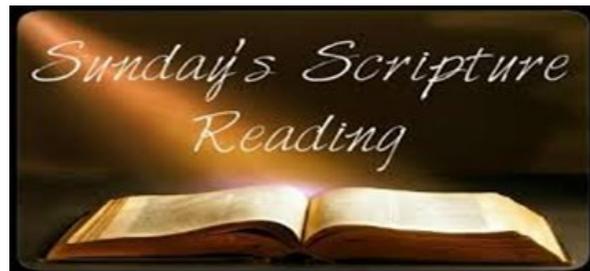
Herod was the first who needed to hear the words of the Messiah he was trying to silence. If anything causes you to sin, even something as precious as a hand or foot, it's better to cut it off and live physically impaired rather than maintain apparent wholeness while spiritually rotting from within. The life of our souls and that of the little ones is of paramount importance, and no material security should be placed ahead of it.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

#### *For Reflection*

*Do I protect life as a gift from the Father, from conception to natural death? How do I help the little ones in my life come to know Jesus?*

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### **Reading I - Numbers 11: 25-29**

This is the tale of two men who were given the gift of prophesy but had not been with the others when the spirit had come. They were angry and told Moses so, but Moses replied that they should not be jealous. Moses wished for all God's people to be prophets!

### **Reading II - James 5:1-6**

James denounces the rich who oppress the poor. James illustrates how wealth can be a dangerous trap and lead a person away from God.

### **Reading III - Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48**

Jesus tells his disciples not to worry about what others are doing but to look to their behavior. Jesus warns about leading anyone into sin or being a stumbling block to others.

### **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

#### ***27th Sunday in Ordinary Time***

***1st Reading— Genesis 2:18-24***

***2nd Reading—Hebrews 2:9-11***

***Gospel - Mark 10:2-16 or 10:2-12***



**SEPTEMBER Prayer Intentions from Pope Francis**

**Universal – Young People in Africa**

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

**Congratulations to our newly baptized**

**Welcome to the family**



- |                  |            |
|------------------|------------|
| Rodina Bergsmos  | Sept. 23rd |
| Marianna Hairens | Sept. 23rd |
| Millenc Hairens  | Sept. 23rd |
| MJay Hairens     | Sept. 23rd |

Please pray for the families that they will grow to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

There will be a **Blessing of Animals** on Thursday, October 4th at 5:30 p.m. in the courtyard. Please have your pet on a leash or in a carrier. (Also drive-through blessing 6:00—6:30 p.m.)

**Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, October 4th**

Francis Bernardone was born in 1181 at Assisi, Umbria, Italy. The son of a wealthy cloth merchant, he lived a lavish and irresponsible life. At the age of twenty, he went to war against Perugia, but was captured and imprisoned. During his imprisonment he experienced a vision from Christ and changed his life completely. He left all his possessions and embraced complete poverty, taking the Gospel as his rule of life. He wore ragged old clothes, begged for food and preached peace. He began to attract followers, and in 1209 with the papal blessing he founded the Friars Minor (Franciscans). Then in 1212 with St. Clare of Assisi he founded the foundation of the Order of "Poor Ladies," now known as the "Poor Clares." He also founded the "Third Order of Penance" (the Third Order) which included lay people. He was the first person (recorded) to receive the stigmata (the five wounds of Christ) in 1224. He died on October 4, 1226 at Portiuncula, Italy. He was canonized by Gregory IX less than two years later.



**Patron:** against fire; animals; Catholic Action; dying alone; ecology; environment; families; fire; lacemakers; merchants; peace; zoos; Italy; Assisi, Italy; Colorado; Sante Fe, New Mexico; archdiocese of San Francisco, California; archdiocese of Denver, Colorado; archdiocese of Sante Fe, New Mexico; diocese of Salina, Kansas.

**Symbols:** birds and animals; bag of gold and rich raiment at his feet; winged crucifix with five rays; stigmata; crown of thorns; lighted lamp; fiery chariot; birds; deer; fish; skull; wolf; fire.

**PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK**

*Please pray for the sick in our Parish:*

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|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Rose & Fidel Adamos  | Brady Metcalf           |
| Kiana Rose Adams     | Thomas Mistysyn         |
| Vanessa Alcova       | Robert Mistysyn         |
| Isaac Alajado        | Edwin Munalem           |
| Loranzo Alota        | Betty Ann Nault         |
| Becky Alota          | Patrice Nielsen         |
| Darlene Amarosa      | Felicitas R. Noland     |
| Tony Bacani          | Jean Obara              |
| Michael Bartolome    | Ray M. Olis             |
| Ho Lun Big           | Lourdes Olis            |
| Olivia Mia Blake     | Berry Oloday            |
| Maniko Brady         | Maria Oloday            |
| Arthur Cababa        | Judy Orlando            |
| Mwejo Capelle        | Nancy Pang              |
| Wini Chow            | Joannita Pangelinan     |
| Teresita M. Custodio | Yvonne S. Pangelinan    |
| Avon Czerwinski      | Ephrem Perez            |
| Regina Czerwinski    | Josefina Perez          |
| Blanche DeConte      | Anella Rabauliman       |
| George DeConte       | Bregida R. Reyes        |
| Azarias D Dosdos     | Maggie Rotelo           |
| Shirley Dungo        | Victoriana Santiago     |
| Tessie Dungo         | Ingo Rafael Sharez      |
| Charles Goo          | Oliver Shilling         |
| Blanche Hansen       | Myong Soon Sim          |
| Florence Henson      | Joseph Anthony Sullivan |
| Stanley Ho           | Dolores Suredam         |
| Robert K. F. Ho      | Lolita A. Sutton        |
| Shirlene Iwai        | Edwin Tagura            |
| Maria Elena Jencks   | John Testado            |
| Jack Jucewicz        | Yolanda Trejo           |
| Christopher Jucewicz | Myrna Vallespin         |
| Michelle Keely       | Arlyn P. Valmoria       |
| Charlene Lau         | Lydia Velasquez         |
| Pat Low              | Ho Chun Wah             |
| Bona M. Macabare     | Ho Shiu Yan             |
| Charita A Mabon      | Theresa Yu              |
| John M. Masunaga     | Janleen Maria Xymoon    |

*Please pray for the repose of the souls of  
Terry and Shirley Nichols  
daughter of Stanley Onishi  
Their funeral will be Thursday Oct. 11th  
at 10:00 am at Sts. Peter and Paul*

## STEWARDSHIP TIME-TALENT- TREASURE

**I**n 1531, when the indigenous peoples of Mexico were subjugated and the practice of human sacrifice was still a recent memory, the Mother of God appeared to St. Juan Diego as a pregnant native woman, now known as Our Lady of Guadalupe.

She sent him with miraculous flowers in his cloak to tell the bishop to build a church where people could receive her Son and her loving, tender care. When St. Juan Diego opened the cloak before the bishop, an image of Our Lady was revealed that remains to this day. The chapel was quickly built, millions embraced Christianity, and the Church increased its protection of the indigenous peoples.

By embracing the mission entrusted to him, St. Juan Diego helped bring Christ's transforming love to cultures gripped by oppression and death.

Today, we again see the dignity of human life disregarded. Unborn children are destroyed through abortion, and ill people are encouraged and assisted to take their own lives. How do we respond?

The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved

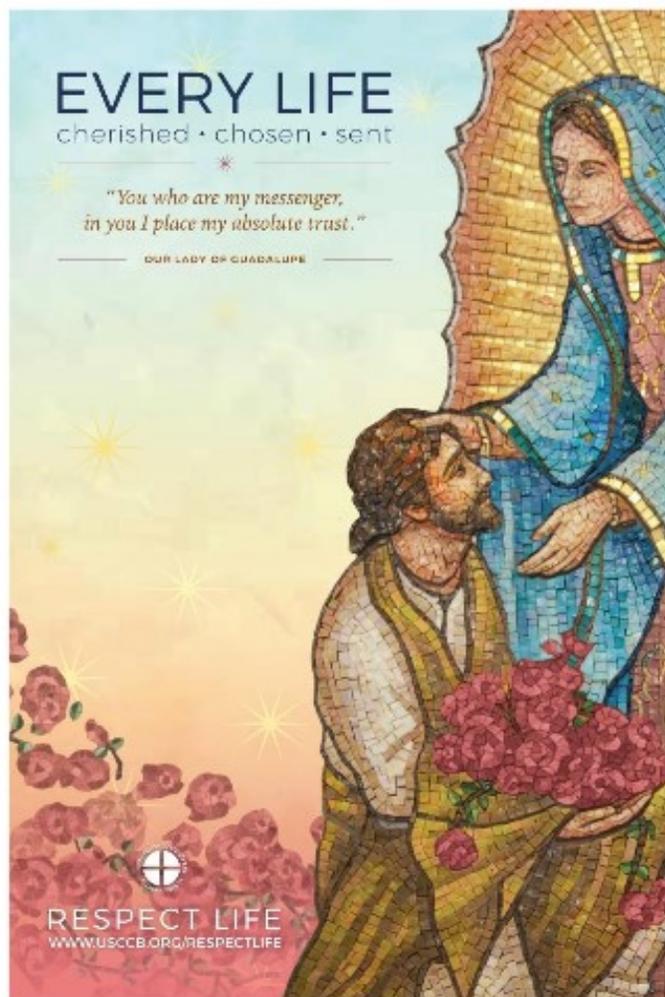
by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is *cherished*.

God creates every person for eternal union with Himself and continually invites us to embrace a loving relationship with Him. Every person is *chosen*.

We are called to be messengers of God's love, treating one another as cherished and chosen by Him. In doing so, we help build a culture that respects all human life. Every person is *sent*.

Like St. Juan Diego, let us

embrace our daily mission to help others encounter God's transforming, life-giving love.



**RESPECT LIFE**  
WWW.USCCB.ORG/RESPECTLIFE

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# FAITH FORMATION

## RCIA

### **Why be Catholic in the midst of scandal?**

You may know of someone thinking of becoming Catholic or having just joined the Catholic church who may be disheartened, discouraged or having second thoughts about joining.

### **Compelling Catholicism**

Why would you even remain a Catholic, the reason to be Catholic is because of “the history, the global connectedness, the continuity, the tradition, the liturgy, the sacraments, the prayers, the saints, the mysticism, the focus on the poor, the emphasis on justice—all these dimensions of the faith remain true, good, beautiful and compelling.”

So even with the sex abuse scandal, there’s no confusion for any of us about the good reasons to be Catholic. We have to be very careful not to conflate and confuse elements of a clericalist system that protects pedophiles and exploits power within the Mystical Body of Christ. Our baptism was not into a system or an institution but into Christ, dead, risen, and alive for the sake of the world, especially for those most vulnerable, so that the reign of God may be clearly visible here and now.

### **The apostolic mission of the baptized**

So when we hear questions like — “Can I submit myself to this institution?”—I have to challenge the asker and all of us to take our baptism more seriously. All of us who are baptized are part of the common priesthood, and we have an apostolic vocation. The ministerial priesthood is “at the service of the common priesthood” (CCC 1547). All of us submit ourselves not to the institution of the church but to the Person of Jesus Christ.

All of us fail to live up to our baptismal promises. Ministerial priests are not preserved from error by their ordination. They sometimes act in ways “that are not always signs of fidelity to the Gospel and consequently can harm the apostolic fruitfulness of the Church” (CCC 1550).

Our response to sin is not to abandon the sinner or worse yet, our own apostolic vocation. Rather, we are bound to offer fraternal correction through every means available to us — including legal action if necessary. The question is not, should I leave the Church. Rather we should ask how we can, through our baptismal priesthood, heal the wounds that the clericalist system has caused.

We are members of the Mystical Body of Christ. Even if we stop practicing, we are still members of the baptized priesthood with a responsibility to exercise our apostolic vocation. The fullest expression of that vocation will be found in the Catholic Church. The sins of the clericalist system will not change that reality.

### **Our work has not changed**

Our response to an unbaptized seeker who does not know Christ would be different. Someone with no formation in Christian teaching might equate the hierarchy with the Church. That is one of the things that makes our priestly apostolic work so much harder. It is very likely that some potential converts will walk away without ever really hearing the good news. The sins of the church do not change who Christ is; they reveal how deeply we need Christ. The abuse scandals do make our job harder, but they do not change our job. Pope Francis reminds us that this must be our constant message to those most in need: “Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you.” (Joy of the Gospel, 164)

The bottom line for us is, we are all disheartened, angry, sad, and fed up with things as they are. The clericalist system is broken, and it is causing really evil things to happen. It is up to all of us to fix it. We don’t know what each of us might be called to do individually, but we do know that choosing to not participate will simply allow the dysfunction to continue.

*Article from [TeamRCIA.com](http://TeamRCIA.com)*

***Join the RCIA journey Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday 10:15 a.m. All are welcome.***

# STEWARDSHIP

## TIME – TALENT – TREASURE

### TREASURE

*Mahalo for your generous contributions  
and Faithful Stewardship.*

The Collections for **September 22—23, 2018**  
are as follows:

**Total: \$12,688.26**

Envelopes & Loose Collections	\$7,463.93
Mass Intentions	430.00
Electric Votive & Candles	<u>920.18</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$8,814.11</b>

### ENVELOPES

IDENTIFIABLE	41%
UNIDENTIFIABLE	59%

Building Fund	\$2,871.36
Outreach	23.79
Special Donation	500.00
Donation	100.00
Altar Flowers	<u>200.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,823.15</b>

### Special Collections:

Catholic University of America	30.00
Seminarian Ed.	5.00
Catholic Charities of Hawaii	7.00
World Mission	2.00
Catholic Communication	<u>7.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$51.00</b>

### **Altar Flower Donations**

Our altar is made a more fitting place for the celebration of the Eucharist by the flowers that are provided each week. In many other parishes flowers are brought from the homes of parishioners. Because of our location, we need to purchase our arrangements each week. We want to honor and remember our loved ones in a special way and at the same time continue to have flowers for the Altar. Donations can be made (up to \$200) and names provided for remembrance each week on a first come first serve basis.

### This Week's Events September 30 –October 6, 2018

*M – Main Church, U–Upstairs Parish Conference Room,  
R – Reception room, B - Blue room, G - Green Room,  
C – Courtyard*

#### Sunday September 30

##### *26th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 6:15 am – Choir Practice (B)
- 6:15 am – Rosary (M)
- 8:15 am - Youth choir practice (B)

#### Monday October 1

##### *St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor*

- 6:30 pm – Charismatic Prayer Group (M)

#### Tuesday October 2

##### *The Holy Guardian Angels*

- 6:10 am – Rosary (M)
- 7:30 am—Bible Study (C)
- 11:15 am – Rosary (M)
- 7:00 pm – Centering Prayer (M)

#### Wednesday October 3

- 6:10 am – Rosary (M)
- 7:30 am – Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help (M)
- 11:15 am – Rosary (M)
- 1:00 pm – Legion of Mary, Queen of Peace (R)
- 6:00 pm – RCIA (R)
- 6:30 pm – Scripture Study (R)

#### Thursday October 4

##### *St. Francis of Assisi, Religious*

- 6:10 am – Rosary (M)
- 11:15 am – Rosary (M)
- 5:30 pm—**Blessing of Animals**
- 5:15 & 6:00 pm – Choir Practice (M)

#### Friday October 5

##### *Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, First Friday*

- 6:10 am – Rosary (M)
- 7:40 am—Eucharistic Adoration/Sacred Heart Devotion
- 10:00 – 11:30 am Confession and Spiritual Direction
- 10:45 am – Divine Mercy Devotion & Chaplet
- 5:45 pm – Stations of the Cross Devotions (M)
- 7:30 pm—First Friday mass

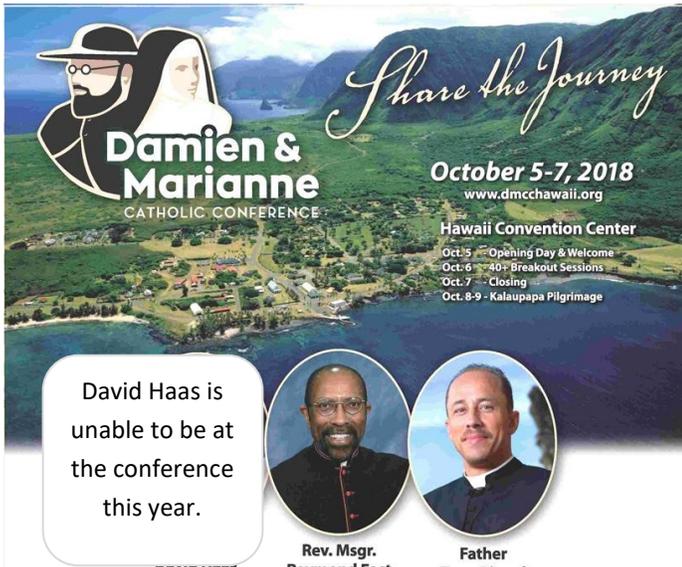
#### Saturday October 6

- 8:00 – 11:00 am – Cleaning Church (M)
- 11:15 am – Rosary
- 3:30 – 4:30 pm – Confessions (M)

## AROUND THE PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

### DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL

The Sisters will be setting up their Book Table after all Masses on October 13th & 14th Please support their ministry to the people of Hawaii



*Share the Journey*

**Damien & Marianne**  
CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

**October 5-7, 2018**  
[www.dmcchawaii.org](http://www.dmcchawaii.org)

Hawaii Convention Center

Oct. 5 - Opening Day & Welcome  
Oct. 6 - 40+ Breakout Sessions  
Oct. 7 - Closing  
Oct. 8-9 - Kalaupapa Pilgrimage

David Haas is unable to be at the conference this year.



Rev. Msgr.  
Raymond East



Father  
Tony Ricard

### Second Annual Damien and Marianne Catholic Conference in Honolulu

An exciting convergence of education and entertainment awaits Christians of all denominations and ages at the second annual Damien and Marianne Catholic Conference at the Hawai'i Convention Center from October 5 to 7.

## Divine Mercy Crusade

Bringing the Message of Divine Mercy to Honolulu

**When:** Wed, Oct. 10, 2018 @ 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
**Where:** Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa  
 712 North School Street  
 Honolulu, HI 96817-3030

Divine Mercy Talk, Holy Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Veneration of St Faustina Relic.

**ADMISSION IS FREE** for all Parish Missions. Divine Mercy, Marian, Catholic books, media and gift items from the Shrine of Divine Mercy will be available for sale.

# 50th Anniversary

Our fundraising committee will be holding a Car Blessing and Car Wash and on **Sat. October 20th from 8am-1pm**

You may have your car blessed by Fr. Khanh or Fr. Siegfred between 9-11

Volunteers needed. Please leave your name and phone number with the office.

Suggested donation \$10.00



### PARISH GARAGE SALE

**December 1, 2018**

**We need your generous support**

We are collecting items for our parish garage sale.

Collections will continue every weekend through

November 17th and 18th.

Volunteers needed.

Call Lily Ph: 220-3344

The funds raised will finance the projects to prepare the church for her 50th Anniversary.

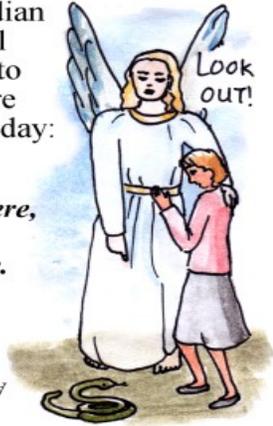
# Guardian Angels



On October 2nd we celebrate the feast of the Guardian Angels. Did you know that God has an angel specially looking after you? God gave you a guardian angel to help guard you against temptation and danger.

Angels are pure spirits. Even though we draw them like people with wings, they don't have bodies, so they don't take up space or move around. They can see and understand much more than we can, and they know God much better than we do, too. They are very powerful and can help us very much.

We should try to talk to our Guardian Angel every day. Thank your angel for looking after you, and ask him to keep protecting you from evil. Here is a good prayer you can say every day:



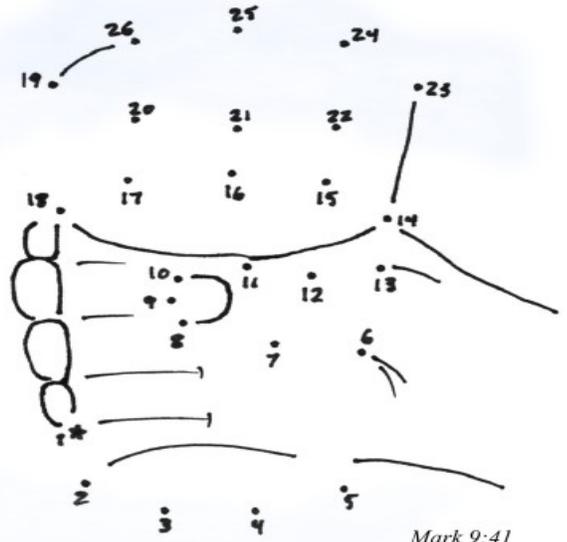
*Angel of God, my guardian dear,  
to whom God's love commits me here,  
Ever this day be at my side  
to light, to guard, to rule and guide.  
From sinful state O keep me free,  
and at death's hour my helper be.  
Amen.*

Answer to Word-Find: (It is better) to suffer than to sin.

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# The Kids' Bulletin

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Mark 9:41

What is it?  
Connect the dots to find out!  
Jesus says in today's Gospel reading that  
anyone who gives one to someone for His sake  
will receive their just reward.