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September 26, 2021



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

At that time, 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. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

Reflections for the 26th Sunday In Ordinary Time

First Reading: Numbers 11:25–29

The context of Numbers 11 is vital for understanding the portion of the chapter that we read for this Sunday. Chapter 11 begins with complaints made by the Israelites and Moses, and then God responds to these complaints. The part of that chapter in this Sunday's reading gives God's solution to the three complaints. The solution doesn't make much sense unless we realize the problem, that is, the three complaints that precede it. The first complaint is made by the Israelites about the food they are given during their sojourn in the desert. Their only provision is the manna that God miraculously provides. The Israelites are ungrateful for the bread that is given to them from Heaven, so they weep and complain about it and foolishly long for the days when they were slaves in Egypt eating meat. They lament that they are free men fasting on bread (manna). Moses, because he is tired of their grumbling, in turn complains to God about how difficult it is to lead such ungrateful, selfish people. How does God receive Moses's complaint? He rebukes them for being ungrateful people who do not trust in his word (Numbers 11:23). God then bestows the Holy Spirit on seventy elders to help Moses share the burden of leading the people to the Promised Land and in doing God's will. In other words, the only way for God's people to complete their journey to the Promised Land (a foreshadowing for us of Heaven) is by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. And the leaders of God's people (who are a priestly people, pointing forward to the priesthood of the New Covenant) are commissioned by the reception of the Spirit through God's mediator Moses (who is a type of the coming Messiah, Jesus) The problem with the Israelite people is that they have fundamentally rejected the mission that God has given to them. In Exodus 4:22, God says to the Israelite people, "Israel is my firstborn son." This relationship is realized in a covenant at the foot of Mt. Sinai, when God says to his people, "You shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation" (Exodus 19:6). Nevertheless, the Israelites reject this covenant with God in Exodus 32, when they make a golden calf (an idol) and worship it. For this reason, Moses tells Joshua in Numbers 11:29, "Would that the Lord might bestow his spirit on them all!" Moses is reminding the people that they have forgotten God's call to be a priestly nation; this is why not all the people have received the spirit of God. This prayer of Moses will be answered definitively at Pentecost, when God pours His Holy Spirit on all of His people, giving them

the grace to become a nation of priests, prophets, and kings. . In the New Covenant, we are given the sacraments to help us toward the Heavenly Jerusalem. Thus, when we are open to receiving the Holy Spirit through the sacraments, we receive what the people of Israel did not. We must remain in the state of grace, however, if we want to receive the Holy Spirit through the sacraments.

Second Reading: James 5:1–6

This reading from James encourages us to avoid his harsh words! James is a stern and passionate preacher of repentance, following a Jewish prophetic style. In speaking of the tongue and its capacity to do evil, James says, "It exists among our members as a whole universe of malice. The tongue defiles the entire body. Its flames encircle our course from birth, and its fire is kindled by hell." This kind of judgment should make us reconsider any habits of gossiping. Sometimes we like to ignore the consequences of sin, citing the fact that we are essentially a "good person." Our materialistic culture lulls us into a false sense of security about our positions, including the integrity of our moral lives. In this passage, James is rebuking wealthy landowners who love their money more than they love God. Because our culture is so materialistic, we too can often love our money, wealth, and possessions more than we love God. Thus, James's rebuke is timely for us and should provide good reflection as we consider the hierarchy of our loves. The danger of the lure of riches is a major theme in the Gospels. From the rich young man who goes away sad when Jesus challenges him to leave his wealth and follow Him (Matthew 19:16-30; Mark 10:17-31; Luke 18:18-30) to St. Paul's assertion that greed is the root of all evil (1 Timothy 6:10), the constant warning to Christians is that we should beware of the lure of wealth. We can become overly obsessed with our money, which can lead us into gluttony, greed, and injustice. The Christian ideal is one of poverty and simplicity, as contrary as that is to our modern culture. Indeed, these words from James are rooted in Christ's own words about wealth and poverty: "Blest are you poor; the reign of God is yours" and "woe to you rich, for your consolation is now" (Luke 6).

Gospel: Mark 9:38–43, 45, 47–48

In the first part of this Gospel reading, the disciples come to Jesus about someone who is casting out demons in his name, even though this individual is not a visible member of the group of disciples. Jesus uses this moment to teach the disciples that he is the source of our unity in Faith. When St. Paul says that we are members of the Body of Christ, he means that our unity is a

consequence of Christ's action in us and for us. Jesus likewise says, "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you" (John 15:16). In the end, God is entirely free to distribute His grace as He wishes. The person expelling the demons in Jesus's name may not have been a visible member of the disciples, but his faith in Christ and his actions testifying to his faith are effective because of the power of the name of Jesus (Philippians 2:9-11). This same theme is present in the first reading from Numbers, in which God's power is shown to be effective in accordance with his will, apart from human expectations. God's Divine Providence should be a source of joy for us. The story of the "other exorcist" should remind us that God's grace is always a gift, and it is never something that is earned. In the New Covenant, we receive the grace of God through the reception of the sacraments, which are the normative way to obtain eternal life. In accordance with Lumen Gentium 8, we can say the following: "This Church constituted and organized in the world as a society, subsists in the Catholic Church, which is governed by the successor of Peter and by the Bishops in communion with him, although many elements of sanctification and of truth are found outside of its visible structure." In other words, elements of truth can exist outside the visible walls of the Church in the sacrament, which means that God can work through individuals who are outside the Church, although these graces always flow through the Catholic Church.

Reflection: As catechists, we can often become so passionate about the details of the Catholic Faith that we want to impart to our students that we forget that our faith is in a real person, Jesus Christ. We can forget that our work as catechists is not to present our own truth, but the truth of Jesus Christ and the reality of his Incarnation. In the Last Supper discourse, Jesus tells us that he is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Today's readings invite us to meditate on what it means that he is the Truth. What are the ramifications of the truth being a set of rules that has the Person of Jesus Christ as its divine author? To the extent that we see Jesus, recognize him, know him, and commune with him we are able to see things in the truth and perceive reality clearly. The more we know him and love him, the more we know and love the truth in all things.

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A COMMUNION PRAYER



Jesus, although You have existed with the Father and the Holy Spirit from the beginning, You came among us in Your human nature and showed us the depth of divine love. With amazement, I think about how You, Almighty God, became man. Even more, with astonishment I recall Your words to Your disciples that to have eternal life, we have to eat the bread that is You. Jesus, I have now received the miracle of Your flesh and blood in this Holy Communion. May I grow in the awareness that your divine life is now within me. Please let my attitude reflect Your presence in me.

Lord Jesus, I believe that You are truly present within the consecrated bread which has been blessed and broken. Through the eyes of faith, I affirm that what I have received is Your Body and Blood.

Lord Jesus, in this celebration of faith, I have received the cup of blessing. It is the new and eternal covenant of Your love. May I proclaim, once again, this day that you are the Christ, the anointed One of God, who has come to me. Amen.
—Source Unknown

READINGS FOR THE 26th WEEK

IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50

St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56

St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51

Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab]/Lk 10:1-12

St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-5, 10

The Holy Guardian Angels

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Respect Life Sunday

Diaconate Discernment Nights



Are you, or someone you know, being called to become a deacon? The Diocese of Orlando, Office of the Permanent Diaconate, is calling on the Church community to bring forth reputable men, servants, filled with the Spirit, to discern a call to the permanent diaconate. Men seeking to discern this call are encouraged to attend a Diaconate Discernment Night. Six discernment sessions will be held throughout the diocese in September and October.

- 9/28/21 St. Joseph Catholic Church, Lakeland - 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
- 9/29/21 Annunciation Catholic Church, Altamonte Springs - 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
- 10/4/21 St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Viera - 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
- 10/7/21 St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church, Summerfield –6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
- 10/26/21 Basilica of St. Paul, Daytona Beach - 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
- 10/28/21 St. Catherine of Siena, Kissimmee - 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

For more information, go to <https://www.orlandodiocese.org/diaconate-discernment/>

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

**My Jesus, I believe that You are present in
the Most Holy Sacrament.**

**I love You above all things and I desire to
receive You into my soul.**

**Since I cannot, at this moment, receive You
sacramentally,**

Come at least spiritually into my heart.

**I embrace You as if You were already there
And unite myself wholly to You.**

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

The Pope's Intention for September:

**AN ENVIRONMENTALLY
SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE**



We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

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<https://www.stmaryofthelakesparish.org>

We continue to livestream and to post the 4:00 PM Mass, featuring Fr. Carlos Bedoya as the president, for our parishioners to be able to hear his inspiring homilies on YouTube or Facebook page.



PETER RICHARD CONTE TO PERFORM AT BASILICA

Orlando famed concert organist, Peter Richard Conte, will perform a free concert on Friday, October 15th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe in Orlando. The concert will be the dedication recital of the new 5,200 pipe Schoenstein organ installed in 2019, and will feature a varied and entertaining selection of music.

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All are welcome, and no tickets are required. Mr. Conte's appearance is sponsored by the Ginsburg Family Foundation, and he is represented by Phillip Truckenbrod Concert Artists. For more information, please call 407-239-6600. Plenty of free parking is available.

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If you are worried about the future;
If you ask yourself why nothing
makes you happy; or
If you find yourself alone and you feel
like God has left you,
COME AND LISTEN

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED

**Mondays and Wednesdays
September 20 — November 8
Meetings will be in the Parish Center
from 7:30 —8:30 p.m.**

MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS TIMES

Monday—Friday

8:00 AM (English)

Tuesday

6:30 PM (Spanish)

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil

4:00 PM (English)

Sunday

8:00 & 10:00 AM (English)

12:00 PM (Spanish)

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Vigil 7:00 PM (Bilingual)

Holy Day

8:00 AM (English)

CONFESSIONS

Tuesdays 7:15 PM

Fridays after 8:00 AM Mass

Saturdays 3-4 PM

or any time upon request

Last Week's Collections

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- California Wildfires & Tennessee Flooding
- Suffering in Afghanistan



FAITH FORMATION MEETINGS

Monday, Sept. 27

Faith Formation for grades K-5

5:30 PM - 7 PM @ the Parish Center

Tuesday, Sept. 28

Pre-Confirmation Classes

5:30 PM - 7 PM @ the Parish Center

Faith Formation Registration Registro de formación en la fe

continues at the parish office as late registration
continúa como registro tardío en la oficina parroquial.

Please don't delay!

(Classes have already begun.)_Don't delay!

Catechists and Volunteers Needed

Necesitamos Catequistas

Answer the call!

Contact the parish office today!

Responde la llamada!

¡Póngase en contacto con la oficina parroquial hoy mismo!

**Are you an adult missing
Sacraments of Initiation?**

RCIA

**classes will begin in
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**For more information / Para información:
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 **PUZZLE**

Find 10 differences.



 **MISSION**

Pray for missionaries around the world who teach others about Jesus.

Reflexiones para el domingo 26 En tiempo ordinario

MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICO: ALENTAR ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

Hoy encontramos en la Liturgia detalles específicos de la paciencia y pedagogía de Dios con su pueblo. La realidad que pasaba el pueblo en la vida del desierto, es algo muy parecido a la existencia humana de la sociedad de hoy. ¿Quién profetiza? ¿Quién tiene la autoridad para hablar del Señor? ¡Celo apostólico, o envidia! Josué pide a Moisés que Eldad y Medad no fueran catequistas, o evangelizadores por decirlo así. Pero el Espíritu de Dios estaba en ellos --- como lo está ahora en todo bautizado. La respuesta de Moisés fue la siguiente: “Ojalá que todo el pueblo de Yavé fuera profeta, que Yavé les diera a todos su espíritu” (Números 11:29).

En una de sus tantas catequesis, el Papa Francisco lo explica así: “De buena fe, con celo, se quisiera proteger la autenticidad de una cierta experiencia, tutelando al fundador o al líder de falsos imitadores. Pero al mismo tiempo está como el temor de la competencia, que alguno pueda robar nuevos seguidores, y entonces no se logra apreciar el bien que los otros hacen; no va bien porque no es de los nuestros, se dice (9/30/2018). Por el otro lado, la respuesta de Jesús a Juan es similar a la de Josué y del Papa: “No se lo prohíban, ya que nadie puede hacer un milagro en mi nombre y luego hablar mal de mí. El que no está contra nosotros está con nosotros” (Marcos 9:39-40). Actuar, hacer todo en nombre de Jesús, implica solo una cosa: fidelidad a su mensaje de amor, paz y justicia. Todo lo que se ha hecho, en este tiempo de pandemia, por amor a los demás es ser generosos al estilo de Jesús.

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VIVIR LA LITURGIA : INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

¿Quiénes son los pequeños? Son los muchos y variados rostros de personas que ven esperanza en el mensaje de Jesús sobre el Reino de Dios. Han llegado a creer que hay un mundo diferente: un lugar donde todos tienen un hogar, todos tienen la misma oportunidad de compartir los abundantes dones y bendiciones de Dios, donde reina la justicia, la verdad preside y la paz llena los corazones. Los pequeños son aquellos que pueden haber dejado atrás sus puntos de vista anteriores, tal vez incluso sus vidas anteriores para seguir a Jesús y creer en las Bienaventuranzas como la visión del mundo de Dios. Son los pobres, los marginados, las mujeres y los hombres del pozo, los Zaqueos que buscan a Jesús desde un árbol, los ciegos que quieren ver y los cojos que quieren caminar. Son los leprosos a los que se les ha dicho que son inmundos, y los que han aprendido que el sufrimiento y la muerte no son nada que temer. Estos son todos los pequeños. Jesús los reúne y los protege como un pastor cuida a sus ovejas. Cualquiera que haga pecar a uno de estos pequeños merece la mayor ira. Preocúpate más por lo que hace la gente que por su procedencia.

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Lecturas de la Semana

XXVI Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario

Lunes: Zac 8, 1-8/Sal 101, 16-18. 19-21. 29 y 22-23 [17]/Lc 9, 46-50

San Vicente de Paúl, sacerdote

Martes: Zac 8, 20-23/Sal 86, 1-3. 4-5. 6-7 [Zac 8, 23]/Lc 9, 51-56

San Wenceslao, mártir; San Lorenzo Ruiz y compañeros, mártires

Miércoles: Dn 7, 9-10. 13-14 o Ap 12, 7-12/Sal 137, 1-2. 2-3. 4-5 [1]/Jn 1, 47-51

San Gabriel, San Miguel y San Rafael, arcángeles

Jueves: Neh 8, 1-4. 5-6. 7-12/Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 11[9]/Lc 10, 1-12

San Jerónimo, sacerdote y doctor de la Iglesia

Viernes: Bar 1, 15-22/Sal 78, 1-2. 3-5. 8. 9 [9]/Lc 10, 13-16

Santa Teresa del Niño Jesús, virgen y doctora de la Iglesia

Sábado: Bar 4, 5-12. 27-29/Sal 68, 33-35. 36-37 [34]/Mt 18, 1-5. 10

Los Santos Ángeles Custodios

Domingo siguiente: Gn 2, 18-24/Sal 127, 1-2. 3. 4-5. 6 [cfr. 5]/Heb 2, 9-11/Mc 10, 2-16 o 10, 2-12



Si desea bautizar a su hijo(a) favor llamar a la oficina parroquial 352-483-3500.

*La próxima clase es el **2 de octubre 2021.***

9 a.m. Muchas gracias.



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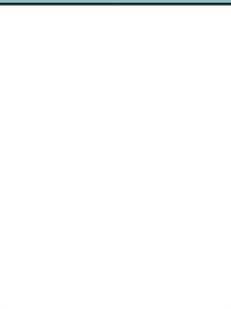
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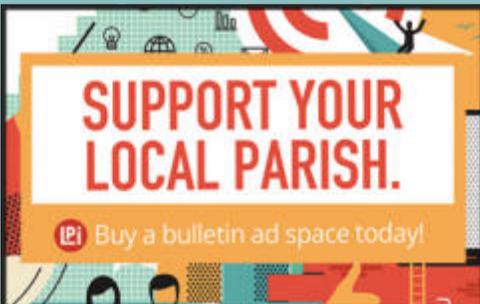


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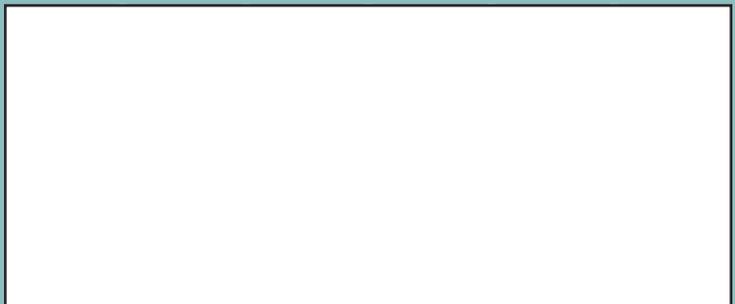
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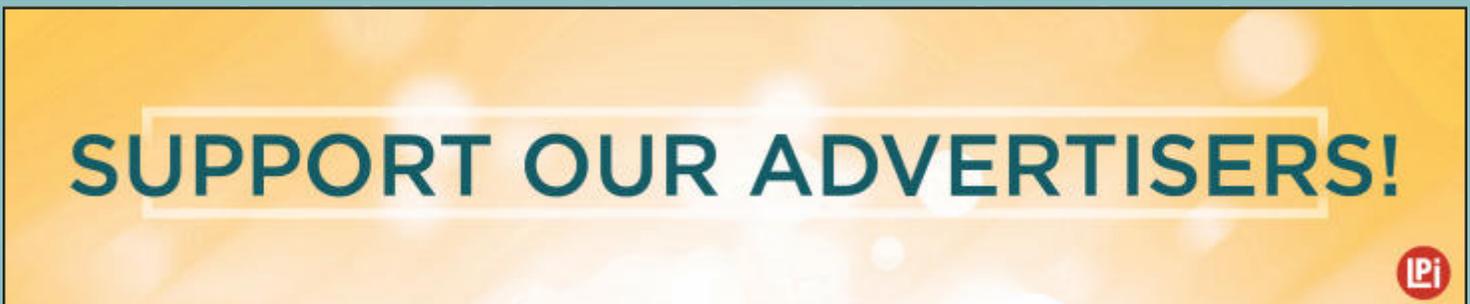
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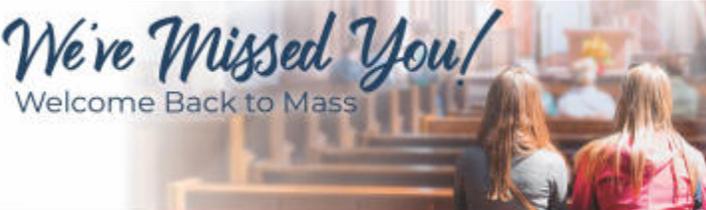


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MONDAY, September 27
8:00 AM †Dec. Members of the Graham Fam.

TUESDAY, September 28
8:00 AM †Debra Lynn Sachs
6:30 PM †Ivonne Otero

WEDNESDAY, September 29
8:00 AM †Mr. & Mrs. George M. Woods

THURSDAY, September 30
8:00 AM Spec. Int. for the Mike Ramirez Fam.

FRIDAY, October 01
8:00 AM †Poor Souls In Purgatory
†Carmelita Garcia

SATURDAY, October 02
4:00 PM Our Parishioners

SUNDAY, October 03
8:00 AM †Peter Ferchie
†Carl J. Filippini
†Mildred & Michael Romano
10:00 AM †Angela M. Zaia
†Ann Bignon
Spec. Int. for Catherine & Sebastian Vega
12:00 PM †Mirtelina Tata Garcia

All parishes are asked to remember our deceased priests who were incarnated for the Orlando Diocese, or who are buried at the San Pedro Center. For September they are:

September 14, 2017 Msgr. Patrick Caverly

September 19, 2016 Very Rev. John McCormick

September 23, 1986 Rev. Louis Bamundo

September 27, 1995 Rev. Charles Schneider

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



We pray for the repose of the soul of **Maureen Hay and Carmelita Maling Garcia**. May God welcome them home, fill them with peace, and bless those who will miss them.