

September 30, 2018

26.th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading. Nm. 11:25-29

Second Reading. Jas 5:1-6

Gospel. Mk 9:38-43, 45,47-48

## “Do not prevent him.”

In the Gospel, the disciples go to Jesus and tell him they have found someone driving out demons in his name. Further, they tried to stop him because “he does not follow us.” In other words, he is outside the group.

As Jesus so often does, he uses the experience of the disciples to teach them, to expand their thinking and widen their hearts. “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.” Jesus was giving the disciples a lesson in **tolerance**. Perhaps He also was telling them to be careful not to limit God’s spirit. The Spirit and mission of God were not to be claimed exclusively by the Twelve, but would be shared with many. “Whoever is not against us is for us.”

In essence, Jesus is making a statement about the importance of thinking inclusively in ministry, whether one is an ordained or lay minister. Be aware of the presence of God all around you! **Be open to those who can teach you and challenge you to look at things differently.** Look for God in those you might consider to be “outside your circle.” Look for God in unexpected relationships and events.

Today’s Gospel invites you and me to consider: whom do I sometimes label as insiders or outsiders when I think of family members, relationships at work, fellow parishioners and neighbors? In what situations and with whom might I be attempting to stifle God’s spirit? Where am I being called to be more inclusive in how I relate to others and how I view the world?

## Thursday, Oct. 4: St. Francis of Assisi

St. Francis of Assisi is one of the most venerated religious figures in history. Francis was born in 1181 in Assisi, Italy, to a wealthy cloth merchant and his French-born wife. His father nicknamed him “Francesco” or “The Frenchman” and his nickname soon replaced his baptismal one.

Young Francis grew up in opulence and adored a life of finery and fun. But throughout his youth, he was confronted with poverty and it began to slowly and profoundly affect his worldview. He often gave away his money to the beggars looking for alms. Francis’ father, however, was not pleased and severely punished him.

In 1201, he joined a military expedition and was taken prisoner for a year. It’s possible that his spiritual conversion was a gradual process rooted in this experience, as he soon was devoting more time and resources tending to the poor, including nursing leprosy victims. After he renounced his father and his fortune, Francis lived as a beggar in the countryside and soon devoted himself to a life of poverty. Many of the stories that surround St. Francis deal with his love of animals, his caring for the natural world, and his dedication to the poor and the suffering.

### The Prayer of St. Francis

“Lord, make me an instrument of your Peace,  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy;

Grant that I may not so much seek to be  
consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned.  
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal  
life. Amen.”

## Masses for the Week

September 29, 2018 – October 6, 2018

Saturday, September 29

6:00 p.m. (English)

Fr. Michael Mandala

Sunday, September 30

9:30 a.m. (English/Spanish)

+Raul Jimenez by wife Maria Fichera  
Jimenez

11:00 a.m. (Italian)

+Domenica D'Agostaro by D'Agostaro  
Family

+Pietro Vigna by his wife

+Pauline Cortez

6:00 p.m. (English)

For all living & deceased members of  
Lizardo, Villanueva, Coronado, Valdez,  
Rubio and Ramos Family

Monday, October 1

6:00 p.m. No Mass

Tuesday, October 2

6:00 p.m. +Steven Baumler

Wednesday, October 3

6:00 p.m. Special intentions of Arthur Clasby

Thursday, October 4

6:00 p.m.

Friday, October 5

6:00 p.m. +Socorro Capra by her kids and grandkids

Saturday, October 6

6:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Did you know we have **Vespers** at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday – Friday

**Adoration:** Thursdays 6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.

### Dates to Remember

**October 7, United lodges of Southern California, Columbus celebration.** Complimentary sandwiches, salad and soda. 1:30 pm contact (626) 254-0449 for more information

**October 21, Sacred heart of Jesus meeting after 11:00 am mass**

**October 22, Polenta dinner.** Contact the office at: (323) 225-8119 or Nick D'Egidio (562) 947-2819

**Sunday, October 28, Feast of St. Jude**  
**NO EVENING MASS AT St. Peter's Italian church.** Gather at St. Peter's 5:30 pm  
Procession to San Conrado 6:00 p.m. followed by outdoor mass with **Bishop Alexander Salazar and the Scalabrini Fathers**

### **OUTREACH PROGRAM**

Thank you, San Conrado parishioners, for preparing and packing 400 meals for the homeless on Saturday September 29!!



**The Rosary will be prayed each Sunday at 10:30 am during the month of October**

**The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary.** This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical **feast of Our Lady of the Rosary** is celebrated annually on October 7th. It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

**Registration closes today.  
Parent meeting immediately following  
9:30a.m. Mass.**

If your child was previously enrolled in the program, you must re-register them in order for them to continue on with their faith journey. **Classes begin October 7.**

**We will not accept any registrations after the parent meeting.**

If you have any questions, please contact our Director of Religious Education, Michelle Fanara, via e-mail at [michellefanara@gmail.com](mailto:michellefanara@gmail.com)

#### **Last week's offerings**

*Offerte Della Settimana Scorsa*

**Last week's Offering: \$1,895.00**

**\*\*Offerta settimanale necessaria per far fronte alle spese ordinarie  
Weekly offering needed to meet ordinary expenses  
- \$2,950.00-**

#### **Did you know?**

##### **Reporting Abuse/Misconduct**

It is important to communicate your concerns if you observe anyone interacting with a child in an inappropriate manner. Parents, family members, teachers, clergy and all who work with or are responsible for the care of children need to remember that speaking up is one of the most important things they can do to protect not just their own children, but all children. Voicing your concerns is critical to protecting God's children. Any incident of abuse or misconduct should be immediately reported. For a copy of the complete VIRTUS® article, "Are We Communicating our Concerns?"

**Join us Sat. October 6, 2018 for our "Annual Pray for a Cure: Cancer Mass"** were Anointing of the Sick will be offered to those afflicted with the disease. Together we will pray for cancer survivors, the departed and their families. Let's stand as one with faith so no one will have to stand alone with fear.

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