

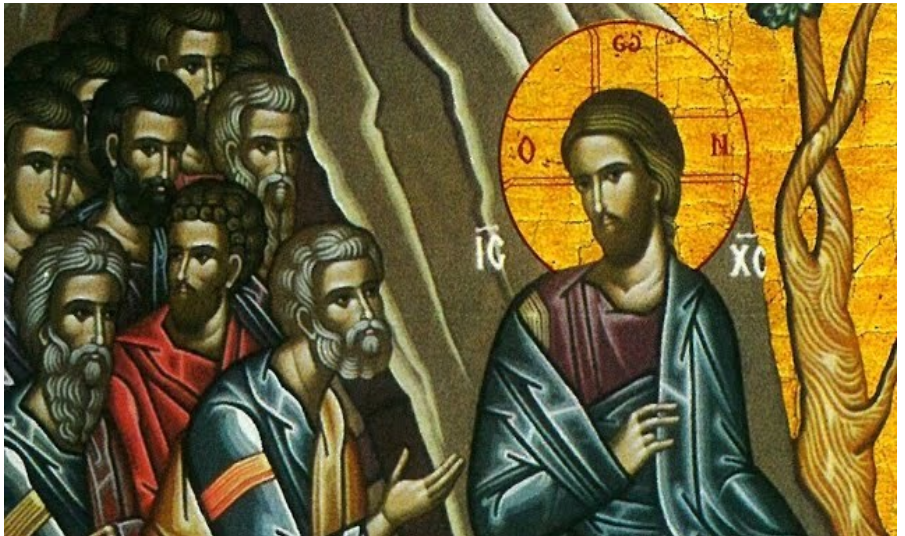
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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 'B' – SEPTEMBER 29TH 2024 "FOR WHOEVER IS NOT AGAINST US IS FOR US"

Today we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Recall that last week we heard Jesus chastise his disciples for their argument about who among them was the greatest. Jesus taught them that the greatest among them will be those who serve the least ones. In today's Gospel, the disciple John questions Jesus about an unknown exorcist who was driving out demons in Jesus' name. John's question might have been motivated by jealousy. Previously in Mark's Gospel, Jesus healed a boy whom the disciples had been unable to heal. John's question is further evidence that the disciples have not yet grasped Jesus' words to them. They continue to compare themselves to others who seem to have greater healing powers, and they do not want to share the power of Jesus' name with others.



Today the demon possession described in the Gospels might be seen as a form of mental illness, but the need for healing these syndromes was as real then as it is now. Exorcism was a common practice in first-century Palestine. Some people had the power to heal the symptoms of possession. One of the strategies used was to invoke the name of a person or figure who was believed to have the power to heal.

The disciples observed that the unknown exorcist invoked Jesus' name and was successful in his healing efforts. This unknown healer recognized the power of Jesus' name, yet he was not a follower of Jesus. In his reply to his disciples, Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He also teaches that the disciples should not be reluctant to share Jesus' healing powers with others.

Later in this Gospel, Jesus teaches us not to create obstacles for those who are just beginning to have faith but to encourage even the smallest signs of faith. The Greek word used here for sin also connotes "stumbling" or "causing scandal." In vivid terms Jesus teaches his disciples the consequences to those who would put obstacles before people who are on the road to faith.

XXVI DOMINGO ORDINARIO 'B'

EL QUE NO ESTÁ CONTRA NOSOTROS, ESTÁ A NUESTRO FAVOR.

Hoy continuamos leyendo el Evangelio de Marcos. Recordemos que la semana pasada escuchamos a Jesús reprender a sus discípulos por su discusión sobre quién de ellos era el más importante. Jesús les enseñó que los más grandes entre ellos serán aquellos que sirvan a los más pequeños. En el Evangelio de hoy, el discípulo Juan le pregunta a Jesús acerca de un exorcista desconocido que estaba expulsando demonios en nombre de Jesús. La pregunta de Juan puede haber sido motivada por celos. Anteriormente en el Evangelio de Marcos, Jesús sanó a un muchacho a quien los discípulos no habían podido sanar. La pregunta de Juan es una evidencia más de que los discípulos aún no han comprendido las palabras que Jesús les dirigió. Siguen comparándose con otros que parecen tener mayores poderes de sanación y no quieren compartir el poder del nombre de Jesús con otros.

Hoy la posesión demoníaca descrita en los Evangelios puede verse como una forma de enfermedad mental, pero la necesidad de sanar estos síndromes era tan real entonces como lo es ahora. El exorcismo era una práctica común en la Palestina del primer siglo. Algunas personas tenían el poder de sanar los síntomas de la posesión. Una de las estrategias utilizadas fue invocar el nombre de una persona o figura que se creía que tenía el poder de curar.

Los discípulos observaron que el exorcista desconocido invocó el nombre de Jesús y tuvo éxito en sus esfuerzos de curación. Este sanador desconocido reconoció el poder del nombre de Jesús, pero no era un seguidor de Jesús. En su respuesta a sus discípulos, Jesús reconoce que las obras de fe pueden preceder a las palabras de fe. También enseña que los discípulos no deben ser reacios a compartir los poderes curativos de Jesús con los demás.

Más adelante en este Evangelio, Jesús nos enseña a no crear obstáculos para aquellos que recién comienzan a tener fe, sino alentar incluso las más pequeñas señales de fe. La palabra griega utilizada aquí para pecado también connota “tropezar” o “causar escándalo”. En términos vívidos, Jesús enseña a sus discípulos las consecuencias para aquellos que ponen obstáculos ante las personas que están en el camino de la fe.

JERUSALEM PATRIARCH ANNOUNCES 'DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING' ON OCT. 7 ANNIVERSARY

The Latin patriarch of Jerusalem, Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, has invited the faithful to participate in a day of prayer and fasting on Oct. 7, one year after Hamas launched its brutal surprise attack on Israel. “The month of October is approaching,” Pizzaballa wrote in a Sept. 26 letter addressed to the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, “and with it the realization that for the past year the Holy Land, and not only, has been plunged into a vortex of violence and hatred never seen or experienced before.”



“The intensity and impact of the tragedies we have witnessed in the past 12 months have deeply lacerated our conscience and our sense of humanity,” Pizzaballa added, noting how the conflict has “struck a profound blow” to the social and political consciousness of the region. The situation between Lebanon and northern Israel has continued to escalate, with ongoing bombings and missile strikes launched on both sides. In the latest Sept. 23 attack, Israel unleashed a series of bombs on Lebanon, which resulted in the deaths of at least 558 people, including 50 children and 94 women. A further 1,800 were also injured in the attacks. Israeli forces have since intercepted a Hezbollah ballistic missile fired at Tel Aviv on Sept. 25. It is believed to be the first ballistic missile launched by Hezbollah into Israel.

Since the start of the conflict, Pizzaballa has tirelessly advocated for peace and a cease-fire in the region. In the letter, the Latin patriarch declared that the faithful must continue to call on leaders to recommit themselves to justice, freedom, dignity, and peace. “We too have a duty to commit ourselves to peace, first by preserving our hearts from all feelings of hatred, and instead cherishing the desire for good for everyone,” he said. “By committing ourselves, each in our own community contexts and in the forms we can, we should support those in need, help those who are personally invested to alleviate the suffering of those affected by this war, and promote every action of peace, reconciliation, and encounter.”

Pizzaballa also reminded his audience in the missive that the Church celebrates the feast of Mary, Queen of the Rosary, on Oct. 7. “May each of us, with the rosary or in whatever form he or she sees fit, personally but better again in community, find a moment to pause and pray, and bring to the ‘merciful Father and God of all consolation’ (2 Cor 1:3) our desire for peace and reconciliation,” he concluded.

SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Wednesday — Friday, 12 noon

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil at 4:30 PM

Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 AM in English,
Spanish Mass: 2nd Sunday of the Month at
1:00 pm in the Church.

4th Saturday of the month at 7:00pm in
Cachagua.

Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:30 PM and by appointment

Office Hours

Wednesday — Friday:
10 AM - 12 PM; 2 - 4 PM

The church is open Wednesday — Sunday
from 10 AM to 4 PM for personal prayer.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sep. 28st — Oct. 6th 2024

Sat. Aug. 28th 4:30: Int. Art & June Taylor on
(69th Wedding Anniv)

**7:00pm: Mass in Cachagua (18800 Cachagua Rd # 6)
+ Meliton Blanco, y - Por la salud de Carmen Resendiz**

Sun. Sep. 29th 9:00: + Peter Coakley
11:00: - People of the Parish

Wed. Oct. 2nd 12:00: + Kristen Defley

Thu. Oct. 3rd 12:00 + Teresa Selis

Fri. Oct. 4th 12:00: + Sandra Loacono

Sat. Vigil Oct. 5th 4:30: + Barbie Burdick

Sun. Oct. 6th 9:00 + Kimberly Kirk
11:15 + Margaret McCarthy

MAY THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED,
THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE.
AMEN

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Sep. 21st & 22nd: \$2,155.36

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4:30 pm Sat. Mass: **Kim Hartford**

9:00 am Sun. Mass: **Stefania Ortiz**

11:15 am Sun. Mass **Parish Choir**

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EVENT CALENDAR

Fri. Oct. 4th 12:30-5:30pm. **First Friday Adoration.**
 Sun. Oct. 6th. 12pm **Beginning of Confirmation Class.**
 Mon. Oct. 7th. **Day of Prayer and Fasting for peace in the Middle East.**
 Mon. Oct. 14th- Fri. Oct. 18th. **Annual Priest's Retreat.**
 No weekday Masses.

**SAINT OF THE WEEK: OCT. 1ST:
 SAINT THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS
 VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**



"I prefer the monotony of obscure sacrifice to all ecstasies. To pick up a pin for love can convert a soul." These are the words of Terese, a Carmelite nun called the "Little Flower," who lived a cloistered life of obscurity in the convent of Lisieux, France. [In French-speaking areas, she is known as Thérèse of Lisieux.] And her preference for hidden sacrifice did indeed convert souls. Few saints of God are more popular than this young nun. Her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, is read and loved throughout the world. Thérèse Martin entered the convent at the age of 15 and died in 1897 at the age of 24.

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