

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 29, 2024

The precepts of the Lord
give joy to the heart!



Masses For The Week

Sun 29 Twenty-Sixth Sun in Ordinary Time

08:00 am +For All Souls in Purgatory

Thr 03 Weekday

12:05 pm +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandra Leyendecker)

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As both Joshua's and Jesus' disciples learned, God uses the least likely people to be his instruments of grace, which uproots from us the self-righteousness we so easily exhibit. Moses asks Joshua, "Are you jealous for my sake?" After all, wouldn't it be good if all were moved by the Spirit of God to speak the truth? "For whoever is not against us is for us." Selfishness and pride are a corrosion that will "devour your flesh like a fire." This is why the Lord calls for such aggressive efforts to root out sin and focus on God. Jesus' startling images capture how supremely valuable health of soul is. In the end the only thing that matters is that we "belong to Christ" and "enter into life."

The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning for
+All Souls in Purgatory

Good News!

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Numbers 11:25-29 / James 5:1-6 /

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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It's not always easy to figure out where God's spirit of truth is revealed or by whom the truth is spoken. After "the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses," some of that same spirit given to Moses was also bestowed upon the seventy elders. Two other men also received the spirit, although they were not specially designated, much to the consternation of the elders (see Numbers 11:25-26). These two outsiders were somehow included among those who saw themselves as insiders. How is one to know who speaks with the authority of the spirit?

Perhaps we all need to pay attention to the possibility that "outsiders" may be speaking the truth to us. Faith communities are often considered outsiders in the larger society, not worthy of a platform to be heard from; yet, many faith communities raise their voices in defense of the unborn, the immigrants at our doors, and the lost souls adrift among us. Throughout life, we've been surprised by children who speak truth that is unrecognized by adults. We've been surprised by the voice of women to a patriarchal society, the sexually abused to the larger Church, those who defend victims of violence. But not all outsiders speak with the authority of the spirit. How is one to know? Perhaps the Gospel gives us a clue—those who give others a cup of water to drink, which is to say, those who speak with compassion on behalf of others who are thirsty for justice and life. ●

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Say AMEN to the WORD of the LORD

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LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Olga Gonzalez, Cristina Zarate, Mina Aldaco, Mario Garcia, Ramona Alaniz, Edna Flores, Ana Maria Finley, Mary G. Finley, Margarita Inocencio, Lucia Rodriguez, Maria Teresa Cassiano, Dotty Guffey, Rodrigo Medina, and Armando Colchado.

SECOND COLLECTION--RESPECT LIFE



The annual Respect Life Collection in the Diocese of Laredo will be next weekend, October 6. This annual collection assists with pro-life activities.



LIFE CHAIN IN LAREDO
Sunday, October 6, 2024,
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Sidewalks from McPherson
Rd. and Hillside Road. Join

us to prayerfully witness that **Every Human Life Matters and is Sacred from conception to natural death.**



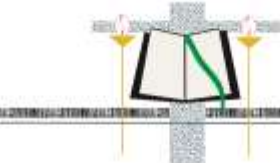
ANNUAL RED MASS

Parishioners are invited to join His Excellency, James A. Tamayo, D.D., on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 6 pm at San Agustin Cathedral as he invokes God's blessing upon all

members of the legal profession at the Annual Red Mass. Everyone is encouraged to attend.



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Last Sunday's Collection

Envelopes: \$ 1,353.00

Loose: \$3.00

Children's Envelopes: \$ 2.00

Total Sunday Collection: \$ 1,358.00

Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 655.43

Dear Padre

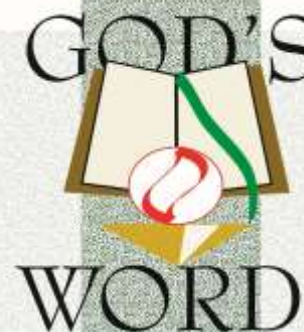
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After we die and go to heaven, will our guardian angel still be with us? Will we know the angel in a closer way?

"The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls 'angels' is a truth of faith" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 328). The notion that each person has his or her own guardian angel may be based on Jesus' warning not to despise "little ones" because "their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father" (Matthew 18:10). Saint Basil wrote, "Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life." How might we interact with these constant companions in heaven? In heaven, we'll be consumed with the presence of the beatific vision—the immediate knowledge of God, which the angelic spirits and the souls of the just enjoy. In beholding God face to face, we find perfect happiness. "This perfect life with the Most Holy Trinity—this communion of life and love with the Trinity, with the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed—is called 'heaven.' Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness" (CCC 1024). Even though "this mystery of blessed communion with God and all who are in Christ is beyond all understanding and description" (CCC 1027), to imagine the pure joy of being close to our guardian angel is just a foretaste of what heaven will be! ●

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The law of the LORD refreshes the soul

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