

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

Gospel

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

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.
For whoever is not against us is for us.
Anyone who gives you a cup of water to
drink
because you belong to Christ,
amen, I say to you, will surely not lose
his reward.

"Whoever causes one of these little ones
who believe in me to sin,
it would be better for him if a great
millstone
were put around his neck
and he were thrown into the sea.
If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off.
It is better for you to enter into life
maimed
than with two hands to go into Gehenna,
into the unquenchable fire.



And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it
off.

It is better for you to enter into life crippled
than with two feet to be thrown into
Gehenna.

And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck
it out.

Better for you to enter into the kingdom
of God with one eye
than with two eyes to be thrown into
Gehenna,
where 'their worm does not die, and the
fire is not quenched.'"

Readings for the week:

26th Sunday in Ord. Time

Num 11:25-29
Ps 19:8, 10,
12-13, 14
Jas 5:1-6
Mark 9:38-43,
45, 47-48

Monday

Zech 8:1-8
Ps 102:16-18,
19-21, 29 and
22-23
Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday

Zech 8:20-23
Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5,
6-7
Luke 9:51-56

Wednesday

**Sts. Michael,
Gabriel, Raphael**
Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 or
Rev 12:7-12a
Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-
3, 4-5
John 1:47-51

Thursday

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6,
7b-12
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11
Luke 10:1-12

Friday

Bar 1:15-22
Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5,
8, 9
Luke 10:13-16

Saturday

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29
Ps 69:33-35,
36-37
Matt 18:1-5, 10

27th Sunday in Ord. Time

Gen 2:18-24
Ps 128:1-2, 3,
4-5, 6
Heb 2:9-11
Mark 10:2-16
or 10:2-12



Opening Prayer

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

“But they’re not one of us!” In today’s gospel, we hear exclusion spoken from the midst of the Twelve. John is their indignant spokesman, informing Jesus that a man who “does not follow us” is “driving out demons in your name.” The real issue from John’s point of view is not that this man is *not following Jesus*—after all, he is doing his healing acts in Jesus’s name; the problem is that he is *not following the Twelve!* They tried to stop him, apparently unsuccessfully, since they make an implicit appeal to Jesus to do something about it. Jesus responds to John’s indignation by telling him that they should see such a person not as a competitor but as a companion along the way, because “whoever is not against us is for us.” Work for the kingdom is not to be a jealously guarded preserve.

Jesus expands on what being “with” him means. Those who are aiming to be “the biggest and the best,” even religiously, can too easily overlook or disparage the service of the “little ones” of great faith: the behind-the-scenes workers in a parish; those who seem to have the gift of a spontaneously positive response to everyday relationships and crises; the people who welcome demands on their time without fuss and with unfailing generosity. “Little ones” may also refer to those who are young in faith, new members of the Christian community. As a parish, how hospitable have we continued to be toward those who were baptized at Easter, or have we forgotten them and the drama of the Great Night? How inclusive are our attitudes to people who are entering from surprising—and even from what some “established” Christians might consider unwelcome and scandalous—quarters or lifestyles?

Closing Prayer

Divine Love, we strive to share your salvation with all. Remind us that, though we might not be one who *performs a mighty deed*, we may better give witness to your holy name by simple words and deeds, by small acts of love and kindness. **Amen.**

For Reflection:

- In the gospel, Jesus instructs the disciples to sever ties with anything that causes them to sin. At this moment in your life, are you being called to give up a practice or possession that separates you from God?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the “Opening Prayer” (in *The Roman Missal* called the “collect”).
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully “Reflecting on Living the Gospel” and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to “For Reflection.”
5. Pray the “Closing Prayer.”

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OCTOBER

CALENDAR YEAR

CALENDAR MONTH

SUNDAY

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	01	02
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Rosary 8:00 am•Mass 8:30 am•Birthday Blessing•OHANA IN CHRIST ANNUAL APPEAL 10/2-10/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Daily Mass 6:30 am.•Rosary•Faith Formation Gr 2-12 6:30-7:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Daily Mass 6:30 am.•Rosary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Daily Mass 6:30 am.•Rosary		<ul style="list-style-type: none">•6:00 am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament•6:30am Mass/Anointing of the Sick	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•4:30pm Confession•4:30 Rosary•5:00 pm Mass•Birthday Blessing
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Rosary 8:00am•Mass 8:30 am.•Parish Council Meeting 10 am•FALL BREAK	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Daily Mass 6:30 am.•Rosary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Daily Mass 6:30 am.•Rosary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Daily Mass 6:30 am.•Rosary	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Daily Mass 6:30 am.•Rosary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•4:30pm Confession•4:30 Rosary•5:00 pm Mass
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Rosary 8:00am•Mass 8:30 am.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Daily Mass 6:30 am.•Rosary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Bread Baking 12:30 a.m.•Daily Mass 6:30 am.•Rosary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Daily Mass 6:30 am.•Rosary	21	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Daily Mass 6:30 am.•Rosary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•4:30pm Confession•4:30 Rosary•5:00 pm Mass•2nd Collection World Mission
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Rosary 8:00am•Mass 8:30 am•2nd Collection World Mission•YMC Mtg 10-11 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Daily Mass 6:30 am.•Rosary•MS/HS Faith Formation 3-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Daily Mass 6:30 am.•Rosary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Daily Mass 6:30 am.•Rosary	28		<ul style="list-style-type: none">•4:30pm Confession•4:30 Rosary•5:00 pm Mass•2nd Collection Maintenance Fund
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