



Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 1, 2006

*The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul;
the decree of the LORD is trustworthy,
giving wisdom to the simple.*

-- Psalm 19:8



Upcoming Parish Events

Mon. Oct 2—
Bible Study & Prayer Group,
7:30 pm, Chapel

Tues. Oct 3—
Legion of Mary,
7:00 PM, Scanlan
Hall

Wed Oct. 4—
**Blessing of the
Animals** at 3 :15
pm in the Church

Fri. Oct 6 —
AACC Youth Grp,
6:30 pm, Scanlan
Hall
First Friday Ado-
ration & Mass
7pm in Church.

Prince of Peace,
8:30 pm, Scanlan
Hall

Sat. Oct 7—
Burmese mass,
10:00 am

Envy and Jealousy By Father Andrew Johnson

The second book of Wisdom tells us that Satan brought death to the world through envy. God created us for eternal life. However, Satan successfully tempted Adam & Eve to turn away from Almighty God and disobey Him. Satan told them, "You will become gods". Satan was envious and jealous of God and wanted to exert his power to control and manipulate God's finest and noblest creations, humanity. Perhaps Adam & Eve were also envious and jealous of God and wanted to be equal to Him as well. If these feelings of envy and jealousy were so powerful and destructive to bring about the death of humanity in this world, they must rank high on the list of sins against God. They are gravely serious sins in the eyes of God, no doubt about that! Do we in the normal course of our lives give much thought to the seriousness of these sins?

Today our first reading from the Book of Numbers and the Gospel passage from Mark focus on envy and jealousy. In the Old Testament, Joshua is telling Moses that two men, Elhad and Medad were speaking like prophets, which made them teachers of the faith to the people. They missed the "Graduation" ceremony although they had completed all the required training & had been blessed by the Holy Spirit. Moses dismisses Joshua's jealous complaint saying that he wished all of God's chosen were able to be prophets and that the Lord had sent his spirit upon them.

Our Gospel reading from Mark tells us that John was asking Jesus to silence someone who was casting out demons in Jesus' name. John insisted this man was not a follower of Jesus. John and the disciples tried unsuccessfully to stop him. Here again, just as Moses had treated Joshua, Jesus said to John, "Whoever is not against us is for us...there is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me."

Was John acting out of jealousy? Was he thinking that only he and the apostles had the right to drive out demons and heal people in the name of Jesus? Jesus set them straight & warned them about causing others to sin or lose their faith.

In our daily lives, we see envy and jealousy all the time. We see what it can lead to. Let us promise ourselves that we will do our best to avoid these sins by being compassionate and loving people.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK, SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday, Oct. 1: Nm 11:25-19; Ps 19; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Monday: **The Guardian Angels:** Jb 1:6-22; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: **St. Francis of Assisi;** Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12

Friday: **First Friday; St. Bruno; Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher;** Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: **Our Lady of the Rosary;** Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday, Oct 8: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

Full Plate Program: Thanks for your support of this program. Pls. bring your donations of canned foods and dry goods & place them in the green bins at the church entrance. September menu items: 1 Box of cereal, 1 can of stew or chili, 1 can of tuna or chicken, 1 container of 100% juice. No glass items, please. Thanks.



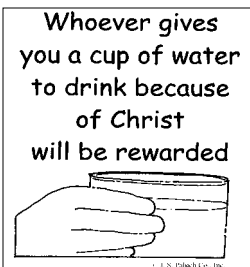
*Today's second collection will be for **Tithing for October 1st**. Thank you for your contribution to our Church!

*Our **First Friday** of the Month begins **Oct. 6th** with **adoration** from 7pm-8pm followed by a **healing mass**. All the STM family is welcome!

* Please don't forget our **traditional blessing of animals** on **Wednesday Oct. 4th** (after school—**3:15pm** or so) in honor of **St. Francis of Assisi** & his special love for all creatures great & small...



*It's time to order **New Missallettes** for the new liturgical year ! We invite you to send in the names of family members/friends (deceased & living) you want to honor with a donation of \$100 to cover the cost of the missallettes. The list will be in an insert on the inside front cover of our missallettes which we will start using in Advent. Please call the office if you would like to be a donor this year!



***Point 7 Now! Conference.** Volunteers are invited to this national economic conference focusing on global poverty on **October 27-28 at St. Mary's Cathedral**. Please call the office if you are interested.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Newman Club-meeting every **Tues.** with a faith sharing group at **12noon-12:30pm** on campus Cesar Chavez Center-Rosa Parks Rm E/D/or F. Pls contact Sr. Monica or Sr. Sibele VDMF at (650) 994-6919 or (415) 573-9064 for info.



I have chosen to become a member of **St. Thomas More** and commit myself to building a community that seeks to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with God. I will commit myself to this mission by my active and consistent presence at worship each week and will respond consistently by my financial giving even when I cannot be present.

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Name(s) _____
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I want to receive the envelopes and commit myself to a weekly contribution.

Yes, pls _____ No, thanks _____

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MASS INTENTIONS

Oct. 1 —, Oct 7 2006

- 10/01 Sun 10:00am People of the Parish
8:00pm Greg Escolta (Sp. Int.)
- 10/02 Mon 8:30am Vincent Duc Luu†
- 10/03 Tue 5:30pm Teresa Small (Sp. Int.)
- 10/04 Wed 8:30am Isidoro Rodriguez†
- 10/05 Thu 5:30pm Joan Small (Sp. Int.)
- 10/06 Fri 8:30am Elma Engelmann (Sp. Int.)
8:00pm Reynaldo Mendoza†
- 10/07 Sat 8:30am Epifanio Mendoza (Hlg.)
5:00pm Paul & Samiere Family

Please call the office to schedule. Participating in the Mass you offer is appreciated.



All the sick people in our parish especially Eddie Bernal, Zenaida Salamat, Herbert

Panaszewicz, Nahil Nazzal, John Silva, Rhona Palencia, Mary Lee Burke, George Crawford, Restituto de Guzman, Michael Karney, Majida Totah, William & Deena Tannous, Jamal Musallam, Nazzal Nazzal; and deceased Edward Hurst, III.

Thank you for your contributions. Please remember us in your prayers.

Your offerings for the weekend of **Sept 24th:**
\$4,186
 priest's retirement-(2nd Collection) **\$ 1,071**



Actual Construction & Repairs Money in Bank is: \$130,652

Please continue to support our Construction fund. We need to repair the Skylight, upgrade the lights in the church and upgrade Carroll Hall.
Thank you!