

26th *Sunday in Ordinary Time*

SEPTEMBER 25/26, 2021

St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church, Fairfax, Virginia

Prayer for our Nation:

Almighty Father, source of all our blessings, help us to trust in you. Please bless our country with your care. Keep safe our men and women in uniform, here and in faraway lands. Help their families, and all of our families, to rely on you and your love for each of your children. Stretch your hand to protect the innocent, here and abroad. Make our country wise and strong, generous and accepting, a symbol of what is best in each of us. We ask this of you through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Please refer to the hymnals for music for the mass. Hymn numbers can be found on the Hymn Board in the Church and in the Bulletin.
Hymn numbers will also be announced.*

The Psalm response and Alleluia can be found here until the new hymnals come into effect on November 28th, the First Sunday of Advent.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING I

Nm 11:25-29

The LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses.
Taking some of the spirit that was on Moses,
the LORD bestowed it on the seventy elders;
and as the spirit came to rest on them, they prophesied.
Now two men, one named Eldad and the other Medad,
were not in the gathering but had been left in the camp.
They too had been on the list, but had not gone out to the
tent;

yet the spirit came to rest on them also,
and they prophesied in the camp.

So, when a young man quickly told Moses,

"Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp, "

Joshua, son of Nun, who from his youth had been Moses' aide, said,

"Moses, my lord, stop them."

But Moses answered him,

"Are you jealous for my sake?"

Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!

Would that the LORD might bestow his spirit on them all!"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14



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

The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true,
all of them just.

Though your servant is careful of them,
very diligent in keeping them,
Yet who can detect failings?
Cleanse me from my unknown faults!

From wanton sin especially,
restrain your servant;
let it not rule over me.
Then shall I be blameless and innocent
of serious sin.

READING II

Jas 5: 1-6

Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries.

Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten,

your gold and silver have corroded,
and that corrosion will be a testimony against you;
it will devour your flesh like a fire.

You have stored up treasure for the last days.

Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers
who harvested your fields are crying aloud;
and the cries of the harvesters
have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.

You have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure;
you have fattened your hearts for the day of slaughter.

You have condemned;
you have murdered the righteous one;
he offers you no resistance.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Cf. JN 17:17B, 17A

Your word, O Lord, is truth;
consecrate us in the truth.

GOSPEL

Mk 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.'"

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