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SEPTEMBER 29, 2024
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 6:30 a.m.
& 12:00 p.m.

Saturday: 7:00 a.m.
& 12:00 p.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
(Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

Sunday: 6:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m.,
10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.
& 6:00 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday & Saturday
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
(unless noted in bulletin)

Devotions

First Friday

Adoration/Benediction
at 10:00 a.m.

First Saturday

Adoration after 7:00 a.m. Mass
(unless noted in bulletin)

PARISH OFFICE

MONDAY through FRIDAY
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Closed on holidays

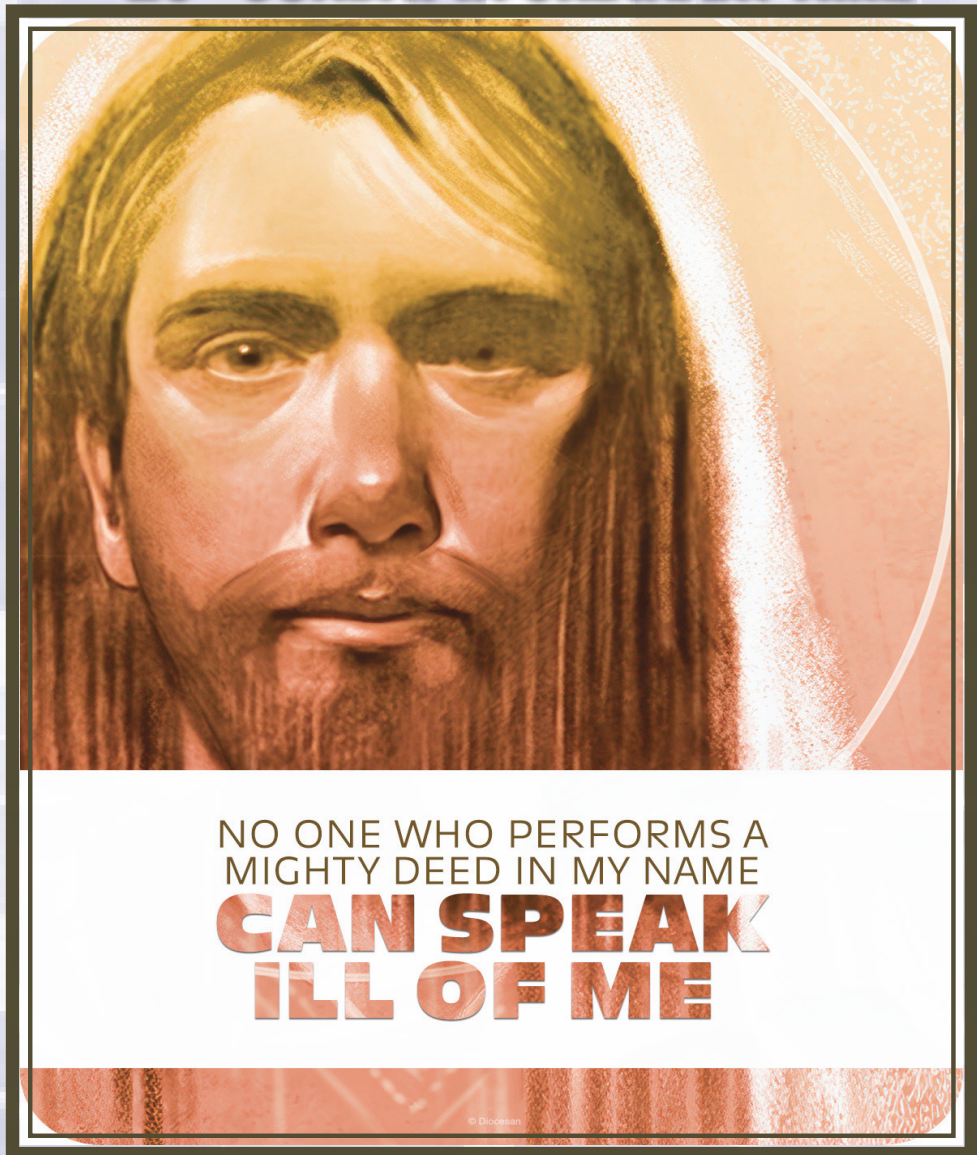
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NO ONE WHO PERFORMS A
MIGHTY DEED IN MY NAME
CAN SPEAK
ILL OF ME

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This week's Readings: Numbers 11:25-29; Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14;
James 5:1-6; Alleluia - John 17:17b, 17a; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Next week's Readings: Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6;
Hebrews 9-11; Alleluia - 1 John 4:12; Mark 10:10:2-16 or 10:2-12

"BEING A FRIEND OF JESUS"

Beloved Disciples of Christ,
Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

John, a disciple of Jesus, approaches His master and asks Him to prevent a person from driving out demons using His name. His fellow disciples agree with this intention because they consider him not to be one of them as a follower of the Lord. He is not a member of the inner circle. Jesus tells them not to prevent him because He considers the person with integrity. He works in His name and does not speak ill of Him. He teaches His disciples that the power to heal and to use His name is shared by many. It is not exclusively for them but for anyone who accepts Him and performs works in His name.

The readings this Sunday depict how God works in this world. In human terms and conditions, one would claim that they have the only right to use the name of Jesus. The disciples are maddened because someone can do good without being part of the inner circle. They consider that driving out demons in the name of Jesus is exclusively for them. It is their property or their right, and they don't want that to be shared or taken away from them. Anyone can invoke the name of Jesus, even those who do not belong to His company. We have but one source of faith and teaching as Christians: Christ Himself. Jesus is reminding us today that the work of salvation is shared by many.

In the modern, secular, and materialistic world we live in, the task of Evangelization is a necessity. The work of Evangelization is not only the task of priests, religious, or catechists but also of everyone who believes in the Lord and is faithful to the creed.

Being Catholic is a great gift and privilege to embrace the teachings of Christ. We have our sets of rites and moral standards. We need all these to keep us on track concerning practicing our religion. Religion is our litmus test of how we can remain faithful to Him. If this is not done, it can be free-flowing; we only want to believe what we want to feel and practice it. This trend of thought leads to accepting relative truths, whereas, in fact, Jesus teaches absolute truths that can bring light and life to any human being and lead to the salvation of souls.

Being a friend of Jesus enables one to focus on His Way, Truth, and Life that He offers to those who believe in Him. Instead of concentrating on who is using Jesus' name, why don't we focus instead of sharing Jesus with the people around us? We can start this at home, at our workplaces, and in our larger community. Maybe, just maybe, people wandering in life and faith may find the Lord and lead better lives through us because we are friends of the Lord.

Your friend in Jesus,

Fr. Pascual Abaya IV
Rector



*For whoever
is not against
us is for us.*

MARK 9:40

CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 29

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm
Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, September 30

Memorial of St. Jerome

Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, October 1

Memorial of St. Therese of the Child Jesus

Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, October 2

Memorial of the Guardian Angels

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, October 3

Thursday of the 26th Week in Ordinary Time

Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, October 4 - **First Friday**

Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi

Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Saturday, October 5 - **First Saturday**Saturday of the 26th Week in Ordinary Time

Mass & Adoration at 7:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Mass at 12:00pm

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, October 6

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm

Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

SCRIPTURE

Before it became a worldwide phenomenon, Facebook was an exclusive club. Its exclusivity was actually a means to its success. You couldn't just sign up, you had to be invited. Getting the invitation became important because it signaled you were "in" and connected to the "right" people. The eager aides of Moses and Jesus were very protective of the "club" in which they had exclusive membership, too. It gave them power and prestige. But then things went wrong: un-initiates were behaving like members and exercising the rights of membership. So, the aides took quick action, going to the boss asking him to make those outsiders stop!

Moses and Jesus react similarly, asserting that God's Spirit is not a possession that can be controlled or parceled out. What's more, they assert that you don't have to be an initiate to do God's work. The Spirit decides who to call, and if someone answers by doing good in God's name, they should be encouraged, not repressed. It's just one of the ways Jesus flips things upside-down for his disciples. Surrendering to him, they learn, even requires letting go of the need to feel "special." Discipleship is its own reward — the only here-and-now reward we're promised. The other reward is eternal. And that reward is even worth losing eyes and limbs to obtain.

SHARING FAITH

Does it seem fair that "outsiders" like those in the First Reading and Gospel were able to enjoy the privileges of membership without being members?

Do you think James is critiquing wealth itself, or people's use of it? Do you find any evidence in your own life of attitudes and behaviors he repudiates?

Do you do everything in Jesus' name? How do your daily activities serve Jesus?

LIVING THE LITURGY

Initiate an "Eldad and Medad" club that has no criteria for membership except wanting to join. Give members "E&M" pins to wear. Responsibilities of membership are learning what it means to be a prophet and allowing God's Spirit to work through you.

Find a recording of the song "The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor" by the St. Louis Jesuits (or any one of many other settings of Psalm 34). Play it as part of your group's prayer and discuss what you can do to give voice to the needs and the cries of the poor.

Show your family where the prophetic books are in the Bible, beginning with Isaiah and continuing until the end of the Old Testament. Count together the number of prophetic books. Explain that God chose the prophets to bring his message to the people. We cherish the words of the prophets because they're God's message. Moses said it would be wonderful if all people heard God's truth and proclaimed it.

REFLECTION

"Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!" (Numbers 11:29).



ICSC STEWARDSHIP

PRAYER

Loving and Gracious God,

We ask You to open our hearts to your Son's life and ministry and to answer the call to be his disciples.

May our response be rooted in the Gospel;

may we be ever mindful of the needs of our communities;

and may our stewardship flow from a profound sense of gratitude for Your many blessings.

By the gift of the Holy Spirit, empower and inspire us to respond in a way that brings hope to others and reveals the love that comes to us through Jesus Christ.

We ask this in His Name, who is Lord forever and ever.

Amen

By Monsignor Anthony J. Marcaccio,
(May 5, 1963 - July 19, 2024)
Beloved pastor of
Saint Pius X Catholic
Church, Greensboro,
North Carolina and friend of
ICSC.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

September 16 - 22, 2024

Offertory Collection

Sunday	\$ 6,189.23
Weekday	\$ 760.62
Other Feasts, Solemnities	\$ 50.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,723.44
Total Offertory	\$ 9,723.29

Other Collection

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 36.00
Diocesan Collection	\$ 74.50
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 1,358.00
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 307.35
Total	\$ 11,499.14

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Priesthood Sunday, September 29th, is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priest as central to the life of the Church. Priesthood Sunday offers an opportunity for priests and parishioners to build a stronger working relationship. Together, they can take an honest look at the challenges of the future and how they can collaborate to meet those challenges as a united force. This nationwide event is coordinated and sponsored by the US Council of Serra International. Let us all offer our prayers for Fr. Pascual, Fr. Lazarus and all the Diocesan Priests in the Diocese of Honolulu.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

All are invited to attend our next Young Adult meeting on Saturday, October 5th at 3:00 p.m. Guest Speakers are Anthony Selvanathan and Gary Garo. Please call office for more information.

CATHEDRAL'S BOOK OF MEMORIES

Submit stories about your memories of the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace. The book will be dedicated to Bishop Larry. All proceeds of sales of this book will go to the completion of the restoration of our Cathedral. Send stories of about 500 words to Easter Almuena at Easter.Almuena@gmail.com no later than December 31st.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The 2024 Knights of Columbus - Coats for Kids drive is happening this fall. This program aims to provide coats for every needy child in North America so no child goes without a coat during winter. Here in Hawaii, even though we do not experience a mainland winter, we do have a rainy season which last from November thru March. If you know of a child in need of a free - brand new rain resistant jacket for this upcoming school year, please notify the KOC. Please send your request to coats@kofchawaii.org. Be sure to include: number of jackets needed, size and if it's for a girl or boy. Your KOC members across the state of Hawaii will be fund raising for these jackets, and they will be free to for our keiki in need. Please help them if you can with your generous donations. Again, please send your request to help our keiki in need, with a rain resistant jacket to: coats@kofchawaii.org.

SAINT FOR THE WEEK

So valuable to heaven is the dignity of the human soul that every member of the human race has a guardian angel from the moment the begins to be.

St. Jerome (347 - 420), Theologian, Confessor, Feast Day September 30th