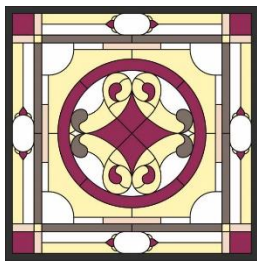


TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 1, 2023



Dear Friends in Christ,

The Gospel of this weekend talks about our “YES” and “NO” to God and also our attitude towards God and His commandments or decrees.

Just imagine that if you have time (I hope you do have it!) and spend that time with God alone in silence to look back into your life and “count” how many times you had said YES to God and the Church, but you did not do what you agreed to do: or how many times you at first had said NO to God and to the Church, then you “changed your mind,” and did it; or how many times you had said YES to God and to the Church, and you did it without hesitation, with sincere love and trust in God's help.

You may be surprised by the number that you would come up with, or because you could not come up with any number!

Do we say yes to God's commandments, to the Church's teachings (in the matters of faith and morality) and practice them with faith, love and trust? Or do we just say yes to some commandments or some of the teachings of the Church (keep in mind that the teaching of the Church is based on the teaching of Christ) that we think we can keep, or only to some commandments or teachings that make sense to us?

In others words, do we say YES to some and NO to others? If we say “yes” to some commandments from God and some teachings of the Church and say “no” to others, we are telling God that “We are the givers of these commandments and teachings,” not God. We are telling God quietly “We know better than God! We are wiser than God!” But do we??? And are we???

It is better to do whatever God commands or asks of us. He loves us and He knows better than we do! Every time we come to Church for daily Mass or Sunday Mass; every time we pray or do any charitable works for others; every time we fight against temptation(s); every time we keep God's and the Church's laws, and so forth, we need to ask ourselves, “Do I do this because of my love for God and for others, or because they are the laws, the commands?”

Friends, let us say “YES” to God and to the Church's teaching, and do it with our sincere and true love, our complete trust, and with our humble hearts.

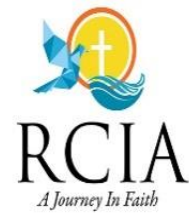
Then, God will take care of the rest! God sees us through and through. God cannot be deceived and we should not deceive God and His Church.

Peace in Christ, Fr. Tien



Rosary is prayed ½ hour before every Mass.
Adoration every Friday after our 9:00 a.m. Mass with the
Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 11:30 a.m. and benediction till noon.
Reconciliation ½ hour before Vigil Mass; Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.





RCIA, (Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults), on Monday night October 2nd at 7:00 p.m. is Divine Revelation-God reveals Himself to Man. The revelation of Jesus as God is accompanied by a stunning invitation to a unique way of life. Come join us in the spirit of fellowship.fellowship. Deacon David & Education team

Thank you for your generous donations to the Building Maintenance fund. In the month of September \$22,200 was contributed, \$119,800 remains to be raised. See the poster in the foyer for the update.



The Food Pantry can use donations of one-pound bags of rice, dried beans, and pasta. Thank you for your on-going donations of food and money.

The annual fund-raising dinner for the Food Pantry, Oktober Fest, is on October 20th. Flyers are available in the vestibule. Tickets can be purchased at the office or at the door.



The Knights of Columbus monthly meeting scheduled for this Tuesday, October 3rd has been rescheduled to the following Tuesday, October 10th.

Pray for healing: Shirley Allegretti, Donna Barbaro, Robert Barnable, Ray Behr, Patricia Clink, Susan, Darby, Lillianne Duong Davis, Tony Frede, Carter Hellerer, Dariel Hellerer, Wayne Hirsch, Barry and Guyla Ivers Georgette Lee, Bill, Dee and Germaine Moffitt, Delphine Moss, Monica Moya, Benjamin Nemeth, John Ontiveros, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Bill Shaw, Roxanne Lumia Smith, Wanda Stamey, Irene Tisdale, Charlene Youdell, Alice Yuzzi



Please pray for our parishioners and all men and women in the armed forces:
Stephen Fox, Lauren Richards,
Christopher Richards, Elizabeth Scoon

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, September 30

Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

5:00 P.M. Angela Harvey by Lori Harvey
Allene Ramsey by her husband, David
†Sgt. Thomas Connelly by George Connelly

Sunday, October 1

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Respect Life Sunday

9:00 A.M. †Timoteo di Nazareth Mendoza, †Eulogio Timoteo Hernandez, †Isgura Natividad Mendoza by Natividad Hernandez
11:30 A.M. †Holy Souls in Purgatory by Basilia
†Maria Cruz & †Aristeo Cruz by Julain Cruz

Monday, October 2

NO MASS

Tuesday, October 3

NO MASS

Wednesday, October 4

Saint Francis of Assisi
NO MASS

Thursday, October 5

Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin
Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
NO MASS

Friday, October 6

Saint Bruno, Priest Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin
First Friday

9:00 A.M. Communion Service, Adoration until noon

Saturday, October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

8:45 A.M. Benediction
9:00 A.M. Fr. Tien's Intentions
5:00 P.M. Abigail Ortiz by Basilia
†Margaret L. Swanson by Charlene Galbrecht
†Marcos Ortega by Sylvia Ortega

Sunday, October 8

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. Gerardo Martinez by Carmen Elias
11:30 A.M. †Eustaquio Lozada Albarez by familia Losada Gomez
Misericordia Group Intentions

'SAYING YES TO GOD ISN'T ABOUT PERFECT PERFORMANCE.
BUT RATHER
PERFECT SURRENDER TO THE LORD DAY BY DAY.'