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GOOD NEWS!

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 30, 2018

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

— *Psalms 19:8*



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NOT AGAINST US

Like Moses before him, Jesus corrects his disciples' misunderstanding of the gift of the Spirit. They saw people who were not of their company casting out demons and doing other works such as Jesus had done. Jesus points out that no one who does a good deed in his name can be opposed to him at the same time. He goes on to point out the importance of the "little ones," the poor, simple people, children, the meek ones who are not important in the world. It is to them that he was sent, not to the wealthy and the self-righteous. He underscores the importance of small works done in faith, as well as big works like driving out demons. "Anyone who gives you a cup of water . . . because you belong to Christ . . . will surely not lose his reward" (Mark 9:41). God builds the coming reign little by little in our actions, however small and unassuming, when they are done out of love of God and neighbor.

Protect Life

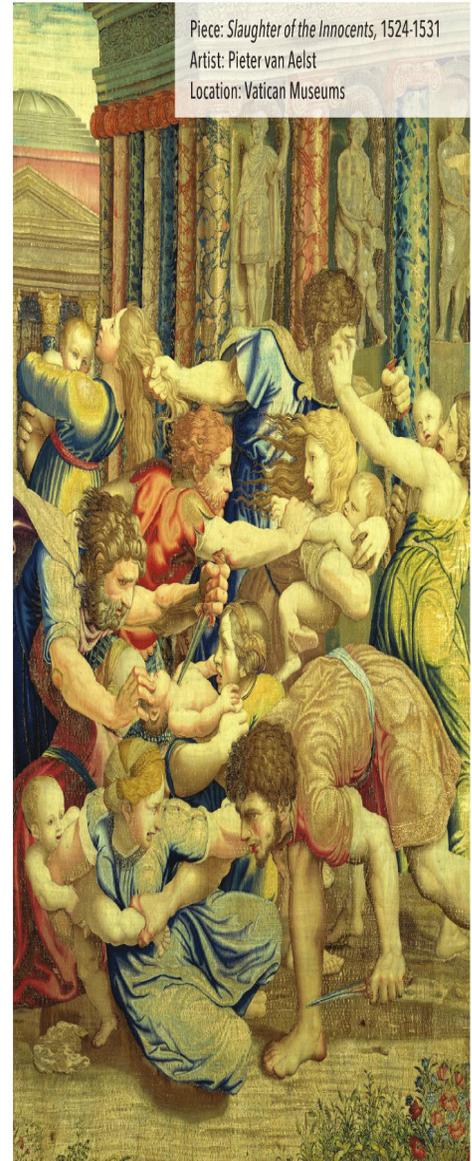
The tapestry scene may not seem to have much to do with the readings, yet it does. Let me explain: This wall-size work of art depicts the murder decreed by Herod of all the children two years and under. It was his desperate effort to extinguish any possibility that the Messiah might eventually contest his throne.

The reading of James could very well be applied to the greedy and avaricious Herod. "You have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure; you have fattened your hearts for the day of [your own] slaughter" (James 5:5). All the wealth, authority, and success he had only led him to be more grasping and insecure. Anyone who sees a threat to his own well-being in the birth of a child reveals his own internal poverty of spirit.

Rather than remove the little ones from our lives, we should do all we can to edify and maintain their faith. Jesus, as well as James, has harsh words for anyone who would lead a little one to sin.

Herod was the first who needed to hear the words of the Messiah he was trying to silence. If anything causes you to sin, even something as precious as a hand or foot, it's better to cut it off and live physically impaired rather than maintain apparent wholeness while spiritually rotting from within. The life of our souls and that of the little ones is of paramount importance, and no material security should be placed ahead of it.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: Slaughter of the Innocents, 1524-1531
Artist: Pieter van Aelst
Location: Vatican Museums

For Reflection

*Do I protect life as a gift from the Father, from conception to natural death?
How do I help the little ones in my life come to know Jesus?*

[Jesus said,] "It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna."

Mark 9:43

'This is the hour of the laity'

Our Gospel reading today begins with these words: "Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey."

This is our story, yours and mine. This is the story of the Church.

We are his disciples. That means that at some point in our lives, each one of us has come to know Jesus. How we came to find him, or how he found us, this is part of the story of our lives.

And every story is different because every life is different.

What is true for all of us is that this meeting with Jesus changed the direction of our lives. This encounter caused us to leave behind the past and to begin a new journey with him. That is why we are here today.

And what a beautiful gift, the gift of faith! There is nothing more beautiful than finding Jesus and discovering the truth of his love — the truth that he gave his life for us on the cross; that he died and rose again to set us free to live in holiness and to become saints, the men and women that God created us to be. That is what this Fifth National Encuentro is all about. Yes, the Encuentro is also about our identity and missionary responsibility as Latino Catholics in the United States. That is very important.

But more than anything, Encuentro is about the "encounter" with Jesus Christ. It is about realizing that we are disciples on a journey. It is about realizing that the meaning of our life is found in walking with Jesus and sharing in his mission of building his kingdom.

Brothers and sisters, our lives are a part of something much greater than us. Your story is now part of the story of salvation, the journey of God's people through history.

What started with Jesus and his disciples on those dusty roads in Galilee and Jerusalem, eventually made its way to Rome. And from there, the journey continues to the ends of the earth — reaching the peoples of Europe, Africa, and Asia.

The Church's journey continued to the Americas with the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico in 1531.

We all know that story. We learn it when we are children, we pass it on to our own little ones. It is a beautiful story of God's tender love in history.

As we know, the Virgin entrusted St. Juan Diego with a mission — she sent him to go and tell the bishop to build a church for our Lord.

Think about that, my brothers and sisters: Jesus entrusted the mission of his Church in the New World to a layperson. Not to a priest or bishop. Not to the member of a religious order.

Jesus called a layperson to be first, to lead his mission in the Americas.

Brothers and sisters, you are the children of Guadalupe, "Guadalupanos"; you are the spiritual heirs of Juan Diego. The mission entrusted to him, is now entrusted to you.

My brothers and sisters, I believe that this moment in the Church — is the hour of the laity. It is the time for saints.

In the spirit of St. Juan Diego, I believe our Lord is calling each of you to "go to the bishops." He is calling the lay faithful to work together with the bishops and the priests to renew and rebuild his Church. Not only in this country, but throughout the Americas.

Archbishop

José H. Gomez

COLUMN



This is your great responsibility in this moment. But we need to remember that leadership in the Church is not like leadership in a government or a corporation.

That is what Jesus is talking about today in the Gospel.

It is interesting, isn't it? Jesus is teaching them, but the apostles still don't "get it." Instead they start arguing over their own privileges, fighting over which of them is the greatest. That scene in the Gospel today may be the first beginnings of clericalism in the Church.

We know that is not what Jesus wants. St. James says in the second reading, there is no room in the Church — no room in the heart of any Christian — for "jealousy and selfish ambition."

Brothers and sisters, you are being called to lead — not through the desire for power. You are called to lead by your holiness.

True unity in the Church will only come about if every one of us — clergy and laity — is striving to be holy as God is holy.

Holiness means self-denial and sacrifice for the sake of Jesus and the Gospel. Holiness is giving up our own desires in order to follow Jesus and to do the will of God. Holiness is love that comes to serve, as Jesus came to serve.

Our Lord tells us today: "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

As we know, in a few weeks we are going to have a new saint of the Americas — a new Latino saint! Pope Francis is going to canonize Blessed Oscar Romero, the holy bishop of San Salvador.

Not long before his martyrdom, Monseñor Romero said in one of his homilies: "Ask yourselves, sisters and brothers: Where is the full realization of my life? Where does the Lord want me? We all have a vocation. We all have a place in history. Let us seek our happiness by always asking what God desires of us."

Sisters and brothers, these powerful words are now addressed to us. Our Lord is calling each of you to listen for his voice, to seek his will for your lives, to take your place in the history of salvation, and to do your part for the mission of his Church.

Let us ask St. Oscar Romero, the holy bishop, and St. Juan Diego, the holy layperson, to be our guides and inspiration in this time of trial in the Church.

As you know, when he first met the Mother of God, Juan Diego protested. He said he was not powerful enough or holy enough to carry out the mission she was asking.

And of course, we remember those words that Our Lady spoke to him. She said: "I have many messengers who I could send to deliver my message. But it is absolutely necessary that you yourself go."

Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ has a message that he wants you to deliver with your lives. And it is absolutely necessary that you yourself go to deliver it.

So, let us go always forward with confidence. Let us be men and women of *encuentro*! May each of us lead many people to their own beautiful encounter with Jesus Christ.

And may Our Lady of Guadalupe go with us on our journey as disciples of Jesus.

May she help us to be holy and to be heroes and healers. These times demand it. And this is what we are made for.

LITURGY & WORSHIP

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
 Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8;
 Mt 18:1-5, 10
 Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15;
 Lk 9:57-62
 Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12
 Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10,
 13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16
 Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75,
 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24
 Sunday: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11;
 Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturdays: 7:30 AM, 5:00 PM (Spanish), 7:00 PM
Sundays: 6:00 AM, 7:30 AM, 9:15 AM, 11:00 AM
 12:45 PM, 2:30 PM (Spanish), 4:15PM, 6:00 PM
Weekdays: 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM
First Wed. & First Fri. Only: 6:30AM, 8:00AM, 7:00PM

Eve of Holy Days: 7:00 PM
Holy Days: 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 12:00 PM,
 5:00 PM (Spanish), 7:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays, and Day before
Holy Days: 4:00PM – 5:00PM & 6:00PM– 7:00PM
First Fridays: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

PRIESTS

Rev. Francis Ilano –Pastor
 Rev. Alidor Mikobi -Associate Pastor
 Rev. Mikaele Mataafa - Associate Pastor

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 Rosa Garcia - *Director, Religious Education*
 Anna Marie Sharkany—*Director, Youth & Confirmation*

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
 Tuesday: The Holy Guardian Angels
 Thursday: St. Francis of Assisi
 Friday: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos; First Friday
 Saturday: St. Bruno; Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher;
 First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

*Saturday, Sept 29, 2018	*Tuesday, Oct. 02, 2018
7:30am: Jose Del Castillo (+)	6:30am: Angelita F. Victorio (L,T)
5:00pm: Gladys Cuela & Family (T)	8:00am: Felixberto A. Menor (+)
7:00pm: Prudencio Zarcal (+)	
*Sunday, Sept. 30, 2018	*Wednesday, Oct. 03, 2018
6:00am: Corazon Serrano Domagas (+)	6:30am Max Hofilena (+)
7:30am: Morris Ignatius Scanlan (+)	8:00am: Candida C.Funtanilla (L,B)
9:15am: Poor Souls in Purgatory(+)	7:00pm: Maria Pomerleau (L)
11:00am: Jacen Marc Castillo (L)	*Thursday, Oct. 04, 2018
12:45pm: Constancia Eclevia (+)	6:30am: Cecilia Willis (L, T)
2:30pm: Joseph Salatino (+)	8:00am: Yuvienco Family (L)
4:15pm: Romeo Liboon (+)	*Friday, Oct. 05, 2018
6:00pm: Rodolfo Molina Jr.(L,T)	6:30am: Mark Pomerleau (+)
* Monday, Oct. 01, 2018	8:00am: Francisca Dejona (+)
6:30am: Angeles Domantay (+)	7:00pm: Periaswhamy Family (T)
8:00am: Zenon Maramba (+)	*Saturday, Oct. 06, 2018
	7:30am: Norma Sumulong Gomez (+)

Legends:
 (L) Living (B) Birthday (T) Thanksgiving (+) Deceased

Sick Relatives & Friends
Please pray for the sick of the parish

Ronaldo & Rey Nacino, Naisuni Suafoa, Angelita & Luisa Abrajano, Rosa Maria Santos, Cheroel Maple, Connie Arano, Aida Torion Zanoria, LaVerne Willkom Levenson, Ellis Robinson, Laura Medeiros, Michelle Nartea, Lougee Capati, Nick Cruz, Baby Vicente Maldonado, Ada Charisze Espanola, Sony Batucal, Merlinda Guererro, Rowena T., Luz Dominguez, Ester Jornacion, Marilou Bautista, Nessie Labindalawa, Rosalia Cruz, Jacen Marc Castillo, Roberto Santamaria, Bea Carla Torres, Laki Peato, Alston Tun, Teofilo Buted, Gregorio Navarro

and all those in our community who are in need of prayers.

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

All powerful Creator whose loving in hope, look kindly upon,
 Anita Santarina, Angeles Mercado, Florence Jarrett, Marcelino Inez, Zenaida Figueroa, Effie Clark, Johnny Leano, Oscar Insong, Eugene Parohinog Brian Cordero, Khanly Saycon, Lillian Tillie, Emma Black, Juanita Cariaga, Ricardo Cabanban, Lina Tangca, Fr. Ernesto Villaroya, Erwin Itchon Velasco, Philip T. Rozul, Aida Dollente, Traci De la Cruz, Hans Rotter, Raymundo Bautista, Flora Lopez Capili, Natividad Salvador, Delia Magpayo, Florencio Tolentino, Tan Yu Tit, Linda McColl, Samuel A. Blanco, Celia Manansala

& all who have departed this life confessing your name. Number them among your saints forever.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

Father, in every generation you provide Ministers of Christ and the Church. We come before you now, asking that you call forth more men to serve our Archdiocese in the ministerial priesthood.

Give us priest who will lead and guide your holy people gathered by Word and Sacrament.

Bless us with priestly vocations so that we can continue to be atruly Eucharistic Church, strengthened in our discipleship of Jesus Christ your Only Son.

Raise up, we pray, men who are generous in their service, willing to offer their lives and all their gifts for your greater glory and for the good of your people.

We make our prayer in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ, Our Lord.
Amen

Oración por Vocaciones Sacerdotales

Padre Celestial, en cada generación tú regalas a tu Iglesia nuevos ministros de Cristo.

Nos ponemos en tu presencia para pedirte que llames a más hombres al servicio de nuestra Arquidiócesis en el ministerio sacerdotal.

Danos sacerdotes que guíen a tu pueblo santo reunido por la Palabra y los Sacramentos.

Bendícenos con vocaciones sacerdotales que nos ayuden a seguir siendo verdaderamente una Iglesia Eucarística, fortalecida en nuestro discipulado de Jesucristo, tu Único Hijo.

Concédenos, te lo pedimos, hombres que sean generosos en su servicio, deseosos de ofrecer sus vidas y todos sus dones para tu mayor Gloria y para el bien de tu pueblo.

Te lo pedimos Padre en la presencia poderosa del Espíritu Santo y en el nombre de Jesucristo, nuestro Señor.

Amén.

Thought of the Week

"In all the events of life, you must recognize the divine will. Adore and bless it, especially in the things which are the hardest for you."

-- St. Padre Pio

ST. PHILOMENA SCHOOL WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO THE...

PANCAKE OR ISLAND BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

FROM 7:00 AM TO 11:00 AM

WILL BE HELD AT THE PARISH HALL

Enjoy a hearty breakfast following the 6:00 A.M., the 7:30 A.M., and the 9:15 A.M. Masses. The breakfast will include Pancakes, Eggs & Sausage or Rice, Eggs and Spam, Coffee and Orange Juice for a \$5.00 donation. You have the option to "Eat In" or take it "To Go." Come and support your Parish School!

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EVANGELIZATION

BLESSINGS OF THE EARTH

NOV. 11, 2018
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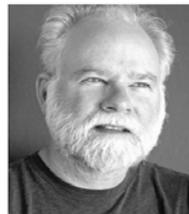
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY OUR PLEDGE AMOUNT IS 70.2% OF OUR PARISH GOAL. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR TOGETHER IN MISSION. FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEND THEY PAYMENT FOR THEIR PLEDGES, PLEASE SEND IT NOW. THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS TO ALL OF YOU

Dear Padre

September 30, 2018

The older I get, the more distracted I become by crying babies at Mass. Sometimes I leave Mass so irritated that I wonder what benefit is gained in going at all.

At the movies, the opera, or some other formal live performance, a crying infant is regarded as *persona non grata*. But the Eucharist is a family event, not a theatrical one. Children should feel welcomed at Mass. After all, Jesus said, "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Mark 10:14).

While small children may belong at Mass, it should also be acknowledged that certain courtesies apply when crowds gather to pray in the house of the Lord. Parents may consider sitting at the end of a pew for a quick exit to minimize disruption when a child needs immediate attention. When a child is of a certain age, parents may consider taking advantage of parish nurseries or designated cry rooms in churches on a temporary basis, if available.

By the same token, impatient parishioners (and preachers) should be sensitive to the needs of parents, who admirably desire participation in the family celebration and weekly nourishment by Christ's word and sacrament—temporary toddler temper tantrums notwithstanding. "Be still and know that I am God!" (Psalm 46:11) is a divine invitation to worshippers of all ages.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

**SUNDAY MASS COLLECTIONS
SEPTEMBER 08-09 2018**

<u>MASS TIME</u>	<u>COLLECTIONS</u>
SAT 5:00 PM	927.00
SAT 7:00 PM	1,861.00
SUN 6:00 AM	1,241.00
SUN 7:30 AM	2,563.00
SUN 9:15 AM	2,431.00
SUN 11:00 AM	1,883.00
SUN 12:45 PM	1,642.00
SUN 2:30 PM	812.00
SUN 4:15 PM	1,245.00
SUN 6:00 PM	<u>1,880.00</u>

TOTAL \$ 16,485.00

“ You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God.” 2 Cor.9:11

Our sincerest gratitude for your generosity and continues support to St. Philomena Catholic Church

**Women’s Health Conference &
Business Expo
“ It’s All About Me”**

The City of Carson is holding its 4th Annual “ It’s All About Me” Women’s Health Conference & Business Expo on Friday, October 19, 2018 at the Carson Community Center from 7:00am—3:00pm. I ask that you extend an invitation to attend this event to your women's ministry coordinator and the women of your congregation.

National Children's Day: Living Rosary To Jesus Through Mary



Sunday, October 14, 2018

St. Philomena Catholic Church - Carson, CA

ACTIVITIES

I. Gathering at the Lower Parking Lot

3:30 pm - 3:45pm Praise & Worship

3:45pm - 4:00pm Line up the beads of the Living Rosary

4:00 pm - 5:30pm Living Rosary Starts, *led by children from different ethnic groups; Organizations are encouraged to attend*

- *Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth*
- *Flower offering by families*
- *CONSECRATION to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and The Immaculate Heart of Mary*

II. Angelus and Candlelight Procession - *from lower parking lot, around the plaza & inside the church*

- *all Parish organizations are encouraged to attend w/ their Banners*

III. Holy Mass @ 6:00pm

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