



September 27, 2015



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna." Jesus' listeners would have recognized this reference. Gehenna was in fact a deep ravine located outside of Jerusalem that had a sordid past. It had been the site of pagan rituals in which children were forced to walk through fire. Thus the spot had become known as a symbol for the fires of hell.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is making a dramatic contrast between "life" (heaven) and Gehenna (hell). He emphasizes that no sacrifice is too great to keep oneself out of the miseries of hell. His images are shocking. Cutting off hands and feet? Plucking out eyes? Ouch! Is hell really so bad that we'd rather go to heaven maimed than go to hell in one piece? Apparently so.

Some interpreters suggest that Jesus was using hyperbole to make his point. Perhaps. But whether it was literal or figurative, the point remains clear: we need to do whatever it takes to avoid sin and ultimately to avoid hell. The catechism defines this state of eternal misery as "definitive self-exclusion from communion with God" (§1033). Yes, self-exclusion. God doesn't "send" anyone to hell. Rather, someone chooses hell when he or she freely chooses something over God and won't repent.

The choice is ours: cut out the source of the sin-painful though it may be-or stubbornly march with our beloved sins straight into Gehenna. Realistically, what we choose "over" God are not so much our physical body parts as things like a high-paying job that isn't ethical, a favorite pastime that isn't morally upright, or a relationship that isn't chaste. Jesus tells us clearly today, whatever it is that "causes you to sin, cut it off." Period.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2015

- Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
- Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Lk 9:46-50
- Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Jn 1:47-51
- Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Lk 9:57-62
- Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Lk 10:1-12
- Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Mt 18:1-5, 10
- Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24
- Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Second Collection/Segunda Colecta: Maintenance & Repair/Mantenimiento y Reparaciones

Last week's plate collection/Colecta la semana pasada: \$2,590.50

Next week's collection/Proximo semana colecta: Building Fund/Fondo de Edificio

Thank you for your continued generosity. Mil gracias que Dios bendiga por su generosidad.

**Saturday, September 26, 2015 5:00 PM**  
David Cunha (D)  
By Al/Ruth Cunha

**Sunday, September 27, 2015 8:00 AM**  
Merle Freitas (D)  
By St. Jude Altar Guild

**9:30 AM**  
Antonio & Conceicao Martins (D)  
By Areias Family

PRO POPOLO

**11:00 AM**  
Enrique & Modesta De La Torre (D)  
Por Hijas y Nietos

**WEEKDAY MASSES 7:30 AM**

**Monday, September 28, 2015**  
Michael Gallaher (D)  
By Mr./Mrs. Tony Braga

**Tuesday, September 29, 2015**  
Maria de Jesus & Gloria De La Torre (L)  
By Hermanas y Sobrinos

**Wednesday, September 30, 2015**  
No Mass

**Thursday, October 1, 2015**  
Mary Ventura (D)  
By SPRSI #59 Members

**Friday, October 2, 2015**  
Delvena Cunha (D)  
By Donald/Laura Mendonca

**Saturday, October 3, 2015 5:00 PM**  
Tony Machado (D)  
By Fred/Maxine Machado

**Sunday, October 4, 2015 8:00 AM**  
Nicolas Lucero (D)  
By Felicia Lucero

**9:30 AM**  
Daniel Cunha (D)  
By Buddy/Bev Hussey

PRO POPOLO

**11:00 AM**  
Pablo Carlos Martinez (D)  
Por Liliana Maravilla

**WEEKDAY MASSES**  
CLERGY CONVOCATION  
OCTOBER 5-8, 2015

**NO WEEKDAY MASSES**  
Monday, October 5, 2015  
Tuesday, October 6, 2015  
Wednesday, October 7, 2015  
Thursday, October 8, 2015

**7:30 AM**  
Friday, October 9, 2015  
Delvena Cunha (D)  
By M/M Tom Deubert

**Saturday, October 10, 2015 5:00 PM**  
Mary Ventura (D)  
By Hazel Lopes & Family

**7:00 PM**  
OUR LADY OF FATIMA

FATHER JERRY'S BIBLE CLASS TUESDAY 6:00 PM

**VOCATION PRAYER CALENDAR** Please continue to pray daily for our Priests, Sisters, Deacons and Seminarians that are listed on the October and November 2015 Vocation Prayer Calendars inserted in this bulletin. Please use the prayer on the bottom of the calendar.

**2015 DIOCESAN CONGRESS** Saturday, October 10, 2015 at Visalia Convention Center sponsored by the Office of Ministries. Phone 559 484-7474. **YOUTH DAY** Sunday, October 11, 2015.

**2015 DIOCESAN PARISH RETREAT** October 2-4, 2015 "Becoming an Intentional Disciple of Jesus" sponsored by St. Anthony Retreat Team. Weekend Retreat Rates \$230 per person single occupancy room and meals; \$190 per person double occupancy. Reservations, contact St. Anthony Retreat 559-561-4595 or email Barbara@stanthonyparish.org

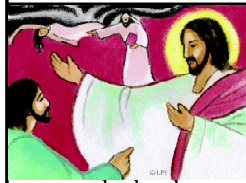
**FATIMA SPECIAL** November 4-10, 2015 pilgrimage pricing only \$1,499.00 for airfare from Newark NJ Airport, hotel, etc. to Fatima. Call The Catholic Tour 1-877-627-4268 toll free.

**SAINT JUNIPERO SERRA**  
We rejoice the canonization by Pope Francis of the great Franciscan missionary Junipero Serra, the first canonization on American soil. Out of love for Christ and his people, Junipero walked thousands of miles on foot to bring the sacraments and to save their souls for Christ. May we, too, be ready and willing to travel "all over the place" in God's service.

**RESPECT LIFE ROSARY WALK**  
Rosary Walk with Bishop Armando Ochoa on October 3, 2015 at 3:00 pm starts at 165 N. Clark Street. Join us in prayer for the Sanctity of All Human Life! Respect Life Mass begins at 4:00 pm at 2814 Mariposa Sreet, Fresno.

**5 NIGHT PARISH MISSION**  
Rev. Wade L. Menezes, CPM of the Fathers of Mercy and EWTN will present this 5 day mission at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 5770 N. Maroa, Fresno. October 25-29, 2015 from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Mission Title: Work Out Your Salvation! Different talk each night.

*All who serve in the name of Jesus will receive a reward. Encourage someone you know who would be of service as a priest, deacon brother, or sister.*  
Mark 9:38-43



26º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

"Ojalá que todo el pueblo de Dios fuera profeta y descendiera sobre todos ellos el espíritu del Señor" (Nm 11, 29). Moisés ya no puede seguir solo con la carga de todo el pueblo y acepta la libertad del Espíritu de Dios que sopla donde y cuando quiere. Lo ideal del mensaje es que todos seamos profetas para anunciar las maravillas de Dios y a la vez clamar por la justicia que el pueblo merece. Las lecturas de hoy son claves para el discernimiento en la forma de relación entre los grupos parroquiales. Se hacen los planes, la misión esta puesta, solo falta ejecutar las acciones. ¿Quiénes lo harán? Debemos aceptar a toda persona que actúe honestamente en nombre de Jesús, sin recelos ni reclamos entre los diferentes grupos.

¿Cómo hacerlo? Recordemos siempre que las actitudes y las acciones de los que llevan a cabo el ministerio pueden acercar o alejar a los demás. Jesús nos lo pone más claro todavía al escuchar la respuesta que le da a Juan. "No se lo prohíban, porque no hay ninguno que haga milagros en mi nombre, que luego sea capaz de hablar mal de mí" (Mc 9, 39). Y Jesús agrega, poniendo broche de oro a su respuesta: "Todo aquel que no está contra nosotros, está a nuestro favor" (Mc 9, 40). No olvidemos: Jesús siempre dejó libres a los que sanó. No les impuso órdenes: ellos siguieron su vida normal, con la única diferencia de aceptarlo. Todo esto pasó durante el camino hacia Jerusalén, el cual representa un proceso de formación para los discípulos que iban madurando su fe a base de experiencias nuevas. Nadie es especialista en el ministerio; es Dios quien nos llama a serlo.

**LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA DEL 27 DE SEPTIEMBRE DE 2015**  
Domingo: Nm 11, 25-29/Sant 5, 1-6/Mc 9, 38-43. 45. 47-48  
Lunes: Zac 8, 1-8/Lc 9, 46-50  
Martes: Dn 7, 9-10. 13-14 o Ap 12, 7-12/Jn 1, 47-51  
Miércoles: Neh 2, 1-8/Lc 9, 57-62  
Jueves: Neh 8, 1-4. 5-6. 8-12/Lc 10, 1-12  
Viernes: Bar 1, 15-22/Mt 18, 1-5. 10  
Sábado: Bar 4, 5-12. 27-29/Lc 10, 17-24  
Domingo siguiente: Gn 2, 18-24/Heb 2, 8-11/Mc 10, 2-16 o 10, 2-12

**POPE FRANCIS**  
With great joy we welcome and thank our Holy Father Pope Francis on his papal visit to the United States.

**RED MASS**  
Bishop Ochoa will celebrate this year's Red Mass on Friday, October 2, 2015 from 12:10 pm to 12:45 pm at St. John's Cathedral. This is a special Mass for the judges, lawyers, legislators, and other public officials. All persons are welcome. A reception will follow from 12:45 pm to 1:30 pm at Singleton Hall. Info, call Frank 559 435-0850.

**WHITE MASS**  
The Second Annual White Mass for all health care workers will be Friday, October 16, 2015 at St. John's Cathedral at 12:10 pm. Bishop Ochoa will celebrate the Mass, in conjunction with the feast of St. Luke, the patron saint of physicians and surgeons. There will be a luncheon following at Singleton Hall.

**2015 FALL FESTIVAL AT MIQ SCHOOL**  
"Rock Star Party" honoring Saint Peter. Sunday, October 4th from 11 am-7 pm. As always, admission and parking are free! All are welcome for a day of family fun, food, & friends. Mary Immaculate Queen School, 884 N. Lemoore Avenue, Lemoore.

*El Señor llama a muchos al servicio de la Iglesia. ¿Como podrias tú, en oración, amor y acción, apoyar a aquella personas que están llamadas a servir como sacerdotes o religiosos y religiosas?*  
Marcos 10:2-16



Oremos por todos aquellos que están enfermos, desvalidos y convalecientes. Let us pray for all souls and those listed in our Book of Remembrance.

"CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSES FOR MASS" CARDS

We have enjoyed using the Response Cards. We now have some that have LARGER PRINT for those of us that need a little assistance in seeing the words more clearly. These larger cards are placed in the holder next to the bulletins. Take one, use it at mass and return it so someone at the next mass will be able to use it. Thank you for sharing.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Don't miss the Father Tobin KC Council #9153 Ernest Lencioni Memorial Spaghetti and Chicken Dinner! It will be held on Sunday, November 8, 2015 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the CPDES Hall. As usual, take-outs are available. Tickets, priced at \$10.00, are available from any one of the Knights, at the door, or you can call Louis Mendoza 907-6101 or John Steele 268-4159. Just be sure to come and have a great time!

VOLUNTEER AT ST. AGNES

Volunteer and share in the ministry of visiting the sick and Eucharistic Ministry at St. Agnes. The Center for Spiritual Care will offer a five session training for Eucharistic Ministers. Training begins Thursday, October 1, 2015. Please call 450-3854 for info.

CAMINATA DEL ROSARIO POR LA VIDA CON EL OBISPO OCHOA

Octubre 3, 2015 a las 3 pm el Rosario comienza en 165 N. Clark Street. Unete a rezar con nosotros por La Santida de Toda Vida Humana. Misa por La Vida comienza a las 4 pm en San Juan Catedral, 2814 Mariposa Street, Fresno.

CONGRESO DIOCESANO 2015

"Familia en la Fe: El Amor es Nuestra Mision" Sabado, 10 de octubre del 2015. Conferencistas internacionales, nacionales y locales en 5 diferentes lenguajes. Patrocinado por la Oficina de Ministerios 484-7474.

SEGUNDA MISA ANUAL BLANCA

Esta Misa para todos los trabajadores de la salud. Viernes, 16 de octubre, 2015 en Catedral de San Juan 12:10 pm, celebrante: Obispo Ochoa. Despues de la Misa se servira almuerzo en el salon Singleton.

CALENDARIO DE ORACIONES

Incluye en esta bulletin calendario de octubre y noviembre; ofrezcan sus oraciones diarias por nuestros sacerdotes, hermanas, diaconos y seminaristas.