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*Twenty-Ninth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

October 16, 2016



Jesus asked, "Will not God secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?"

Luke 18:7

Mass Times

Mon-Fri: 7:00 am & 8:30 am
Wed: 7:00 pm (Spanish)
Saturday: 8:30 am

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
7:00 pm (Spanish)

Sunday: 6:45 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am,
11:00 am, 12:30 pm (Spanish), 6:00 pm

Sign Language: 1st Sun 11:00 am
Vietnamese: 4th Sun, 3:30 pm

Confession

Saturday, in the Church
9:00 am & 3:45 pm
6:15 pm in Spanish
1st & 3rd Wed, Convent Chapel, 2:30 pm

Anointing of the Sick

1st Saturday after 8:30 am Mass or by
appointment: 925-447-1585

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Sunday Readings ...

Persistence in Prayer by Opening the Word

First Reading

*As long as Moses' hands were kept
uplifted, Joshua and his men had the
better part of the battle with Ama-
lek (Exodus 17:8-13).*

Time and again in history, Israel falls into idol worship of the gods of the Canaanites. Amalek's grandparents (Esau and his Canaanite wife) would've symbolized un-faithfulness to God, and he himself was the fruit of an illicit union between his father and biological mother. It'd be fair to say that Amalek and his descendants represented all that was corrupting Israel. If Israel failed to be true to God, it couldn't be a light to the other nations as God intended. There was a lot at stake on the battlefield in this Exodus reading.

The scene portrayed to us shows that the only way to drive out this corrupting influence from the Promised Land was by divine intervention, symbolized by the raising of the staff of God in the hands of Moses. Later, the raising of a staff with a bronze serpent on it will drive away the poison of those snakes for those who looked upon it and, still later, the raising of Christ on the cross will drive out the sin and death for those who look upon him. If we find the treatment of the Amalekites troubling, we'd do well to

remember that in Christ we see that God will stop at nothing to work for our salvation.

Second Reading

*Second Reading -- Remain faithful;
proclaim the word; be persistent
whether it is convenient or not (2
Timothy 3:14 -- 4:2).*

The commission which St. Paul gives to Timothy as a member of that second generation of Church leaders is a serious one. Paul exhorts Timothy to do the work

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Gospel in the hope that Timothy will be as tireless as a bishop as Paul the apostle. With a solemn oath he says, "In the presence of God and Christ Jesus...proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching."

The tools necessary for this arduous task are mentioned by Paul: faithfulness to the teaching received from the apostles of Christ and the sacred Scriptures. We see here mentioned the two fountainheads of the one fount of divine revelation, Tradition and Scripture. St. Paul suggests that the whole energy for Timothy's mission of evangelization depends on

Reflections

faithfulness to tradition and faith in Christ revealed in Scripture. He says specifically that the study of Scripture will leave the disciple “competent, equipped for every good work.” In order for the work of God to be fruitful it must be fueled by the Word of God.

Gospel Reading

God will secure the rights of the chosen who call out day and night (Luke 18:1-8).

The need to pray is always linked to Jesus’ description of the events leading up to “when the Son of Man comes,” or end of time when Christ will come again. Understanding the context of this passage helps us to see that constancy in prayer isn’t simply a requirement so that the petitioner will get what he or she wants. Rather, constant prayer ensures that we’ll be on the side of God’s justice when he comes because our prayer is a demonstration of faith. It takes faith to pray, and faith is the means to our justification, holiness, and righteousness in the sight of God. In order for Jesus to find justice, righteousness, or holiness when he comes again as judge of the living and the dead, believers must be steadfast in prayer.

So Jesus isn’t so much suggesting that we nag God until we get what we want, as is sometimes thought, but that we pray often, indeed constantly, so that we’ll be the holy, faith-filled people he longs to find upon his return. Otherwise, his justice can only work to our disadvantage. What’s just for the sinner and just for the righteous are two

very different things, and it’s prayer in faith that makes the difference.

Meditation

In the parable in today’s Gospel reading, Jesus teaches us about the importance of persistence in prayer. As we take time to pray and meditate on this Scripture, let’s keep in mind that we are created for communion with God, and that prayer prepares us for the perfect communion we will have with him in heaven.

Prayerfully place yourself in today’s Gospel reading. Imagine that you are the widow, persistently bringing your request before the unjust judge. How do you feel presenting your request over and over again? What motivates you to be persistent? Now imagine that instead of petitioning an unjust judge, you are bringing your request before the most honest, just, and merciful judge, God himself. How do you feel presenting your petition now?

Opening the Word offers prayers and insights for the Sunday Scriptural lessons. Watch the video presentation that accompanies this reflection FREE at Formed.org.



Readings for the Week

Monday: Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9

Saints and Special Observances

Monday: St. Ignatius of Antioch

Tuesday: St. Luke

Wednesday: Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions

Thursday: St. Paul of the Cross

Saturday: St. John Paul II; Blessed Virgin Mary

Prayer to St Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the divine power of God, cast into hell satan, and all the evil spirits, who roam through out the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Prayers

Special Intentions

That the Lord may give us the graces necessary to become prayer warriors.

That the Adoration Chapel at our parish and chapels around the world will be full to capacity each hour.



For the parishes who are making the effort to bring Eucharistic Adoration to their communities, that they may be given all the necessary graces.

For parents, that they may teach their children how to pray and that they make prayer part of their family routine.

For the 40 *Days for Life* peaceful vigil taking place at Planned Parenthood in Hayward now through November 6, and an end to the horror of abortion.

For the repose of the soul of Catherine Brehm.

Remember MATA

Prayer can be difficult for many people. Remembering the acronym MATA is helpful: Mercy, Asking, Thanksgiving, Adoration.

“ Prayer is both a gift of grace and a determined response on our part. It always presupposes effort. The great figures of prayer of the Old Covenant before Christ, as well as the Mother of God, the saints, and he himself, all teach us this: **prayer is a battle**. Against whom? Against ourselves and against the wiles of the tempter who does all he can to turn man away from prayer, away from union with God. ”

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*
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Mercy: Call upon God’s endless love and mercy. Beginning with mercy reminds us that we have no reason to worry when we approach God.

Asking: Ask for gifts for yourself and for others! God delights in our trust in Him.

Thanksgiving: God is so good, and the only response we can give is “thank you!”

Adoration: Simply being with God is the most important part, because it is in this time that God forms and perfects us. Adoration brings us into communion with the Father through the Son.

There is no better way to adore God than by celebrating Mass and sitting quietly in His presence in the Adoration Chapel. The Adoration Chapel at St Michael’s is open 24/7. To obtain the after-hours access code, please contact Dick Epp at 925-980-4826.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 10/15

8:30am Catherine Sweeney
5:00pm Mass for Our Parish
7:00pm Teresa Salcedo †

Sunday 10/16

6:45am Ignacio T. Cruz †
8:00am Kathleen Betrame †
9:30am Tri Nguyen †
11:00am Antony Pham Van Hoi †
12:30pm Hugo Albornoz, Felicitas Arevalo and their group.
6:00pm Jack Leal

Monday 10/17

7:00am The Souls in Purgatory
8:30am Thanksgiving Mass for Adelaida Luna

Tuesday 10/18

7:00am Florentina Cuaresma †
8:30am Nadine Withrow

Wednesday 10/19

7:00am Sebastian Pades †
8:30am Francis Pham Mirth Hoang
7:00pm Jacob Benson

Thursday 10/20

7:00am Lito Nepomunceno †
8:30am Fatima Montana and Mary Ann Zamora

Friday 10/21

7:00am Brielle Mandelenis
8:30am Margarito & Darita Montaña †

Saturday 10/22

8:30am Gus & Lucile Beach †
5:00pm Nina Abbott †
7:00pm Mario Ledezma †

To request a mass intention, please visit the church office.

Introducing Deacon John

My name is John Ngo, and I am a deacon of the Diocese of Stockton. I have been studying at St. Patrick's Seminary & University in Menlo Park for the last seven years pursuing the vocation to the priesthood. I am in my last year of theological studies and will be ordained, God willing, in summer 2017.

My vocation story can be described with two crucial words; "Listening" and "Responding". I listen to the words of God speaking to me in the depth of my being calling me to follow the footsteps of His only Son – Jesus Christ. The words of God, therefore, are God himself. Second, God has given me absolute freedom to choose and respond to His love. When God is in me and becomes my whole being, my free will is to choose Him and His whispering call in serving his people rather than the world and what it could possibly offer. I desire to become an instrument in the hands of God leading me to wherever he wants me to minister to His people. I am delighted to serve at St. Michael Parish this year as a deacon. Please pray for me that I will not just be ordained but, above all, become a humble and holy priest of the Lord. Thank you very much for your prayers, love and support.



God Will Always Say YES to These Prayers

In his book, *Ten Prayers God Always Says Yes To*, Anthony DeStefano explains that prayer is not a magical formula. Rather, prayer is about being aware of God's presence and choosing to participate in your relationship with Him. He identifies ten prayers that are irresistible to God, prayers He will always answer with "yes".

- 1) God, show me that you exist
- 2) God, make me your instrument
- 3) God, outdo me in generosity
- 4) God, get me through this suffering
- 5) God, forgive me
- 6) God, give me peace
- 7) God, give me courage
- 8) God, give me wisdom
- 9) God, bring good out of this bad situation
- 10) God, lead me to my destiny

Fr Mike's 4 Tips for Praying

Fr Mike Schmitz posted a video on Ascension Press about these 4 tips for developing a rich prayer life:

When: Decide when you will pray each day, and build your day around it. Make it a set time that defines your whole day.

Where: Choose a place or a few places that is not too distracting, but not so quiet and comfy that you fall asleep!



What: Pick a style or tradition of prayer and stick with it for about 4 weeks. Give yourself permission to switch it up after committing to one type for a season.

Why: Prayer isn't only to give you answers and consolation. Your "why" should be to deepen your relationship with the God who is pursuing you!

Watch Fr. Mike's video at ascensionpresents.com/video/tips-for-praying/

This Week

Deacon Steve Greco, Spirit Filled Hearts Ministry

Tuesday, October 18 at
6:30 pm

Deacon Steve Greco will give a talk on how to unleash the power of the Holy Spirit in your life, followed by a charismatic healing service. Deacon Steve's Spirit Filled Hearts Ministry shares testimonies of love, the Catholic faith and the importance of the Holy Spirit through his Immaculate Heart Radio show, talks and retreats.

6:30 pm: Songs of praise and worship.

7:00 pm: Talk on unleashing the Holy Spirit in your life.

7:45 pm: Healing Service

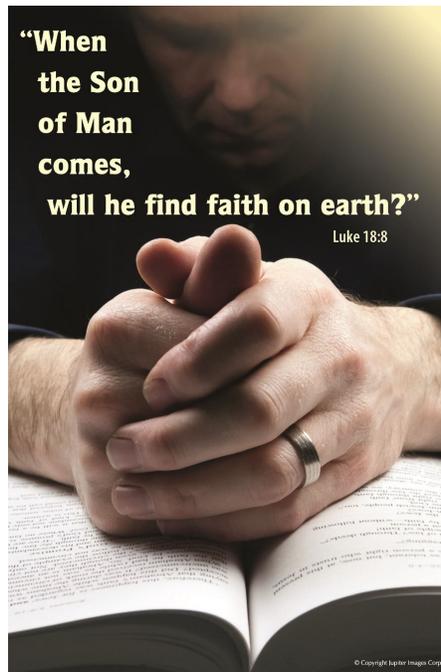
3rd Annual St Michael School Walk-a-Thon Friday, October 21

The students will walk the school block, having fun with their classmates and teachers while raising \$45,000 to improve the school courtyard.

Students will be outside the church after masses on October 9th and October 16th. Visit smsliv.org under "Parent Links" to donate. Call the school office at 925-447-1888 for details. All donations are most appreciated!

Journey Through Grief Thursday, October 20 at 7:30 pm at St Charles

Come to our Grief Support Workshops on Thursdays at 7:30 pm on Oct 20, Nov 3 and Nov 10. We will explore the following topics: Where is God in our Grief, Coping with the Holidays, and Making Progress in our Journey.



Pre-Order Fresh Christmas Wreaths October 22-November 6

St Michael Cub Scout Pack 903 will be taking pre-order sales of fresh Christmas wreaths after mass, October 22 - November 6.

Second Collection for World Mission Sunday Next Sunday, October 23

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, a day set aside for the Catholic Church throughout the world to publicly renew its commitment to the missionary movement. It is celebrated on the third Sunday of October every year. It was created by Pope Pius XI in 1926 as the day of prayer for missions. There will be a second collection for missions around the world. Please give as generously as you can.

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Upcoming

Dominican Sisters Discernment Retreat November 11-13



The Dominican Sisters San Rafael welcome single Catholic women (ages 18 - 40) to attend a prayerful "no-pressure" weekend to explore the spiritual practice of discernment as we reflect on the question: "Where is God calling me?" For information or to RSVP, please contact Reena Roskopf at 415-257-4939 or vocations@sanrafaelop.org.

Golden Friends Hilmar Cheese Factory Trip Wednesday, November 30

Come join the Golden Friends of St. Michael Parish for our fall trip. We will visit the Hilmar Cheese Factory, enjoy a buffet lunch at the Fruit Yard and visit the Duarte Poinsettia Nursery. All of these are in the Modesto area.

Price is \$50 per person for round trip bus fare and lunch. Bus will leave promptly at 9 am and return approximately at 4 pm. Reservations and payment due NO LATER than Fri. Oct. 28. Contact Wilma: wilma.matuska@gmail.com or 925-447-8198.

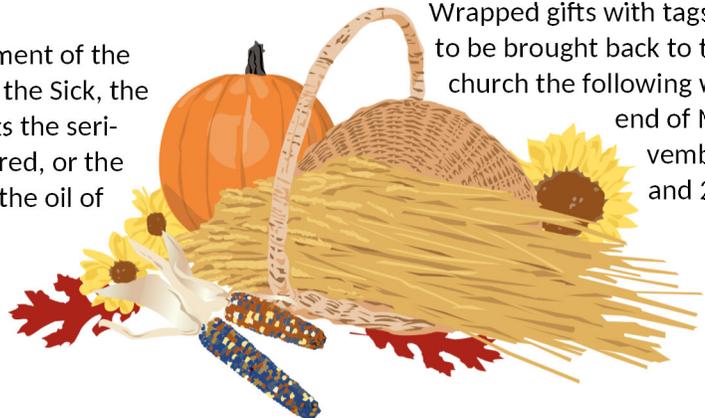
Bilingual Mass of Remembrance Monday, October 24 at 7:00 pm St Michael Church

Those who wish to remember a loved one who has passed away are invited to a special Mass of Remembrance. This Mass will be celebrated in both Spanish and English.

Anointing of the Sick Saturday, November 5 Following 8:30 am Mass

The sacrament that helps unite those who are suffering with Jesus' saving and healing power is the Anointing of the Sick. Through this sacrament people receive forgiveness for their sins and comfort in their suffering; they are restored in spirit; and sometimes they even experience the return of physical health. Suffering is a part of life, but Jesus unites our suffering with his passion and death so that through our suffering we can participate in his saving and healing work. The sacrament also reminds us that God wants to give comfort to the suffering and wants us to relieve suffering where we can.

In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the priest anoints the seriously ill, injured, or the elderly with the oil of the sick.



Marriage Encounter Weekend November 18-20

Sign up today to attend our upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Nov. 18-20. Early registration, 4 to 6 weeks out is highly recommended. For more information contact Mike & Jeanne at 925-672-2016 or Joe & Sue at 925-680-7767 now or go to oaklandwwme.org. Weekends are presented in Pleasanton.

Santa's Secret Service Gift Appeal November 12th & 13th At All Masses

Founded in 1959 at St Michael Parish, Santa's Secret Service is dedicated to witnessing Jesus Christ's call to service and charity. The organization has solicited and delivered well over a million Christmas gifts to those in care centers, hospitals and homebound people.

At all Masses on November 12 and 13, you will have the opportunity to pick up an instruction sheet and purchase a gift for a special person.

Wrapped gifts with tags need to be brought back to the church the following weekend of November 19 and 20.



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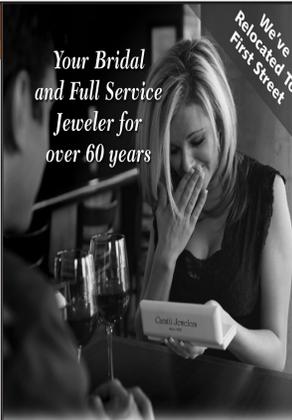


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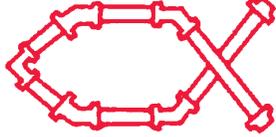

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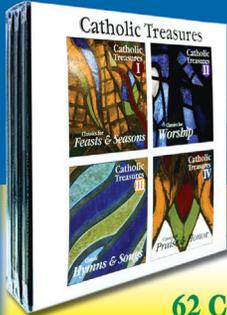
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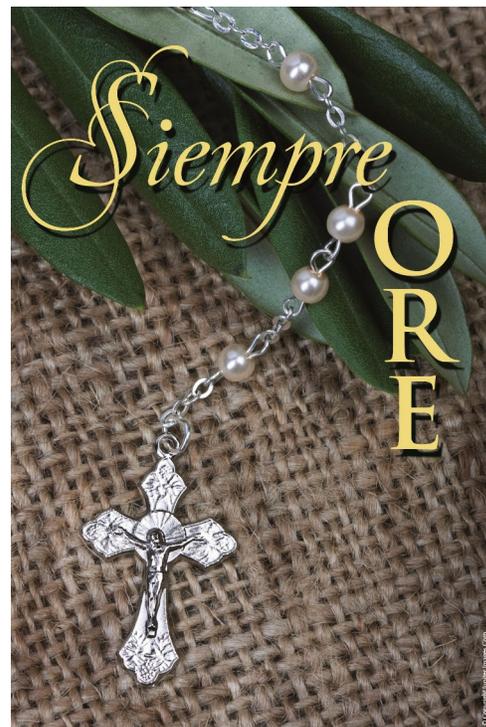


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LUCHANDO BATALLAS RENDICIÓN VICTORIOSA

En el libro del Éxodo se describe una batalla. Mientras otros están en el campo de batalla, Moisés permanece en lo alto de una colina y pese al cansancio y con ayuda, él sostiene sus manos levantadas en actitud de oración, asegurando la victoria. Es su perseverancia, su paciencia, su persistencia para permanecer en esa posición pese al esfuerzo, lo que resultó en victoria. Timoteo le recuerda a su comunidad que ellos, y nosotros, debemos ser persistentes al proclamar la palabra. Lucas cuenta la historia de una viuda y un juez deshonesto. Ni siquiera sabemos cual era el pleito. Lo único que sabemos es que la viuda no va a descansar hasta que ella reciba justicia y finalmente así pasa. Lo que todas estas lecturas tienen en común es la actitud de la perseverancia enfrentando posibilidades inesperadas.

Todos hemos tenido nuestras batallas, en el trabajo, en los juzgados, en nuestros corazones y mentes. Quizá ganamos unas y perdimos otras, pero pocas tuvieron que requerir la persistencia evidenciada en Éxodo y en Lucas. ¿Somos capaces de dicha persistencia? Quizás lo somos si la batalla es por algo vital, importante, y estamos dispuestos a luchar sin importar lo que cueste con tal de ganar. ¿Pero qué sería aquello por lo que luchemos? Así como el salmo lo dice claramente, Dios es capaz de tal persistencia, especialmente cuando aquello que es importante y vital para Dios somos nosotros. Dios es la viuda perseverante y nosotros somos el juez deshonesto. Dios es Moisés permaneciendo firme pese al cansancio. Somos tan importantes para el plan de salvación de Dios que nada se interpondrá en el camino de Dios que nos salvaguarde, ni siquiera nuestras



debilidades, defectos y pecados. Como el juez deshonesto, debemos rendirnos y aceptar el amor persistente y apasionado de Dios.



Peregrinación del Año de la Misericordia a la Puerta Santa

Sabado 22 de Octubre

1:30 pm Peregrinación desde la explanada de la Catedral. A las 2:00 pm entrada por la Puerta Santa, seguido por un tour en español para conocer mejor la catedral, con una explicación de su diseño y construcción. Terminaremos con una Misa Solemne a las 3:00 pm para recibir las Indulgencias ofrecidas en este año Santo de la Misericordia.

Misa bilingüe de conmemoración

Lunes 24 de octubre a las 7:00pm
Iglesia de San Miguel

Aquellos que deseen recordar a sus seres queridos fallecidos, están invitados a una misa especial para recordarlos. Esta misa será celebrada en español y en Inglés. Los esperamos!



La Parroquia de San Miguel

En la Parroquia de San Miguel nosotros como mission celebramos los sacramentos, formamos discipulos, y llevamos a Cristo a la comunidad.

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Misa en español

Sábado 7:00 pm
Domingo 12:30 pm
Miércoles 7:00 pm

Confesión en español

Sábados 6:15-6:45 pm
Primer y tercer miércoles a las
2:30 pm en el convento

Adoración Eucarística Perpetua

Para un directorio de sus socios de oración y para el capitán de horas, llame a Elsa al 925-339-6411

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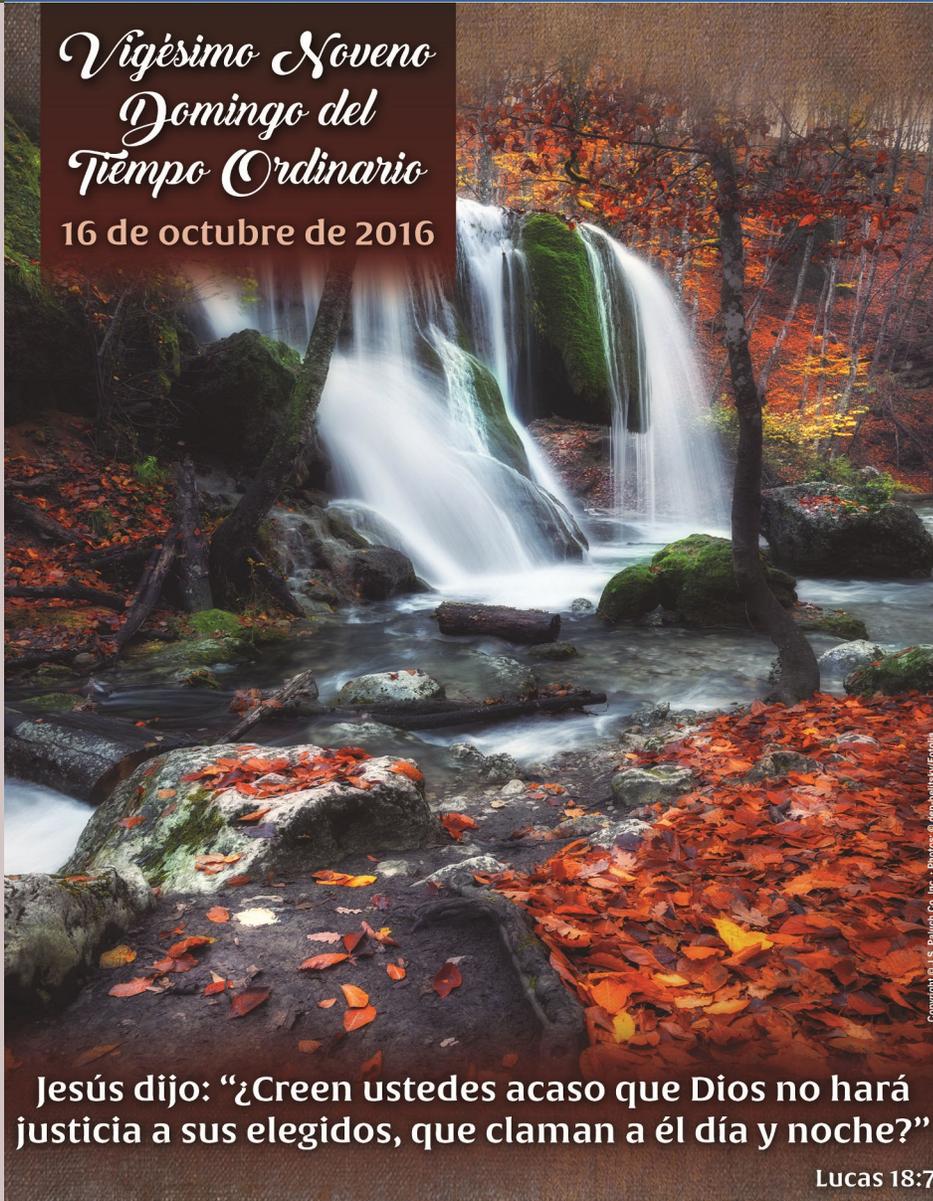
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*Vigésimo Noveno
Domingo del
Tiempo Ordinario*

16 de octubre de 2016



Jesús dijo: “¿Creen ustedes acaso que Dios no hará justicia a sus elegidos, que claman a él día y noche?”

Lucas 18:7



Para obtener información en español sobre eventos y noticias de nuestra parroquia.

Si estan interesados en agregar o presentar un artículo en el boletín en español, por favor contactar a Brenda Zavala 510-691-2864