

September 25-26, 2021
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Numbers 11:25-29 James 5:1-6 Mark 9:38-48

Dwelling, as we do, within a democracy, our Freedom of Speech is a highly valued RIGHT...and privilege. In our present era there are many who...while VALUING and EXTOLLING the Freedom of Speech...will sometimes want to LIMIT other people's speech that does not agree (or threatens) what they have espoused. Last year's frequent 'smearing' of those who strongly supported the idea that the anti-racism expression, '*black lives matter*' (as do the lives of those white, brown or every other shade or color) by aligning those espousing the BLM 'expression' as Marxist...(while acknowledging that there are Marxist oriented individuals who have co-opted the expression) is a contemporary example. In this weekend's Scripture selections, we hear that Moses, thousands of years ago, dealt with individuals who did not like that OTHERS had been graced by God...to prophesy... despite not following all THEIR ancient protocols. Within the Gospel we hear the disciples being CORRECTED by Jesus after they told him they tried to stop someone from casting out demons in his, Jesus', name. Ultimately it is the same old - same old...a SMALL GROUP who want to dictate to everyone else what is being said and who says it. In our contemporary times, our Freedom of Speech protects whack-nut Q-Anon types as well as reputable scientists (and even priests who want to call Q-anon followers whack-nuts.) Within Catholic issues we have some American bishops saying that President Biden should be refused Eucharist while Pope Francis urges compassion and persuasion rather than rejection/denial. The FREEDOM of speech is a wonderful blessing...but it is still each of our responsibility to translate and apply what we have heard and to determine that to which we will adhere. Just because everyone has the RIGHT to say something does not mean that everything being said is worthy of being listened to or followed.

Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you; we bless you; we adore you; we glorify you; we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God,
heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten son, Lord God, lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer, you
are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the lord, you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy
Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Responsorial Psalm Response:

'The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.'

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna in the highest.

Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

Thank you for depositing this SINGLE USAGE Worship Aid in one of the WHITE trash receptacles at the back of the Hall.

No sooner did September get started than here we are celebrating its FINAL weekend! **THANK YOU** for joining with Santa Clara as we worship and give praise to God for his many blessings to each of us. You are invited outside...on the PARKING LOT side....after Mass to peruse the assorted booths and tables of our **2021 MINISTRY FAIR**. With assorted parishioners still hunkering down in their homes out of fear of covid and its derivatives, our Liturgical Ministries (Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans) are especially in need of fresh volunteers. You can also inquire and obtain information from Mary Chavez regarding our expanding Women's and Men's Ministries as well as chat up Michelle Mowen regarding Youth Ministry. Miss Emily will be available to share info regarding our Faith Formation opportunities for children and their parents and all our other organizations will eagerly be accepting new volunteers/participants. Thank you for coming and participating with Santa Clara de Asis this weekend...stay healthy...enjoy these beginning days of Autumn and **please never forget, YOU ARE LOVED!!** Fr. Fred K.