

Today's Gospel and the 1st reading has a similar moment. In the 1st reading we find the seventy elders receiving God's Spirit through Moses, and in the Gospel the apostolic ministry is upheld. Like Joshua in the 1st reading, Apostle John makes the mistake of presuming that only a select few are inspired and entrusted to carry out God's plans.

God can and will work mighty deeds through the most unexpected and unlikely people. All of us are called to perform even our most humble tasks, such as giving a cup of water, for the sake of His name and the cause of His kingdom.

John believes he is protecting the purity of the Lord's name. He is trying shut down the ministry of an exorcist because authority to drive out demons and unclean spirits was one of the specific powers entrusted to the Twelve. Often, like Joshua and John, perhaps without noticing it, we cloak our failings and fears under the guise of our desire to defend Christ or the Church.

Jesus invites us to stop worrying about who is a real Christian and who is not, and start making sure that we ourselves are leading lives worthy of our calling as disciples. Are we willing to stop living for our own luxury and pleasure, and neglecting our neighbors? Let us keep meditating on God's Law and pray for the grace to detect our own failings and overcome them.

Fr. Michael Jeeva Antony



El Evangelio de hoy y la 1era lectura tienen un momento similar. En la 1era lectura encontramos a los setenta ancianos recibiendo al Espíritu de Dios mediante Moisés, y en el Evangelio el ministerio apostólico se presenta. Como Josué en la primera lectura, el apóstol Juan comete el error de presumir que solo unos cuantos son inspirados y confiados a llevar los planes de Dios.

Dios puede y hará maravillosos milagros mediante la gente que menos se espera. Todos somos llamados a hacer incluso tareas más humildes, como dar un vaso de agua, en el nombre de Jesús y la causa de su Reino.

Juan cree que protege la pureza del nombre de Dios. Él está tratando de cerrar el ministerio de un exorcista porque la autoridad para sacar demonios y malos espíritus era un poder específico confiado a los doce. Seguido, como Josué y Juan, talvez inconscientemente, nosotros tapamos nuestras fallas y temores bajo la máscara de nuestro deseo para defender a Cristo o a la Iglesia.

Jesús nos invita a dejar de preocuparnos sobre quien es un real cristiano y quien no lo es, y comenzar a asegurarnos de que nosotros estamos llevando una vida digna de nuestro llamado como discípulos. Estamos dispuestos a parar de vivir para nuestro propio lujo y placer, y negar a nuestro prójimo? Mantengámonos meditando en la ley de Dios y orar por la gracia de Dios para detectar nuestras propias fallas y sobrepasarlas.

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OCTOBER 6TH (SATURDAY)
8:00AM -- 4:00PM
OREGON STATE FAIRGROUNDS PAVILION (IN SALEM)



Are you a Catholic and current member of an AA group in the Eugene area?? A faith support group for members of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) is forming that will affirm Catholic values and spirituality. Would you be interested in attending a such a group? And would you be willing to be a resource person for other Catholics who want to know more about AA? If so, please send your **FIRST** name + first initial of your **LAST** name + your phone number to Theresa at: telliott@stpeterseugene.org.

NEED SOME FAITH INSPIRATION IN ORDINARY TIME? — Check out the Eugene Catholic Young Adults' (ECYA) weekly Bible Study for day to day ways to pick up your spiritual life: Thursday, **Oct. 4, 6:45pm**, in the Parish Center at St. Mary (2062 Charnelton) — ECYA is for everyone, ages 21-39. For more info. and other events coming up, contact: eugeneyoungadults@gmail.com (541-270-9329) & facebook.com/EugeneCYA.

NATIONAL ROSARY RALLY All are invited to participate in this rally on **October 7th** — the *feast day of Our Lady of Sorrows*. It will be at **1:00pm** — this time corresponds to the other time zones in the U.S., so all will be praying at the same time! Location is the public right-of-way at the Planned Parenthood facility (3579 Franklin Blvd). Let us seek together Our Lady's help in fighting this great battle for the very souls of our church and our nation. For more info contact Doris at: djdimpki@gmail.com or 541-520-6787.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE You are invited to join other Christians across our nation for the **40 Days for Life** Fall campaign of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, from **September 26th through November 4th**. Locally, we will also have, in addition, a 40 day Vigil of peaceful prayer in the public right-of-way outside the Planned Parenthood facility (3579 Franklin Blvd). For more info, or to volunteer for the prayer Vigil, contact Eileen at 541-543-7168 or email: etmoregon@yahoo.com.

FAITH SERIES: CATECHISM THROUGH THE YEAR

ARE THE 'SEVEN DEADLY SINS' IN THE BIBLE?

Though people often speak of the "seven deadly sins", the more accurate description is "seven capital vices". A vice is not the same thing as a sin; rather, it is a *habit* that *inclines* us to sin. Usually, a vice is the result of repeated sinful actions of a particular kind, so that a truly "vicious" cycle appears — sin leads to a habit, which in turn leads to more sins.

The word "capital" comes from the Latin term for "head". A capital vice is thus "head" or "chief" among other vices, in the sense that it leads to others. Though Scripture contains no explicit references to seven particular vices as "capital", we find numerous biblical warnings against these seven: pride, envy sloth, lust, greed, gluttony, and anger. The Wisdom Books especially — Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, Wisdom, and Sirach — address them repeatedly.

Pride — the reservoir of sin (Sir 10:13), is the habit of thinking of ourselves, and our qualities, more highly than we truly merit. Envy is the sens of pain or misery indulged in when we see someone else prosper (Wis 2:24). Sloth (or acedia) is a kind of spiritual laziness that makes us reluctant to do good because it might cost us something (Prv 12:24).

Lust is the inordinate desire for sexual pleasure that inclines us to see others as objects for personal gratification (prv 6:25-29). Greed (or covetousness or avarice) is an immoderate desire for material goods or worldly honors (Ps 119:36). Gluttony (or intemperance) is the excessive desire for, or use of, food and drink (Prv 23:21; and anger (or wrath) is this context refers to the tendency to become angry excessively or without just cause (Ps 37:8).

The best way to cure a vice is to build the opposite habit through *practice*; this good habit is called a "virtue".

RECOMMENDED READING: Excerpt taken from The NEW Catholic Answer Bible

Ex 20:17 · Prv 6:6-11; 12:27; 15:19; 16:18; 18:9; 19:24; 21:25-26; 22:13; 24:30-34; 27:4 · Is 14:12-15 · Hb 2:9 · Rom 1:29; 12:11; 13:13 · 1 Cor 3:1-3; 5:11; 6:9-10; 13:4-7 · 2 Cor 12:20 · Gal 5:19-26 · Eph 4:26-27,31; 5:3-5 · Col 3:5-8 · 1 Tm 3:1-7; 6:3-10 · Jas 1:12-15; 3:14-16 · 1 Pt 2:1; 5:5 · 2 Pt 2:17-20 · 1 Jn 2:16 ·

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