

Sunday Gospel Reflection

Twenty-Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time

1. Sign of the Cross

2. Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 *“Whoever is not against us is for us.”*



Another Exorcist

³⁸ John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹ But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰ Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

Temptations to Sin

⁴² “If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire.

3. Reflection: (reflect on your own or share together if with others)

1. Are there people or groups of people that you feel to be against us?
2. Is there anything in your life that needs to be cut out or removed to allow you to be faithful to God’s will?

3. How do we as a church need to see others as allies rather than enemies?
4. **Share petitions that you would like to pray for: Finish with the Special Petition.**

Special Petition: That all Christians will learn to work together for our common mission.

5. **Lord's Prayer**
6. **Sign of the Cross.**