

A Love of First Preference

Jesus is radical and absolute when speaking of his first preference for love. In saying *hating* in today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to place God first in our hearts. And when God is first, we will actually love everyone else more and better. Saint Gregory comments on this passage: "In this world let us love everyone, even though he be our enemy; but let us hate him who opposes us on our way to God, though he be our relative. We should...love our neighbor; we should have charity towards all—towards relatives and towards strangers—but without separating ourselves from the love of God out of love for them" (*Evangelia homiliae*, 37, 3).

Jesus' words mean that we cannot be halfhearted in our love for God or neighbors—even if our neighbor is an enemy. The very nature of love is to put others first, and that first "other" is God himself.

The painting from the Vatican Hall of Saints shows St. Anthony, head of a large monastery, meeting in the desert with St. Paul, a poor hermit who lived off the land. Both represented two ways of totally responding to God's call—one as a religious monk living in a thriving community and another as a hermit, living separated from the world as testimony to what really matters.

Religious brothers and sisters living by the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience—as monks, hermits,



Piece: *Encounter Between St. Anthony, Abbot, and St. Paul the Hermit*, 1492-94
 Artist: Bernardino Pinturicchio
 Location: Vatican Museums, Borgia Apartments

or other forms of consecrated life—testify to the world that this radical, loving God is first above all things. They deserve our support and our imitation!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Is there something the Holy Spirit is asking of me so my following of Jesus becomes more sincere and committed?

How do I support religious vocations?

[Jesus said,] "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

Luke 14:27

Assumption of Our Lady



September 08, 2019

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23rd Sunday Sunday in Ordinary Time— Year C

Hay River, NT

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm

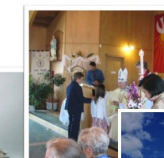
Sunday 10:30 am

Weekday Masses

Mon. Tues. & Wed .12:10 pm

Thurs. & Fri. 5:30 pm

Reconciliation time: Saturday from 4:15 to 4:45pm; Sunday, 9:45-10:15am or by appointment. Please contact Fr. Innocent for any other sacraments or funerals



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Sunday Mass 1:30 PM

Date	Readers	Collection	Gift Bearers	Eucharistic Ministers	Coffee & Snacks
Sept. 08	Bea Lepine Doris Coudron	Darm Crook Andrew Cassidy	Liz Buckley & Family	Susan Bouchard Tony Whittle Marie Kopp-Van E.	Julie Bordey Kelly Lizardo
Sept. 15	Gerry Engen Jason Morrissey	Deedee Lepine Darm Crook	Whittle Family	Andrew Cassidy Bea Lepine Doris Coudron	To be posted
Sept. 22	Youth-Led participation Mass	Youth Led Participation Mass	Youth Led Participation Mass	Dee Lepine Susan Bouchard Tony Whittle	TBP
Sept. 29	Deedee Lepine Bea Lepine	Darm Crook Gerry Engen	Steinward Family	Doris Coudron Marie Kopp-Van E. Andrew Cassidy	TBP
Oct. 06	Ashley Coombs Andrew Cassidy	Jason Morrissey Tony Whittle	Gagnon Family	Dee dee Lepine Susan Bouchard Bea Lepine	TBP

The Announcement for the 23rd Sunday in the ordinary time; September 8th, 2019.

----- We are always delighted to welcome each and everyone who has come to worship with us here at Assumption parish. If you're a new member, please take time to introduce yourself to the pastor and fill out a registration form found at the bulletin board at the entrance of the church..

----- We do hope every parishioner had a pleasant and relaxed summer period; spent quality time with family members and friends. And those who travelled out on vacation, had peaceful and smooth trips and back to our community safe and sound. We welcome everybody back as we continue our normal community and parish life. We thank God also for His travelling/journey mercies to those who travelled.

----- We continue to express our sincere gratitude to Chuck Lirette for sacrificing not only his time and energy but also his resources in cleaning our church and its surroundings this summer. Most of the trees and bushes at the back of the church and around the garage that pose potential risk, were cut and cleared. We remain grateful to him and asked God to bless him.

----- Some of our parishioners are expressing surprise that our church building is yet to be re-roofed in spite of the promises last years. The fact is that we underestimated the processes involve in such projects. A lot of logistics needed to be completed before the work can commence. We're glad to announce that those logistics have been taken care of, thanks to the dogged efforts of Tony Whittle, Eddie Smith and Belinda Whitford. We're now optimistic that the work will be done by spring/summer next year.

----- Parishioners are encouraged to recite the 'Our Father prayer' in their native languages whenever it is intoned during mass; if it makes them connect more to the creator who is the Father of all

----- The CWL devotional rosary for the sick and the needy every Tuesday is still ongoing. More members are encouraged to participate and the time is 11:30am. [We're also moving our Wednesday mass to 12:10 as from next week.](#)

----- Communion to the sick and home bound: Do you know of anyone who is sick and/or home bound and would like to be visited and given communion by the church, please let us know.

Rachel's Corner

"There is no sin God cannot forgive. Only the ones who refuse

God's mercy cannot be forgiven, like someone who wants light and warmth but avoids the sun."

-Fr. Joseph Rinaldo, SDC/ *Now and at the Hour Magazine*

Have you been avoiding facing your involvement in an abortion decision? Come on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and receive God's mercy and forgiveness.

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: Weekly Revenue	
\$1,803.00	Collection
	Hall Rental
\$1,803.00	Revenue Total
\$1,831.00	Expenses Total
-\$28.00	
Expenses are based on 2018 Q1	

Calendar

Monday

SEPTEMBER 9

St. Peter Claver, Priest

Col 1:24-2:3

Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 10

Weekday

Col 2:6-15

Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 11

Weekday

Col 3:1-11

Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 12

Weekday

Col 3:12-17

Lk 6:27-38

Friday

SEPTEMBER 13

St. John Chrysostom,

Bishop and Doctor

of the Church

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14

Lk 6:39-42

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 14

Exaltation

of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b-9

Phil 2:6-11

Jn 3:13-17

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 15

Twenty-fourth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14

1 Tm 1:12-17

Lk 15:1-32

Dear Padre,

We talk about turning away from sin. When do we cross the line between temptation and sin?

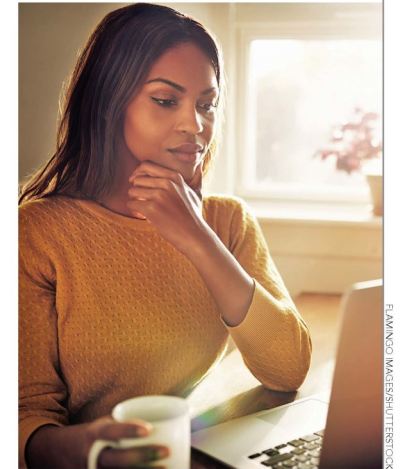
The temptations of Jesus, as recorded in the Gospels (Mark 1:12, Luke 4:1, and Matthew 4:1), give us the proper direction with regard to sin and temptation. Jesus was tempted three times, but he did not sin. More than that, Jesus put his trust in God during the temptations. Jesus' message is clear: if you feel tempted, call out to God!

Temptation is a suggestion or impulse to sin, not a sin itself. To experience temptation is natural, not sinful. When tempted, remember there is always a choice to sin or not. Temptations become sins only when we act on them. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* suggests a "silver lining" to temptation: "There is a certain usefulness to temptation. No one but God knows what our soul has received from him, not even we ourselves. But temptation reveals it in order to teach us to know ourselves, and in this way we discover our evil inclinations" (CCC 2847).

If you worry about temptation and sin, why not take part in your parish's sacrament of reconciliation? Like Jesus in the Gospels, you would then be choosing God over evil. You would be asking God to strengthen your weakness, especially in the face of temptation. Like the Lord, you can then proclaim: "Worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve" (Luke 4:8).

—Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

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A Word from Pope Francis

I would like to reflect on nonviolence as a style of politics for peace....May charity and nonviolence govern how we treat each other as individuals, within society and in international life. When victims of violence are able to resist the temptation to retaliate, they become the most credible promoters of nonviolent peacemaking.

—Fiftieth World Day of Peace, January 1, 2017



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