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Sunday, September 22, 2024 - Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mass Schedule @ Main Church

Saturday Evening, 5:30 pm

Sunday Morning, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am

Confessions, Saturday 4:15 - 5:00 pm or
anytime by appointment

Weekday Morning Mass

Monday - Friday

8:30 am @ MAIN CHURCH

Monday 8:30 am Mass

with Miraculous Medal Novena

Served By:

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Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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Sacrament of Baptism

Celebrated *usually* the first Saturday of the month. Parents are required to meet with Father Jim Ferry. Please call RECTORY.

Sacrament of the Sick

Administered in an emergency at any time. Please call RECTORY when someone is ill or admitted to the hospital.

Sacrament of Marriage

Engaged couples are asked to make their arrangements one year in advance of their wedding. Please call RECTORY for an appointment with a priest.

First Friday

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. There is 1st Friday Adoration during the “Fall” months of September, October, November and December and the “Spring” months of March, April, May and June.

Peace and Good Corner Gift Shop

Religious articles, books and cards are available for purchase inside the church before and after all Masses or by appointment. Contact RECTORY.

New Parishioners

Welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes. Please register at RECTORY or call for registration forms.

MISSION STATEMENT *The people of God in West Orange were called by the Holy Spirit in 1914 to form Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, a community centered on Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit remains with us today as we continue our journey to God. We are inspired by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, nourished by the Eucharist, called to respect life and proclaim our Catholic faith. We serve God by providing spiritual, educational, and social activities for our parish family as well as extending God's love and compassion to serve the greater community.*



Dear Brothers & Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes,
I share with you this article / reflection based on this Sunday's reading from the Book of Wisdom.

(Source: <https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/anatomy-of-envy/>)

Title: Anatomy of Envy By Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio

Envy, one of the seven deadly sins, is different from mere jealousy – it is darker and much more dangerous. Yet its cunning can be – and has been – defeated. For the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, cycle B.

Recently a prominent CEO told a mixed group of business leaders that, regardless of their religion, they simply had to read the Bible. Why? Because success in business depends not so much upon understanding financial reports as it does upon understanding people. And when it comes to a book that reveals what makes people tick, there is none better than the Bible.

Wisdom of God's Word

Perhaps Christians ought to pay heed to this businessman. We often get our ideas about people more from our own wishful thinking than God's inspired word. We expect that people will applaud and honor us when we live upright lives that are honorable, chaste, and charitable. We are shocked when they do the opposite.

Jesus wasn't. He had read this Sunday's first reading from the book of Wisdom long before he began his public ministry. He knew that the miracles that he performed to heal, feed, and deliver the poor, sick and downtrodden, the words he spoke which captivated them and gave them hope – all this might very well be perceived to be a blessing by many. But he knew that to some, it would be perceived as a threat.

Anatomy of Evil

For what the people so abundantly received from Jesus served to remind everyone of just how little they had received from their religious leaders. Both Wisdom and James describe the inner dynamic at work in the hearts of such people. When good people come across someone more virtuous, they are grateful. For they are reminded of what they can become, and it encourages them to pursue excellence. They rejoice when the virtuous person is honored, and in fact lead the applause.

When wicked people come across someone more virtuous, they are furious. Because such people serve as proof that the wicked could be different. The virtuous person takes away their excuses and exposes their mediocrity,

so they resent his success Rather than emulate the hero and strive to accomplish similar things, they instead seek to destroy him and discredit his work. In this way, they remove the embarrassing threat to their self-respect and their image.

Jealousy vs. Envy

This goes beyond what we customarily mean by the term jealousy, for it is not simply wishing to possess a good thing enjoyed by another. Rather this sort of jealousy concludes, either through laziness or despair, that the good that it desires is impossible to attain, and so aims to obliterate it and the person possessing it. It is the capital sin of envy, and often employs ingenious strategies to bring down its nemesis.

Jesus understood all this. So amidst all the euphoria aroused by Jesus' sensational ministry, he predicts that he will be tortured to death at the instigation of the "spiritual" leaders of his own people.

Worldly Wisdom Overcome

But Wisdom incarnate had a plan much wiser than the clever schemes of his cunning opponents. Yes, they had it all worked out—he'd come to Jerusalem for the feast, as would the Roman procurator, the only one who could approve his execution. They'd recruit a snitch from his inner circle. They'd rig a kangaroo court, mustering the Sanhedrin in the middle of the night. They'd manipulate Pilate with fear of losing the emperor's favor.

But the worldly wisdom of envy was no match for the heavenly wisdom of Love. All their maneuvering only served to advance the purposes of his own glorious plan of salvation. The elaborate machinations of evil men played right into his hands, setting Him up to win the eternal forgiveness of those who plotted against him.

Romans 8, Love, and Hope

For Love, as St. Paul says in Romans 8, has the power to make everything work out to the good. And that is the reason that the crucifix is the central image of the Catholic faith. It is a symbol of faith, hope, and love. Yes, it demonstrates how much he loves us.

But it also demonstrates that we have nothing to fear from the tragedies and calamities that have happened or could happen. For if he can bring glory out of the shame of the cross, he can bring good out of anything.

This post reflects on the anatomy of and antidote to evil envy as taught by the readings for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, liturgical cycle B – Wisdom: 2-12-20; Psalm 54; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37.

In Christ's Peace,
Father Jim Ferry



SATURDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 5:30 pm Jack Kiley
SUNDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Mauroso Chiovaro (Ann) 11:30 am Rose Konvalinka (34th Ann.)
MONDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 8:30 am John O'Connor
TUESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 8:30 am John O'Connor
WEDNESDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 8:30 am John Murtagh (33rd Ann.)
THURSDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 8:30 am Hugo Russo
FRIDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 8:30 am Crystal Nzegwu (Special Intention)
SATURDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 5:30 pm Francis "Bo" Ench
SUNDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Perfecto Antonio "Eric" Abad (28th Ann.) 11:30 am Kay Duff

SUNDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 7:30 am Mass in Church 9:30 am Mass in Church 9:30—11:45 am G. 7-12—9:30 Mass/10:30 am Class (Hall) 11:30 am Mass in Church ADORATION AFTER MASS
MONDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 8:30 am Daily Mass will be held Monday thru Friday of each week in church. Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass on Monday.
THURSDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the Oct 6th. Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.
SATURDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church 5:30 pm Mass in Church
SUNDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 7:30 am Mass in Church 9:30 am Mass in Church 9:30 am—11:45 am G. 6 - 9:30 am Mass/10:30 am Class (Hall) 11:30 am Mass in Church



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7:30 am	MaryEllen Chandler	MaryEllen Chandler	
9:30 am	Kathy Petrillo	Myrna Regino	
11:30 am Children's Choir	Wendy Sheyka	Carmelita Dizon Wendy Sheyka (choir)	

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Several Sources, a prolife organization for mothers who seek to give God's blessed gift of life to their children will be visiting our church on October 19-20 at all weekend Masses to speak about the services offered by Several Sources Shelters. Proceeds from Our BABY SHOWER being held at all weekend Masses in October will be distributed to the Several Sources Shelters organization.



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