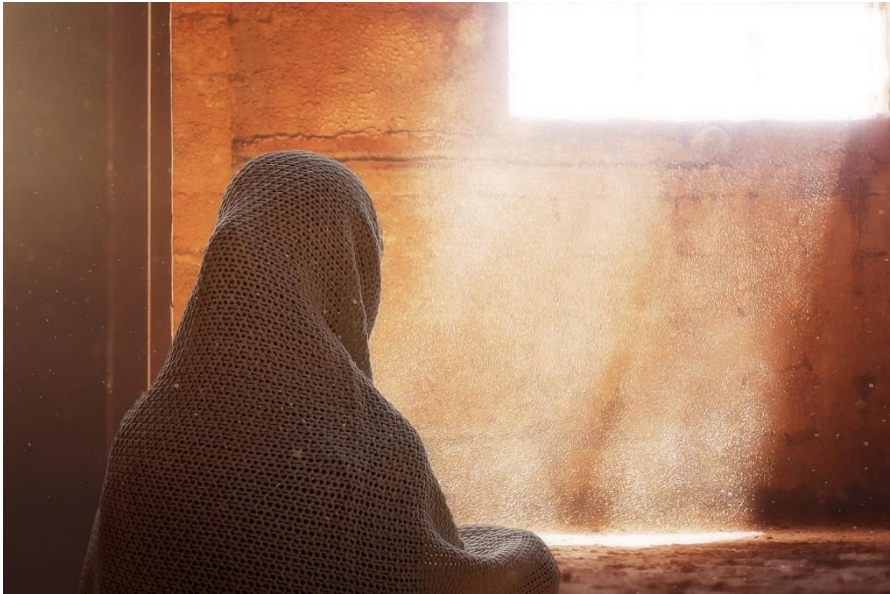




## XXVI SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 29<sup>th</sup> of September '24 – Cycle B



### BEYOND BORDERS



### SETTING

Anyone who acts in your name is welcome. The Spirit is free and reaches everyone who wants to receive it, it does not need to be from this one or that one, it simply acts according to the gestures of the Lord, which are universal.

Doing good is not exclusive to anyone, it belongs to the realm of being, wanting and feeling, we can all do good.

The Spirit gives the gift and it is oneself who develops it, executes it, and carries it out.

“Do not prevent him”, everyone who acts in the name of the Lord is welcome. Beyond our borders, let us live with the openness of mind and heart that launches us into the world.

### SONG. JESUS YOU ARE MY SALVATION

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=og3U\\_vegZ2Qwww](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=og3U_vegZ2Qwww).

## **GOSPEL – Mark 9, 38-43.45.47-48.**

“John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name and he did not come with us, and we tried to stop him because he did not come with us."

But Jesus said: "Do not prevent him, for there is no one who works a miracle by invoking my name and then is able to speak evil of me. For he who is not against us is for us. Whoever gives you a glass of water to drink because you belong to Christ, I assure you, he will not lose his reward. And whoever offends one of these little ones who believe, it is better for him to have one of those millstones that move donkeys put around his neck and to have him thrown into the sea. And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter Life maimed than, with both hands, to go to Gehenna, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better that you enter Life lame than, with two feet, be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the Kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where its worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.”

## **TO INTERIORIZE THE WORD OF GOD TODAY (MARIE-NOËLLE THABUT)**

**Numbers 11, 25-29.** Eldad and Mead are prophesying in the field! Joshua, faithful servant of Moses, wants to defend the prerogatives of his master and shouts: «Moses, teacher, stop them!» There, the concern is reflected: we no longer control everything! Moses, on the contrary, remains faithful to the choice he had made, by deciding to surround himself with seventy personalities. He knew, without a doubt, that he accepted not dominating everything, and he was glad that the spirit of the Lord accompanied them. His response is extraordinary: «Will you be envious in my place? Would that all the Lord's people would become a people of prophets upon whom the Lord would put his spirit!» Pentecost was already taking shape, in Sinai

**Psalms 18/19.** To understand this psalm, a true litany in honor of the Law, it is necessary to know that, in Israel, and in all the Jewish communities of the world, it is celebrated, every year, in autumn during the last days of September, or during the month of October, a great festival in honor of the Law. This festival is called "Simhat Torah", which means: "Joy of the Law." And, through the Law, it is evidently the legislator who is celebrated. This legislator is God himself.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Letter of James 5,1-6.** Popular wisdom tells us: "money does not make you happy but it contributes to happiness..." And today, Santiago, it does not say the opposite! That's right, the Apostle does not wage war on the rich or their wealth. What he fights is not using wealth or using it poorly, which is why he places the rich in front of their responsibilities. In reality, he tells them three things: the first and most important, is a revelation about God: God is a God of Justice, who understands the cry of the unfortunate; second: there are bad ways to get rich; Third: money can contribute to everyone's happiness. This is what God expects from the rich.

**Mark 9:38-43.45.47-48.** This speech of Jesus to Capernaum will end with a recommendation: "Live in peace with one another." This may be the guiding line of Jesus' entire speech which, at first glance, is puzzling. The twelve are there and Marcos is responsible for specifying that the speech is addressed to them. The question that John, "the son of thunder" as Jesus called him and his brother, is explained if we remember here the story of the institution of this group of twelve precisely: "Jesus goes up the mountain and calls the that He wanted. They came and Jesus established the twelve to be with Him and to send them to preach with power to cast out demons. This group is well defined and is aware of having received the power to expel demons because of the strong bond of union that exists between them and Jesus. It is not strange that they react to the claims of those who, without being part of the elite group, dare to expel demons in their name. John has the same reaction as Joshua in the first reading, a reaction of exclusion. Jesus forbids this spirit of exclusivity to the Twelve; When John tells him: "We have seen that some, who are not of us, were casting out demons in your name and we have done everything possible to prevent them," Jesus intervenes firmly: "Do not prevent them...". Jesus moves his disciples away from what, at the beginning of this speech in Capernaum, was their most important concern: Who among them was the greatest! (9, 34). This will allow them to live in peace with each other, an expression of the same passion for the Kingdom.

#### **CLUES FOR PRAYER AND SHARING IN COMMUNITY:**

- Look at Jesus: What does He tell to His Apostles? Why does He talk to them in this way?
- Listen to the Apostles: Give your opinion about their way of looking at others.
- Look at yourself and your Community: What would Jesus say if He listens how we speak and if He sees how we act?



## AMBIENTAL MUSIC.

ANDREA VANZO - SOULMATE

<https://youtu.be/b7OyPg5JBnQ?si=-jFyRmmqfATj0MY>

### DO NOT PREVENT THEM

The Spirit is the one  
gives grace and he who sends  
to prophesy.

To prophesy is to open  
to the Spirit and then  
serve everyone.

It is prophesied with the gesture,  
close, intelligible,  
timely and necessary.

It is prophesied with the word,  
when he is kind,  
embodied, serene.

You prophesy with your eyes,  
when it is clean,  
transparent, cozy.

It is prophesied with silence,  
that gives space, that allows  
open up, which is hope.

It is prophesied approaching  
to the fallen one to heal him,  
lift him up and accompany him  
on his subsequent path.

It is prophesied with respect,  
towards the different, the  
adverse,

appreciating it, welcoming it.

It is prophesied over time,  
dedicating it to attention  
to the other, to listen to it.

It is prophesied with work  
well done, with  
responsibility fulfilled,  
satisfied with the good generated.

It is prophesied open  
to grace, always serving.,  
seeking the good of the other,  
whatever it is.

Prophesy, live, dream,  
that it is possible to grow,  
improve, change and  
become deeper,  
more authentic,  
more for today.

We need those  
prophets who  
inspire, sustain and  
throw forward.

Let's follow the footprints  
of Jesus, the Prophet.

### SONG- GOD WILL MAKE A WAY-DON Moen

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1zo3fjYtS-o>



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