

**The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time****Year B****Sunday, September 30, 2018**

Readings: 1) Numbers 11:25-29 2) James 5:1-6 3) Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**Sunday Liturgy**

The focus for today is: *Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!* Jesus says, *there is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me.* By our baptism we are called to prophecy, and to share the good news of salvation. May we have the enthusiasm of Eldad, Medad and the unknown follower of the Gospel – having no fear in proclaiming the truth and not waiting to be told what to do.

Joshua protests to Moses in our first reading that two men who were not present when the Spirit of God came and rested upon the elders should not be prophesying. In the second reading, James tells us what happens to the things of this world. In the Gospel, John says to Jesus that someone not in their company was using the power of his name, and Jesus replies, *whoever is not against us is for us.*

**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS****PRIEST:**

**With confidence, we bring our needs and the needs of others to the Father.**

**For Pope Francis and all pastoral leaders of the Church, may God bless them with health and the prayers of all people as they guide us in drawing ever closer to God.**

We Pray to the Lord. Hear our prayer.

**For world leaders and relief agencies around the world, may the Spirit grant them the means to work toward the alleviation of poverty, hunger and homelessness from the earth.**

We Pray to the Lord. Hear our prayer.

**For those who are sick in mind, body and spirit; may God grant them the light of his hope.**

We Pray to the Lord. Hear our prayer.

**For our deceased loved ones, may they come to share in the fullness of Christ's glory.**

We Pray to the Lord. Hear our prayer.

**For all who gather here, may the love of God guide us to fulfilling the works of mercy within our community.**

We Pray to the Lord. Hear our prayer.

**For our own personal intentions.**

We Pray to the Lord. Hear our prayer.

**PRIEST:**

**Loving Father, as we place our needs before you this day, guide us in drawing ever closer to you. This we ask through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**