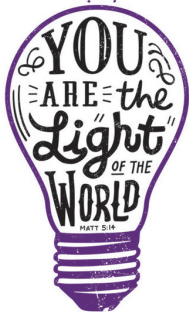


“Ask the beasts and they will teach you the beauty of this earth.”

St Francis of Assisi



SCRIPTURE
of the DAY

Numbers 11: 25 - 29

Psalms 18: 8, 10, 12-14

James 5: 1-6

Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

Would Jesus ask us to oppose or stop them? No, he wouldn't, especially when they do it in his Holy Name. Many are working today in the vineyard. Remember the parable when the master allowed outsiders to enter his banquet because the ones who were his "believers" did not have enough oil in their lamps when the time came.

Conversely, there are many leading people away from Jesus. We see this "wickedness" prevalent today in the world. They even mock Jesus and some go to great lengths to discredit him. We hear of communities who make into law that Jesus is never preached and so to be a follower one has to be discreet.

Jesus gives us a clear warning about the reality of hell, just as there is a heaven. He teaches us that hell is like a sea from which you cannot come out of. *"Hell is unquenchable fire; somewhere where the worm does not die and the fire is not quenched"*. We can only imagine what heaven and hell will be like. Our hope is to prepare for that eventful day when we will have to account for all we have done and failed to do.

Yet the road to reach the goal (heaven) is full of difficulties. We are reminded the door to heaven is narrow and the door to hell is very wide. The road to heaven becomes easier when we profess, acclaim and call on Christ earnestly and daily and do his will. The journey becomes lighter when we speak well about the Lord and, perhaps, share his Word with someone we know.

People will come our way to help us or to hinder us as we travel the journey of life and faith. In the same way, we too can either assist or hinder someone who seeks Christ. We are assured of the reward when we assist someone. St Ignatius of Loyola would often say, "If the love of God does not take you to heaven, let the fear of hell take you there!"

Save us Lord from the fires of hell. ✚

NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

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29 September 2024
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Day of Migrants and Refugees

**SALT OF THE EARTH AND LIGHT OF THE WORLD:
CELEBRATING, LISTENING AND WALKING TOGETHER IN A SPIRIT OF COMMUNION
PARTICIPATION AND MISSION (MATTHEW 5: 13-16).**



MONTHLY FOCUS
LISTENING TO THE CRY
OF THE EARTH

Eliminate Occasions that Leads You to Sin

“The one who is not against us is for us”. The disciples wanted to stop someone else from doing great works in Jesus' Name. In the Old Testament too, we see that Eldad and Medad were prophesying and others were envious.

We can discern whether a person is doing something good. There are many ordinary people and many institutions working for truth, working to promote justice, equality and offering mercy and clemency to others.