

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022



Do you believe that people get what they deserve? Consider what the scriptures tell us. God gives life to all of us. His grace and abundance is given to everyone and the only question is whether we will accept what he gives. It is not a matter of “earning” the gifts and blessings we receive. If we believe all we are and have is God’s gift, we also realize that without God, we are nothing. That in turn, helps us to recognize our connections with others -- the rich and the poor, the wise and the foolish, the respected and the outcast -- they are all our brothers and sisters and we need to care for them as Christ would.

*Happy be who keeps faith forever;
secures justice for the oppressed; gives food to the hungry.
~ Psalm 146:7*

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GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

READING 1

Am 6:1a, 4-7

Thus says the LORD the God of hosts: Woe to the complacent in Zion! Lying upon beds of ivory, stretched comfortably on their couches, they eat lambs taken from the flock, and calves from the stall! Improvising to the music of the harp, like David, they devise their own accompaniment. They drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the best oils; yet they are not made ill by the collapse of Joseph! Therefore, now they shall be the first to go into exile, and their wanton revelry shall be done away with.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

READING 2

1 Tm 6:11-16

But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Compete well for the faith. Lay hold of eternal life, to which you were called when you made the noble confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you before God, who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus, who gave testimony under Pontius Pilate for the noble confession, to keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ that the blessed and only ruler will make manifest at the proper time, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, and whom no human being has seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal power. Amen.

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ALLELUIA

Cf. 2 Cor 8:9

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. **R.**

GOSPEL

Lk 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores. When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried, and from the netherworld, where he was in torment, he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he cried out, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering torment in these flames.' Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us

GOSPEL

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and you a great chasm is established to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go from our side to yours or from your side to ours.' He said, 'Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they too come to this place of torment.' But Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.' He said, 'Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'"

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, *and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.* For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL
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Please respond, "*Lord, hear our prayer.*"

For the shepherds of the Church: that their faith-filled teaching and preaching will lead all God's people into the one sheepfold of grace.
We pray to the Lord

For an end to religious persecution and terrorism.
We pray to the Lord

For our parish to be ever more devoted to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.
We pray to the Lord

That Christian families will be strengthened to face every challenge and difficulty, and to grow in holiness.
We pray to the Lord

For the grace this week to recognize the importance of being a good steward to the environment.
We pray to the Lord

For the intentions inscribed in our book of prayer, in our prayer baskets, and lifted to Jesus in the quiet of our heart...
We pray to the Lord

For all of our beloved dead, especially...

4:00 p.m.: Eula & Blackie Tubbs

6:00 p.m.: Regina Somers

8:30 a.m.: Parishioners of St. Stephen & St. Joseph

10:30 a.m.: Robert Gurzynski

We pray to the Lord