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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

7:00 p.m. **Spanish** (piano & cantor)

Sunday

8:00 a.m. **English** (organ & cantor)

9:30 a.m. **Spanish** (piano & choir/cantor)

11:30 a.m. **English** (organ & choir/cantor)

1:30 p.m. **Vietnamese** (keyboard & choir)

Weekdays

8:30 a.m. **Spanish** (Mon-Fri.)

12:00 p.m. **English** (Mon-Fri)

7:45 a.m. **Vietnamese** (Thu & Sat)

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

All those who are called to follow Jesus in the Catholic faith along with Catholics already baptized (adults, youth & children) who desire to celebrate the sacraments of First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation can make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Registration for these programs are announced in the bulletin during various times of the year. Also appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements for participating in the Baptismal Program.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

At the parish office by appointment.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

VISITS TO THE SICK

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to all parishioners.

We encourage all parishioners to register at our parish office. We invite new parishioners to make an appointment to meet a member of the parish staff.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. open

MONDAY - THURSDAY 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. open

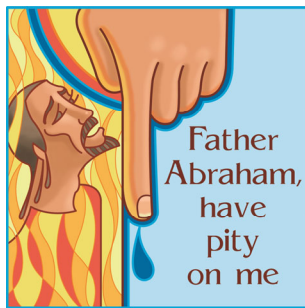
SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CARE FOR EACH OTHER



Don't delude yourselves, Jesus says through the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. We really are supposed to care for others. It is not enough to go to Mass and occasionally serve at a parish or outreach function. We cannot remain complacent and consider ourselves followers of Jesus. No matter how much or how little material wealth we have, we always have something to give—our time and attention, care, and, when possible, our money. The way we treat and care for others, especially the poor and vulnerable, is the manner in which we show our love of God. As disciples, we must "pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness." Jesus calls us to see and respond to the least among us, because, as God's children, we are all part of one another.

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Our liturgy today picks up right where we left off last Sunday. It is still about making positive choices for the greater good, and that there is no room for the lukewarm. The prophet Amos continues preaching his gloom and doom, as he calls out the complacent. Paul urges Timothy to a life completely opposite that of Amos' complacent ones, as an athlete competing for the faith to "Keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ." In Luke's parable of Lazarus and the rich man, we see someone who is unwilling to do the right thing until he tries to save himself. By then it is too late for him.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Woe to the complacent. Their wanton revelry shall be done away with (Amos 6:1a, 4-7).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Compete well for the faith. Keep the commandment until the appearance of the Lord Jesus (1 Timothy 6:11-16).

Gospel — The parable of Lazarus and the rich man (Luke 16:19-31).

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NOTHING WRONG WITH THE GOOD LIFE

You know, there is nothing wrong with studying and working hard, and building up stability and wealth for your family. It is a good and positive thing to have money for retirement, vacations, or even to have a little nest egg in case of an emergency. But with those blessings comes more responsibility. This is where the rich man in today's Gospel parable fails miserably. Wearing finery and having gourmet meals is not a sin, but he does nothing to reach out his hand to aid Lazarus or those in need around him.

From what we know, the Gospel doesn't say the rich man was rude to Lazarus, or that he scoffed at the poor man. His sin was one of omission. He simply put his blinders on and failed to see. He didn't send a meal out to him or have someone from his household check on the man. He just left him there to suffer.

LIVE RESPONSIBLY AND SHARE WHAT YOU HAVE

In heaven, Lazarus is raised and freed from his sufferings, while the rich man suffers greatly in the flames of hell. He implores God to send a messenger to his family, but God tells him that since they ignored the messages of Moses and the Prophets, nothing is going to change them, not even someone coming from the dead. Sadly, sometimes we fear and avoid street people because we suspect them of drug abuse, mental illness or, nowadays, carrying the Covid virus. Don't use that as an excuse to write them off. Write a check to your parish or favorite charity. Make a donation to the food pantry or, better yet, sign up for a shift to work in the food pantry as a family and make it a teachable moment. Pay it forward. Invite someone who is with you to join in your family meal. When you go in to grab a coffee pick up an extra and give it to the first person you see who needs it. Learn the lesson of the parable, and open your eyes and your heart to the needs of others around you.

Coach Paul

Today's reading from First Timothy sounds almost like a coach getting his team ready for the big game. This coach has much higher goals than a home run or a touchdown. Instead of pursuing a league championship, he seeks faith, love, patience, and gentleness. How about us? Are we in the game or on the sidelines? Let's look at what Coach Paul is talking about.

We strive for faith when we see it as not just believing that God exists or that Jesus is God's Son. Faith is a relationship with the Lord in which we imitate Jesus' outlook on life, his teachings, his love of God. We struggle with his commands to love our enemies, to turn the other cheek, to forgive all wrongs, and to take up our cross each day. As Paul would say, we are "competing well for the faith."

We pursue love by listening to the Gospel, in which Jesus tells the parable of the rich man who was only concerned with his own comfort. Jesus says that if we truly understood the prophets, such as our first reading from Amos, we would not spend all our energy and wealth on ourselves. We may find that love for our family is much easier than love for strangers or the homeless, but Jesus never said that love would be easy.

As we learn to let go of our need to have everything go our way, we become more patient with people who disagree with us, or with frustrations and problems. We learn to see God in our setbacks as well as in our successes. Striving to see Jesus in everyone, we can become more patient with them. They will begin to see Jesus in us as our devotion to him grows. Experiencing the Lord is the championship we want.

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Tithing: \$7,813.86
Children: \$0.00
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK
SEPTEMBER 26, 2022

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
SEPTEMBER 26, 2022

Monday
8:30am Juan Bautista Hernandez, Anastacio Montero, Fernando Hernandez (D), America Garcia Peña (D) - 2^{do} aniversario
12:00pm
Tuesday
8:30am Yrene Rodriguez (D); Margarita Felipe (D)
12:00pm Matta Ty (D)
Wednesday
8:30am
12:00pm
Thursday
8:30am Jose Peguero Motero (D), Anastacio Montero, Keren Hernandez Rosa Caines, Teresa Chio (D)
12:00pm
Friday
8:30am Angel Cabreja, Luis Cabreja, Alberta Cabrera (D)
12:00pm
Saturday
7:45am Phero Luc (D)
7:00pm Antonio Guzman (D); El gran Poder de Dios
Sunday
8:00am Ana Mung (D)
9:30am Sonia Gonzalez (D); Ilga Delia Basquerizo Roble (D); Miguel Angel Vichay Tovar (D)
11:30am People of SNT
1:30pm Phero Thong & Margarita Han (D)

We pray for the People of St. Nicholas of Tolentine.
We pray for the sick:
We pray for the dead:



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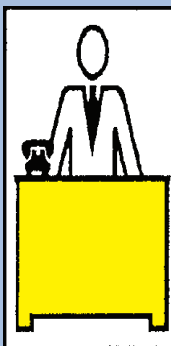
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