

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25 September 2016

Dear Parishioners,

Lying at his door was a poor man. (Luke 16:20)

Some theologians believe that few will go to heaven. Other theologians hold that the mercy of God is so great that many, if not most, will go to heaven. But no one knows for sure.

Today's Gospel is a story about the relationship between a man who lived in luxury and went to hell and a frail beggar, who went to heaven. The rich man may have been a good and honest man. We don't know, and Jesus doesn't include this detail in his parable. We do know that he loved his five brothers, but he was also indifferent to poor Lazarus.

The Bible has countless references to the poor and the forgotten (Micah 2:9; Isaiah 58:7; Nehemiah 5:1-5; Matthew 5:42; 25:31-36). Most of these passages tell us that God expects those who have more to help those who have less. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "God blesses those who come to the aid of the poor and rebukes those who turn away from them" (2443).

If we own a piece of property, we have legal title in the eyes of the law. However, in the eyes of God, we are only his tenants. We are just stewards of his property. At the final judgment, God will ask us about our stewardship, especially our care for the poor (Matthew 25:14-30).

This was the rich man's problem. He was God's caretaker. He owed his wealth to God. What he failed to see was that the beggar Lazarus was God's representative, a person who deserved to be treated much better. All he could see was a ragged, diseased man.

Scripture tells us to share our clothes and our food and to care for the sick and the lonely (Matthew 25:35-36; Luke 3:11). It tells us that every human being has the right to live in dignity and to not go hungry or homeless. Today, let's ask, "What sacrifices can my family make so that we can reach out to the poor more fully?"

"Jesus, you became poor so that we might become rich.
Help me be as generous as you are."

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

ATTENTION

Safeguard the Children

No child under 18 years should be **LEFT ALONE** without adult supervision on Sundays during or after Mass. Parents should be aware of where their children are at all times. **ALL PARISH MINISTERS/ORGANIZATIONS** should also know where their child members under 18 years are at all times during their scheduled meeting/class. Ministry Leaders are responsible to stay with their child members under 18 years until parents or guardians pick them up after the meeting/class is over.

Did you Know?

Bystander engagement is critical to combat child abuse

There are far too many cases in which a child is too scared to report abuse, and the adults around him or her do not understand the signs of abuse or too afraid to speak up. Bystanders have more power than they know, especially when it comes to reporting abuse and protecting children. Young adults don't always have the opportunity or the courage to speak up for themselves, and the adults around them have a duty to help out when they can. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Bystander Engagement – Primary Prevention of a Different Sort," email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org or call 213.637.7227.

Pray for our sick...

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Veronica Bearce, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Jeannie Chapron, Harry Charles, Katherine Clark, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Benjie Delille, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Nigel Dunn, Betty Eason, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Mary Jené, Aaron Jittu, Robert Jordan, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vydred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Andrea Raggette, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Dottie Rodriguez, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, George Simon, Sr., Jeremiah Skyes, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, and Peggy Wright.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	September 24
5:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners
Sunday	September 25
8:00 AM	Souls of the Hithe Family
10:00 AM	Souls of Yvonne, Jackeline, Dilcia, Wilfred Morgan, Jr.
12:15PM	Soul of Henry Marine, Jr.
Wednesday	September 28
8:00 AM	Intention of Briana Katz
Saturday	October 1
5:15 PM	Soul of Ramona Alexander
Sunday	October 2
8:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM	Soul of Walita Keys
12:15 PM	Soul of Gilbert Leon0

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday	Am 6:1a-7, Ps 146:7-10, Lk 16:19-31
Monday	Jb 1:6-22, Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday	Jb 3:1-23, Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday	Jb 9:1-16, Lk 9:57-62
Thursday	Dn 7:9-14, Jn 1:47-51
Friday	Jb 38:1-21; 40:3-5, Lk 10:13-16
Saturday	Jb 42:1-17, Lk 10:17-24
Sunday	Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4, Ps 95:1-9, Lk 17:5-10



WEEKLY OFFERING

September 18, 2016

\$5,561.00 Tithe and Offering
456.00 Building Fund
81.00 We Care"

SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 16, 2016

The Knights of Peter Claver "Ladies Auxiliary"
Transfiguration Court 220

Jazz Luncheon
at Transfiguration Parish Hall
12:00/Noon - 3:00 P/M

LIVE MUSIC

Serving a Delectable Menu of Baked Chicken, Beef,
Rice Pilaf, Vegetables, Rolls, Dessert, Iced Tea, and
Complimentary Champagne Mimosas...

Pre-sale Tickets: Adults \$25
(after October 12, 2016 tickets will be \$35)

Diamonds and Children \$15
{over 75 years} {under 12 years}
(after October 12, 2016 tickets will be \$25)

PRAY FOR A CURE

Faith, Hope and Charity Cancer Ministry

Come, ask and receive the Anointing of the Sick, Saturday, October 1, 2016. Mass begins at 12:30PM at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. Bishop David O' Connel will be the presider. Cathedral parking is \$8. For more information about the Mass or Faith, Hope and Charity Cancer Ministry, please contact Deacon Mark and Vickie Race at 310.259.6430 or email: pray4cure@ymail.com.

RCIA

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** Inquiry Period has begun; we will meet until October 2nd. Anyone seeking to know Jesus more or have a closer relationship with Him; expressed an interest in becoming a Catholic and receiving the Sacraments; or wish to receive a refresher course on the Catholic teachings are invited. You may see a RCIA team member in the patio after mass for more details or call Anita Thomas at 323.732.0985.

Stewardship Thought

"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 and you a great chasm is established..." LUKE 16:25-26

When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to **all** mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.

Baptism Class

For anyone seeking to have their infant or young child (7 or younger) baptized the next class for parents and godparents will be on **Saturday, October 8, 2016 at 4:00 PM** in the St. Peter Claver Room. Please contact Kenrik Duru at 310.794.8138 with any questions.

Thank you

The beautiful flowers in the vestibule by St. Joseph's statue were donated by **Venita Marine** in loving memory of her husband **HENRY MARINE, JR.** If you would like to donate flowers, please call the rectory for more details.

Colorado Belle Hotel & Casino

October 24, 25, 26, 2016 (Monday - Wednesday)
Enjoy 3 day 2 night accommodations; deluxe motorcoach transportation; baggage service; and breakfast buffet in Laughlin, Nevada. For more information, call 213.369.4889 to reserve a space.