



Ordinary Time

September 25, 2016 ♦ Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Am 6:1a, 4-7 ♦ 1 Tm 6:11-16 ♦ Lk 16:19-31

Monday
SEPTEMBER 26
Weekday
Jb 1:6-22
Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday
SEPTEMBER 27
St. Vincent de Paul,
Priest

Jb 3:1-3,
11-17, 20-23
Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday
SEPTEMBER 28
Weekday

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16
Lk 9:57-62

Thursday
SEPTEMBER 29
Sts. Michael, Gabriel,
and Raphael,
Archangels

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or
Rv 12:7-12a
Jn 1:47-51

Friday
SEPTEMBER 30
St. Jerome, Priest and
Doctor of the Church

Jb 38:1, 12-21;
40:3-5
Lk 10:13-16

Saturday
OCTOBER 1
St. Thérèse of the
Child Jesus, Virgin
and Doctor of the
Church

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6,
12-17
Lk 10:17-24

Sunday
OCTOBER 2
Twenty-seventh
Sunday in Ordinary
Time

Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4
2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14
Lk 17:5-10

How do we best love God and one another? A student, wanting to become more like Christ in welcoming all people, decided that he would greet every one of his fraternity brothers every week and ask how they were and that he would say hello to the man who sat in front of the drugstore in town begging for change and invite him to lunch. In May, when it came time to see how he did, the student had indeed talked to his fraternity brothers every week and greeted the beggar, but he never did invite him to lunch. "I just couldn't do it," he said. "I was a little afraid of what it would mean. Would

I be responsible to help him again?" We talked about it a little, and I invited him to put that question to God in prayer.

I'm not sure any of us have an easy answer to what it means to look someone in the face and invite him to share a meal. And I daresay not many of us would do what that student set out to do. But

St. Paul urges us to "pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness" (1 Timothy 6:11). That's a lifetime's work and possible only with the grace of God. Surely, as we grow in those virtues, we will come to see all people as worthy of our time and care without worrying about what might happen in the future. It may not be practical and it certainly won't be easy. But the demands of God's love compel us to try. And if we do so, we might not share the fate of the rich man in Luke's Gospel who learned too late how best to love.

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A Word From Pope Francis

"[W]e would do well to ask ourselves: Where do I place my trust? Have I placed it in the Lord or am I a pagan who trusts in things, in idols that I have fashioned?"

—"The nameless man,"
Morning Meditation, March 20, 2014



Twenty Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 25, 2016



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that fell from the rich man's table.**



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Every Friday Adoration from 8:30 a.m.
to 9:30 a.m.
**SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION**
Both Before Mass and by Appointment.

Mass Schedule for this Week
Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule
Sun 7:30 am No Mass ;Parish Picnic
St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions
Sat 5:00 pm No Mass; Parish Picnic
Sun 10am Our Parish Family

Mon 8 am spec int
Tue 8 am spec int
Wed 6pm spec int
Thu 8am +Fr Pete
Fri 8am spec int

From Father Khoa's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad."

Today's Gospel reading is Jesus' parable about a "rich man," whose name we do not know, and a "poor man," named Lazarus. The story shows both men after death, the rich man in torment, and Lazarus enjoying the comfort that he was deprived of during his earthly life. It's important to understand that this teaching does not imply that having wealth leads to eternal punishment. Rather, we look at how the rich man USED his wealth and see there the cause of the problem.

As Jesus says, this man "dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day." Clearly, he had abundant wealth and focused it all upon serving himself. To further the accusation against him, all the while "lying at his door was a poor man ... who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table." But the rich man paid Lazarus no heed, and THIS is why he now suffers. Because he would not deign to "suffer" at all during his life by sharing his linen clothing or feeding his poor neighbor covered with sores.

This selfishness became the rich man's SELF condemnation. He put himself in torment because he blatantly disobeyed God's law to love his neighbor. This challenging parable urges us to examine our own behavior and ask how WE use our wealth whatever size our bank account may be. Are we willing to assist our neighbors in need? Or do we walk by the poor, excusing our own comfort? Let us

heed Christ's warning today that such earthly comforts are, in the long run, short lived.

May God bless all of us!

...Fr. Khoa

Parish Picnic: Thank you everyone for helping with the picnic.

Knights of Columbus: meet next Sunday.

CCD: Please contact Robert Lizana.

RCIA: For more info, please contact **Henrietta**.

Garage Sale: will be on **October 8 and 15**. Please contact **Beverly** and **Loretta**. Thank you.

ST. ANN ACTIVITIES.

Bible Study: We study **Gospel of Luke: the gospel of Mercy**. Please join us. Classes are on **Tues at 9am and Wed at 6:30pm**. For more information, please contact **Ruth and Henrietta**.

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:**

72Identifiable: **\$1,586.00**; Loose: **\$845.00**;

Total: **\$2,431.00**; Children: **\$22.00**;

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Identifiable: **\$115.00**; Loose: **\$110.00**; Total: **\$225.00**

****Amount needed weekly \$2,908.84.**

Thank you for your generosity.

Church Cleaning: The Knights of Columbus will clean the church on Sept 24 and Oct 2. Thank you.

Bereavement Committee: Please contact **Sharon Leimer** at 539-9928. Lasagna, green salad, rolls, and deserts will be provided for the funeral reception upon request. Thank you.

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	SERVERS	USHERS	GIFT B.
Sun Sept 25 10am	Beverly/Sandra Ammons	TBA- PICNIC	TBA-PICNIC	TBA-PICNIC	TBA-PICNIC
Sat Oct 01 5pm	Lanny Acosta	Rita Acosta, Kermit Northrop, Dianne Northrop	Austin Scarengoas	John Necaize David Bass	WC and Lennell King
Oct 02 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Terry Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Oct 02 9am	Matthew Peleaz	James Quintini, Nicky Quintini, Lisa Cuevas	Nick Will	Lester Palmer Pat	Marie Nance

Catholic Students of our parish to receive subsidy are: Sarah Thomas, Kennedy + Car + Keegan Leverette, Jacob Estrada, Tucker + Ella Enroth, C. + C. + L Broom, Austin Scarengoas, Will Dreher, L & V Jeanfreau, and Nick Quintini. Please contact me this week if your children/grandchildren are not on the list.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: Please keep the parish office informed so we may minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing facility. For those wishing to receive the Eucharist contact the parish office, 832-2560.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MARRIAGE
Church regulations require at least six months of preparation for a wedding. Our advice is to call well in advance of that time if you wish to reserve a wedding date and receive info: one's own parish clergy are expected to supervise your Catholic prenuptial preparation and to officiate at the wedding.

PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:
Leslie Cuevas, William DeMello, Dcn Jack Hunter, Lee James, Darlene Billingsley, Victoria Moran, Jerry Malley, Vivian Clifford, Ezekiel Rutherford, John Moran, Jerry Rutland, Regina Franke, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Debbie Bowen, Larry Shruff, Andrew Fillengame, Melissa Peterson, Madison Phelps, Breanna Ladner, Curtis (Cubby) Ladner, Gerald Barrilleaux, Greg West, Hollis Moran, Robert Taylor.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS † PLEASE FILL OUT A NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM AND SUBMIT TO PARISH OFFICE FR. KHOA WOULD BE HAPPY TO VISIT WITH YOU AND HELP YOU ASSESS YOUR SPIRITUAL NEEDS.

Dear Padre

SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

Do Catholics believe in tithing? Aren't we supposed to be charitable and support the Church?

The word "tithing" is not used very much in Catholic communities. We usually prefer to talk about stewardship or charitable donations. In Old Testament Law, God asked for ten percent of crops, livestock, or other earnings to be offered to God before we use the other ninety percent on ourselves. That portion was usually offered to the Temple priests or later in the synagogues. God wanted the people to support the religious workers and to show that their first priority is God. Some churches still preach that a literal ten percent is expected from Christians today.

In looking at Jesus, it appears that he expects even more. He tells the rich man to sell all that he has and to give it to the poor (Matthew 19:16–22). He also praises the widow who put "her whole livelihood" into the collection (Mark 12:44; Luke 21:4). The early Church held all of their belongings in common (Acts 4:32–35). The Christian standard is that we belong to Christ, and so does everything we own. Jesus does not ask everyone to embrace poverty, but he commands all of us to share our gifts freely and to love people more than money. We are called to be generous to the Church, to our families and communities, and especially to the needy. Generosity doesn't count percentages.

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