



## Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Mission Statement:** We are a welcoming parish of Roman Catholic Christians with diverse roots deep in Appalachia and beyond. We are committed to growing in our faith and community through our worship and celebrations, with particular attention to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and The Holy Eucharist. We are a community gathered together by the Holy Spirit, filled with hope, to love and serve God and neighbor in the name of Jesus Christ; and through our sharing of Good News in word and deed, we seek to live and reveal to all the grace and peace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the unity of the Holy Spirit.

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### MASS SCHEDULE

**St. Boniface:**  
**Saturday**  
**5:00 pm**

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**Sunday:**  
8:00 am-8:45 am Rosary  
8:30 am Confession  
9:00 am Mass

**Tuesday & Thursday:**  
5:30 pm

**Bible Study**  
Thursday 8:00 pm

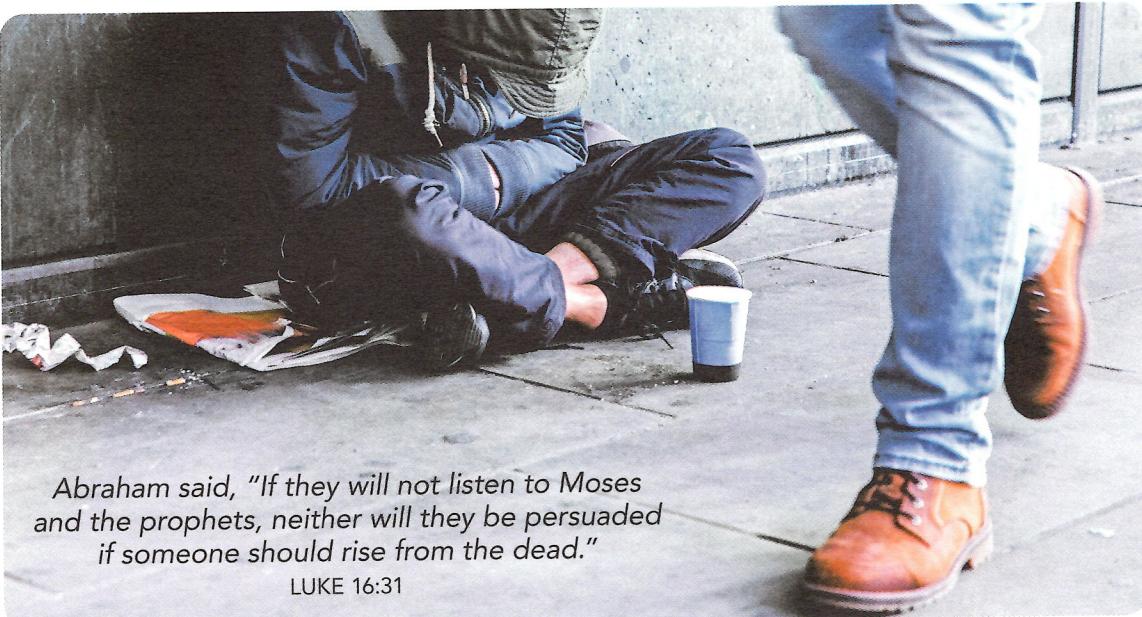
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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Am 6:1a, 4–7

1 Tm 6:11–16

Lk 16:19–31



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Abraham said, "If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead."

LUKE 16:31

## Woe to the Complacent

In traditional societies, a woe is a frightening declaration. It was more than a warning. It was considered performative. This means that as soon as the words were spoken, what it described began to happen. The first verse in today's first reading states the woe; the last verse describes what will happen. And it did happen. Those with wealth and prestige were the first to be exiled from the land. It should be noted that the problem was not that they were wealthy. The Bible does not condemn wealth. The issue is how it was acquired and how it is used. The wealthy are condemned because their wealth made them complacent, indifferent to the struggles of the poor.

A similar situation is found in the Gospel passage. It tells of two men, one quite prosperous and the other suffering overwhelming indignity. Their fates after death are reversed. One might think that they got their

just deserts. But that is not the point of the story. The rich man wants the poor man to comfort him, but it is too late. Then at least send him to warn the rich man's family. And here is the point of the story: That should be unnecessary. They have the religious tradition, Moses, and the prophets who have always taught that we must do what we can for our needy brothers and sisters. If they (or we) do not listen to our religious teachings, we probably will not listen to someone from the dead. Woe to the complacent!

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

\* How might you participate in the food and clothing drives in your parish?

\* For which candidates do you vote? Those who work to make your life better or for those who work to make everyone's life better?

<i>Date</i>	<i>OLPH</i>	<i>Saint Boniface</i>
<i>Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 – 8:45 am Adoration & Rosary 8:30 am ~ Confession 9:00 am ~ Mass	5:00 pm ~ Mass
<i>Tuesday</i>	5:30 pm ~ Mass	
<i>Thursday</i>	5:30 pm ~ Mass 8:00 pm ~ Bible Study	
<i>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 – 8:45 am Adoration & Rosary 8:30 am ~ Confession 9:00 am ~ Mass	5:00 pm ~ Mass

	<i>OLPH Mass 9:00 am</i>		<i>ST. BONIFACE Mass 5:00 pm</i>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>September 25</b>	<b>October 2</b>	<b>September 24</b>	<b>October 1</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Creed Farthing	Mandy Hall	Jerry Nowak	Mary Jo Leygraaf
<b>Server</b>	Norma Jones	Joe McNaughton		

<b>Mass Intentions</b>	<b>OLPH</b>	<b>St. Boniface</b>
September 24 / 25	† Magdalena Ranzan	Intentions of Parishioners
October 1 / 2	† Brett Nantz	Intentions of Parishioners

<b>Our Gifts</b>	<b>OLPH</b>	<b>St. Boniface</b>
September 17 / 18	\$335.00	\$60.00

*May God bless you for your generous contributions to our Church.*

*Please join us for refreshments in the  
Parish Hall immediately after Mass.*

## Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 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.

### Responsorial Psalm

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

*Praise the Lord, my soul!.*

Blessed is he who keeps faith forever,  
secures justice for the oppressed,  
gives food to the hungry.  
The LORD sets captives free.

*Praise the Lord, my soul!.*

The LORD gives sight to the blind;  
the LORD raises up those who were bowed down.

The LORD loves the just;  
the LORD protects strangers.

*Praise the Lord, my soul!*

The fatherless and the widow he sustains,  
but the way of the wicked he thwarts.  
The LORD shall reign forever;  
your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia.

*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.

**Alleluia**  
Cf. 2 Cor 8:9

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he became poor,

so that by his poverty you might become rich.

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**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 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.'"

## **REFLECTION**

The main theme of this Sunday's readings is the warning that the selfish and extravagant use of God's blessings, like wealth, without sharing them with the poor and the needy is a serious sin deserving eternal punishment. Today's readings stress the Covenant responsibility of the rich for the poor, reminding us of the truth that wealth without active mercy for the poor is great wickedness. It warns us against making money the goal of our existence. Amos, in the first reading, issues a powerful warning to those who seek wealth at the expense of the poor and who spend their time and their money on themselves alone. He prophesies that those rich and self-indulgent people will be punished by God with exile because they don't care for their poor and suffering brothers. In the Gospel, Jesus gives us a warning, pointing to the destiny of the rich man who neglected his duty to show mercy to poor Lazarus. The rich man was punished, not for having riches, but for neglecting the Scriptures and what they taught on sharing his blessings with the poor.

We are all rich enough to share our blessings with others. God has blessed each one of us with wealth or health or special talents or social power or political influence or a combination of many blessings. The parable invites us to share what we have been given with others in various ways instead of using everything exclusively for selfish gains.

We need to remember that sharing is the criterion of Last Judgment, Matthew (25:31ff) tells us that all six questions to be asked of each one of us by Jesus when He comes in glory as our judge are based on how we have shared our blessings from him (food, drink, home, mercy and compassion), with our brothers and sisters, anyone in need, for Jesus identifies himself with each of them.

## **UPCOMING SAINTS AND FEASTS**

***Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs***

September 26

***Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest ~ Memorial***

September 27

***Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz***

***and Companions, Martyr***

September 28

***Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels ~ Feast***

September 29

***Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor***

***of the Church ~ Memorial***

October 1

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Pray to end Abortion, Russell Brooks, Cassie & Clifton Centers, Maere Tekanene, Bill Moses, Jerry Roberts, Donna Blevins, Norma Wilson, Dennis Parks & Family, Erica Davis, Chris & Amanda Decker, Marian Colette, Debbie Moses Haggins, Rose Grant, Sandy Hurts, Dominic Cureton, Todd Morris, Alex Woods, Christopher Braden, Bonnie (Warfield) Bishop, Sister Alice, Curt and LeeAnn Hall, Jay Baird, Gail Willis, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Bisceglia, loved ones who are ill, Brody Beavers and family, Shawn Lee Day, all those of our families who are affected by Covid-19, Jessica Davis, Geneva Couch, Judy Delisle, Dal Macon, Linda Mills, Judy Patrick, baby Henry, Fiona York, Bob and Marie Alvaro, JoAnn Brown, Cathy Sims, Eric Vore, Robert Moses, Kristina Neitsch, Jeff Gray and Danny Ezell.

***OLPH T-shirts are available in the Parish Office.  
Donations will be appreciated.***

*Thank you to everyone who joined us to make our 2022 Parish Picnic such a wonderful event ~ Fr. Lobo*



# Dear Padre,

A Protestant friend tells me that Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins. That doesn't seem accurate. Is that what the Church teaches?

**J**esus understood his mission to be sacrificing his own life "as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28). His fidelity to that mission was even at the cost of death. However, saying Jesus' death was payment for our sins doesn't mean that a vengeful God was appeased by the slaughter of his own innocent Son. Rather, we are redeemed because of the mutual love between Father and Son, as well as the love Christ had for us all when he offered his life.

"It is love 'to the end' [John 13:1] that confers on Christ's sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 616). It is in this sense that Jesus' death was a payment—not one to be exacted—but a unique sacrifice "that completes and surpasses all other sacrifices," when "the Father handed his Son over to sinners in order to reconcile us with himself," and the Son of God freely and lovingly offered his human life to his Father "in reparation for our disobedience" (CCC 614).

Christ "bore our sins in his body upon the cross....By his wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24). Viewed in light of the resurrection, Christ's death has meaning in eternal life's triumph over sin.

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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.

## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

In many situations of suffering, Christ's cross is like a beacon that indicates the port to ships that are still afloat on stormy seas. Christ's cross is the sign of hope that does not disappoint; and it tells us that not even one tear, not one sigh is lost in God's plan of salvation.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, MARCH 31, 2021



## Calendar

### 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

Dan 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

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Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4

2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

Lk 17:5-10

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**Please join us in prayer and gifts of support for those who call upon us throughout our diocese.**

**Why do we have a Diocesan Annual Appeal?**

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10

As a designated Mission Diocese, the Catholic Diocese of Lexington and our parishes raise money each year to provide for those we serve through missions and ministry throughout our 50-county geographic area. We walk alongside our brothers and sisters in mutual support and ask you to join us. All funds given to the Diocesan Annual Appeal are crucial to provide support for:

- Charitable outreach in the forms of food, clothing, counseling and emergency assistance in Eastern and Central Kentucky
- Formation of a new generation of Priests and permanent deacons
- Sustaining parishes including parishes with missions in remote parts of the diocese
- Educating students in our Catholic schools
- Programs and ministries that are beyond the resources of any one individual parish that are shepherded by the Chancery office

**Why can't some parishes support themselves?**

"I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus." 1 Corinthians 1:4.

Our diocese encompasses 16,423 square miles with 59 parishes. Almost 40 of those parishes cannot pay for their operational and salary expenses from their offertory collections and fundraisers alone. Many of our parishes are in rural counties where less than 1% of the population are Catholic. While Catholics are low in number in these areas, the church is known as a source of comfort and support for all who are in need. We are called to thrive in all our parishes through evangelization and our service of others. The Diocese of Lexington is committed to maintain an active and highly visible Catholic presence in these counties by walking alongside our sister parishes and missions that need support to serve their local communities.

**We can transform lives through our Catholic faith with your help. Complications from the Covid-19 pandemic, along with the recent flooding in eastern Kentucky means your support is needed now more than ever. Please consider participating in the 2022 Diocesan Annual Appeal.**