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Luke 16:19-31

This Weekend's Hymns
All hymns can be found in the Seasonal Missalette.
Opening: #269
Communion: #198
Closing: #345

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Sunday, September 25 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 BW Special Intentions of Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose
10:30 KS Tom Myers from Patty Jemaa
12:00 AP George Thelen from Judy Thelen

Monday, September 26

12:10 Marge Windholtz from Tom and Georgeann Raabe

Tuesday, September 27

12:10 John Bose from Linda Bose and Family

Wednesday, September 28

12:10 Mike Meretta from Mary and Barry Smyth

Thursday, September 29

12:10 Edward Montag from Tom Perrino

Friday, September 30

12:10 Marge Windholtz from Beasie Farrell

Saturday, October 1

12:10 PS Mary and Bill Blum from Don and Mary Lee Olinger

7:00 KS Bill "Rusty" Rust from Mary Rust and Kids

Sunday, October 2

8:30 KS Jack Byrne
10:30 DE Special Intentions of Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose
12:00 DE Margaret McClung from Terry and Steve Brandstetter

From the Pastor's Desk

This weekend's readings highlight two very important aspects of our faith. The first is that our relationship with God is tied to the way we live with others. One cannot fall in love with God and not love humanity like He does. Granted our love is imperfect, but we are required to continually erase the borders we have drawn around what love is and keep expanding them every day. Faith is not an intellectual pursuit alone; it involves every aspect of who we are, including how we treat others.

The second lesson is sacrifice is not punishment, but purifying. It helps us learn dependence on God and is a requirement for discipleship. Please forgive me, but I think this is a great place to talk about Beacons of Light.

In the next three years we will be losing a large percentage of our active priests to retirement, roughly twenty-five percent. In the same time period, we will be ordaining about half as many priests. This, coupled with a missing generation

of priests, those between 55 and 70, means that we are in for some lean years of priestly availability. One of the archbishops guiding principles for Masses on the weekend is that every Mass has to be at consistently fifty percent full. These two realities mean that Masses will become fewer and fuller.

I know that we as human beings do not like change. It is here and I want you to prayerfully consider that while Mass times starting next calendar year may be less convenient, all the parishes in this family will have them. It is a good question to prepare yourself for, am I more tied to my particular parish in the family of the time Mass is offered. Sacrifice is always a little less bitter if we can see that it is for a purpose. I hope this information helps you see why change is necessary. Please continue to enter into prayer with me about this process and the role sacrifice will play in it.

May the Love, Peace and Grace of God be with you,

Father Adam

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Jacob Norman Strominger was welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism here at St. Rose Church on September 17

Lea North and Peter Giannetti were united in the Sacrament of Matrimony here at St. Rose Church on September 17.

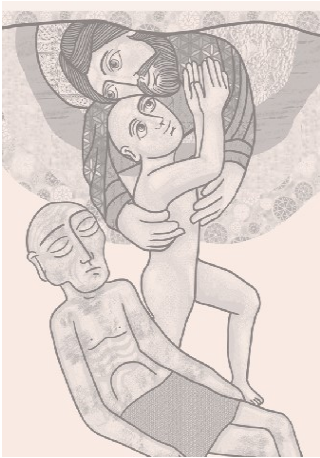
WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY "WHAT WE BELIEVE"

"What We Believe" is a deep dive into our rich Catholic Faith. This series is filmed at many sights in Rome, and it discusses the what, when, why and how of our Catholic faith. This 10-week series takes us along the journey with 30 minute videos, and a book and workbook. "What We Believe" by no means covers all the topics of our faith, but it will confirm some things and challenge you for further study. The videos alone are like a field trip to Rome with Catholic tour guides that explain our faith in simple yet deep terms.

When: 12-1:30 p.m. on September 14, 28; October 5, 12, 19; November 2, 9, 16, 30; December 7

Where: Christ the King, The Cross and Crown Atrium

RSVP: Please contact **Patty Green** at pattydgreen@gmail.com to register and purchase the workbook.



Opening Prayer

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

The beggar Lazarus in today’s parable is the only character in any of Jesus’s parables who is given a personal name. The rich man is not named, though tradition calls him “Dives,” which is simply Latin for “rich man.” In our society, it’s usually the poor who are nameless while the mass media screams the names and faces and activities of the rich. This is an early hint of the gospel paradox that Jesus will proclaim in this parable.

We listen to this parable in the assembly as brothers and sisters in the house of living stones, gathered together by the one who has risen from the dead and comes to us in his Word and sacrament. Is our liturgical celebration securely and comfortably “gated” from the “poor” outside? Or does it challenge us to welcome and serve them? Do we ever try to put a human face on those who lie at the gates of our institutions and nations or allow ourselves to be challenged by those who are covered with contemporary sores: the unemployed, people with disabilities, asylum seekers, abused women and children? When “the poor” are just an abstract concept, they continue to be separated by a great chasm from their more fortunate sisters and brothers.

We must try to bridge the chasm in whatever way we can: through personal generosity, individual and group advocacy, information that stirs the heart to outreach, ethical business investments, or responsible voting; we are called to respond to the word of God in *this* life. Like the rich man and his five brothers, no signs, no miracles, not even the word of God can break into and convert our hearts if we are determined to lock out the disadvantaged from our lives, because in them our poor brother Jesus still sits begging at our gates.

Closing Prayer

Loving God, thank you for the gift of this day and the opportunity to grow in relationship with you. We know what you ask of us: to love you and others without exception. Nudge us often to look beyond our own selves that we might remain faithful to your Gospel and the way of life to which we are called. **Amen.**

For Reflection:

• What image or images of God does today’s gospel bring to mind for you?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

- 1. Pray aloud the “Opening Prayer” (in *The Roman Missal* called the “collect”).
- 2. One person read aloud the gospel.
- 3. Each read prayerfully “Reflecting on Living the Gospel” and spend some time in personal prayer.
- 4. Share together responses to “For Reflection.”
- 5. Pray the “Closing Prayer.”

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Gospel Luke 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.’”

Readings for the week:

26th Sunday in Ord.Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday Sts. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael	Friday	Saturday	27th Sunday in Ord.Time
Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 1 Tim 6:11-16 Luke 16:19-31	Job 1:6-22 Ps 17:1bed, 2-3, 6-7 Luke 9:46-50	Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23 Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8 Luke 9:51-56	Job 9:1-12, 14-16 Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15 Luke 9:57-62	Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rev 12:7-12ab Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cd- 3, 4-5 John 1:47-51	Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab Luke 10:13-16	Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17 Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130 Luke 10:17-24	Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14 Luke 17:5-10