



*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

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## 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?*



# St. Martin of Tours Catholic Community Fort Belvoir, VA

## New to St Martin of Tours?

Please contact our Catholic Coordinator at [FBCCInfo@gmail.com](mailto:FBCCInfo@gmail.com) to register and get our email mailing list for the latest Catholic Community announcements!

### Mass Schedule

**Monday – Friday, 1205** at Fairfax Chapel

**Saturday, 1700** at Belvoir Chapel

**Sunday, 0930** at Belvoir Chapel\*\*  
**1100** at Fairfax Chapel

The Sunday 0930 Mass is live-streamed and can be viewed from this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/FortBelvoirRSO/>

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Saturday – 1600-1645** at Belvoir Chapel or by appointment. Contact Fr. Lindsay directly to schedule.

### For More Information

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### **CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP**

All Catholic Youth  
grades 7 and above are invited!

**Youth Group Kick-off Picnic and Games**  
**this Sunday, 25 September**  
**12:00-13:30** in front of the REC.



### **Pre-Baptism Class** **Saturday, 1 October 2022**

Families interested in having their child baptized must attend a Pre-Baptism Class.

You must register for the class by emailing Louise, Catholic Coordinator, at [FBCCInfo@gmail.com](mailto:FBCCInfo@gmail.com).

### **Join the Pastoral Council**

**Catholic Pastoral Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, 11 Oct 22, 1600 on Zoom**

All welcome as we discuss  
upcoming seasonal activities.

Meeting ID: 835 3039 4309 Passcode: 479679

### ***We are grateful for your generosity.***

**There are two ways to donate to our Community:**

**1. Donations can be placed in the box in the chapel.**  
**Checks must be made out to : C.T.O.F.**

**2. You can also make a donation to our Community ONLINE! To donate use this QR Code:**

**or go to:**  
**[www.armyctofdigitalgiving.com](http://www.armyctofdigitalgiving.com)**







## Catholic Women of the Chapel

Join us for our next meeting;

**Wednesday, 5 October 2022 10 am at the REC**

All members of the Catholic Community  
Including active-duty and retired members  
are invited to attend.

**Watchcare is available for children 5 and younger.**

For more information, email [CWOCBelvoir@yahoo.com](mailto:CWOCBelvoir@yahoo.com)



**Tuesday, 4 October 2022**

1800 on the lawns of Woodlawn Chapel,  
1801 Wright Road, Fort Belvoir  
(near the commissary)

**Join us in honoring St. Francis of Assisi  
with our annual blessing of animals.**

All animals must be on a leash or in a crate.  
(Woodlawn Chapel is closed for renovation. We will  
not be able to enter the Chapel for any reason, so  
there will be no restroom facilities available.)

## Knights of Columbus

### Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge

Sat, Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, 1300

Ft Belvoir CYS Soccer Field

Boys & Girls, Ages 9-14

Email: [docep79@aol.com](mailto:docep79@aol.com)

for more information.

## HOMILY NOTES

**26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**25 SEP 2022**

*"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." "My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad." (Luke 16: 24-25)*

Through the gift of God's grace, we are given the hope of salvation through faith. Lazarus, the 'rich man' and Abraham were of the same religious faith tradition. Though the 'rich man,' through his religious formation, was able to recognize Abraham, he failed to live out his faith through compassion and justice toward others. As St. James states, "What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well,' but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead." (James 2:14-17)

*The Catechism of the Catholic Church* states that through living the cardinal virtue of justice, "The just man, often mentioned in the Sacred Scriptures, is distinguished by habitual right thinking and the uprightness of his conduct toward his neighbor. 'You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor.'" (CCC, pp. 1807)

As Catholic Christians, we are called to respectfully treat all others with compassion and justice. This call to love others includes the sick, suffering, addicted, poor, imprisoned and even those who may have chosen to view us as their enemies. This call may not be easy to carry out, but remember, 'all things are possible with God's grace.'

"The rich man in torment begs Abraham to send 'someone from the dead' to warn his five brothers to repent and change their way of living. In fact during his earthly life, the rich man had 'someone from the dead' warning him to repent and change – the sick, suffering, starving Lazarus 'lying at his door' who was as good as 'dead' to the rich man. The message of 'Moses and the prophets' about how we are to live, comes not only in the word of Scripture, but also through those lying at our door." (Living Liturgy 2016, pg. 221)

*Fr. Mike*

# 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

Twenty-seventh Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Hb 1:2–3; 2:2–4

2 Tm 1:6–8, 13–14

Lk 17:5–10