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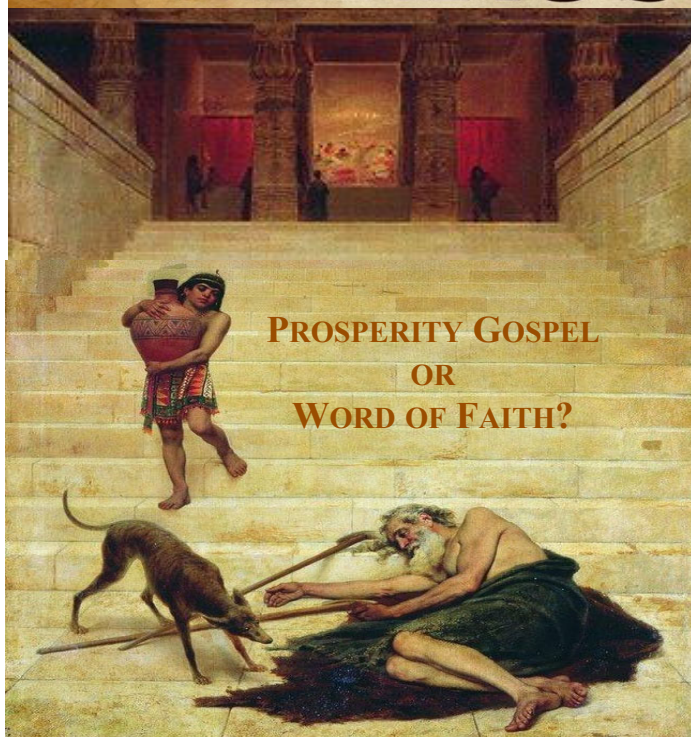
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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 29, 2019

The Parable of the

RICH MAN & LAZARUS



PROSPERITY GOSPEL
OR
WORD OF FAITH?

WEALTH OR RICHES DO NOT INDICATE
SPIRITUAL MATURITY OR THAT A PERSON HAS
SPIRITUAL FAVOUR & BLESSINGS IN ONE'S LIFE.
(LUKE 16:19-21)

Mass Schedule

WEEKENDS: Saturdays: 5:00pm &
Sundays: 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30am

HOLY DAYS: 7:00am & 7:00pm

WEEKDAYS: Mon, Tue, Thu 8:15am & Fri 6:00pm

WEDNESDAY: Adoration at 5:00pm & Mass 7:00pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

Wednesdays 6:15-7:00pm & Saturdays 9:30-10:00am
otherwise by appointment.

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS:

Contact the rectory office.

SICK & HOMEBOUND PASTORAL CARE:

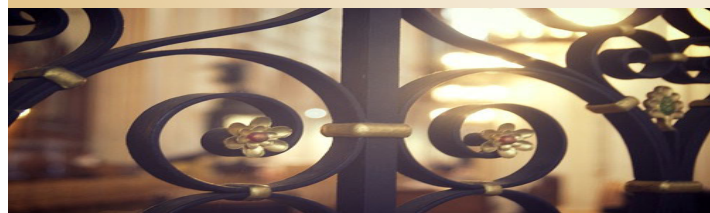
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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Wed, Thu & Fri: 9:00am to 2:00pm.

CLERGY:

Fr. Tom Koys, M.A., S.T.L., Pastor,
Fr. Edward Gleeson, Pastor Emeritus
Fr. Robert Coleman, Resident
Deacon John Wilkinson, C.K.M.
Deacon Doug Szarzynski



St. James at Sag Bridge



Altar & Rosary
Society

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Altar & Rosary Society

SAVE THE DATE!!! Friday October 25, 2019. BUNCO Ladies Night Out hosted by the Altar and Rosary so you know it will be good. Games, food, raffles, prizes, laughter and friendship. Grab a friend, Mother, Daughter, Sister or Granddaughter. Tickets are \$20. St. James Sag Hall 6 to 9 PM. No experience necessary. We would love to have you join us in this fundraiser for St. James.

Pres: Barbara 708.257.9129
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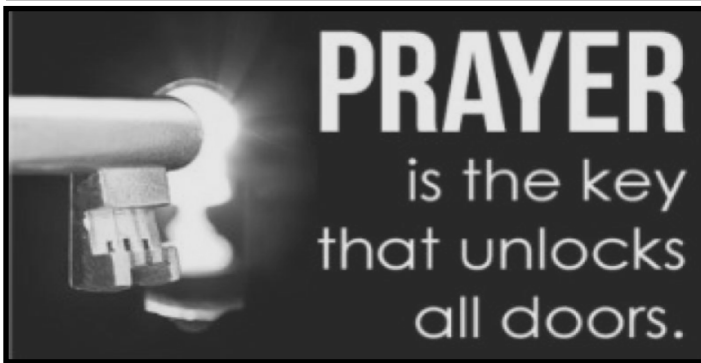
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FROM THE DESK OF, FR. THOMAS KOYS, M.A.,S.T.L., PASTOR**RENEW MY CHURCH UPDATE....**

The parish teams held their last scheduled meeting on September 24, though some refinement will still occur in advance of the presentation to the Renew My Church Executive Committee on October 22.

Thank you to the 55 voters who helped the team by indicating their three favorite scenarios. Here are these parishioners' preferences:

Scenarios	First Choice Votes	Second Choice Votes	Third Choice Votes
A - The four Lemont parishes become three: St. James and Ss. Cyril & Methodius remain as is, and St. Alphonsus and St. Patrick combine with both churches open.	36	7	3
B - The four Lemont parishes become three: St. James and Ss. Cyril & Methodius remain as is, and St. Alphonsus and St. Patrick combine with St. Patrick Church closing.	11	29	2
C - The four Lemont parishes become two: St. James and Ss. Cyril & Methodius combine with both churches open, and St. Alphonsus and St. Patrick combine with both churches open.	1	3	6
D - The four Lemont parishes become two: St. James and Ss. Cyril & Methodius combine with both churches open, and St. Alphonsus and St. Patrick combine with St. Patrick Church closing.		1	3
E - The four Lemont parishes become two: Ss. Cyril & Methodius remains as is; St. James, St. Alphonsus and St. Patrick combine with all churches open.		2	
F - The four Lemont parishes become two: Ss. Cyril & Methodius remains as is; St. James, St. Alphonsus and St. Patrick combine with St. Patrick Church closing.			
G - The four Lemont parishes become two: St. James remains as is; Ss. Cyril & Methodius, St. Alphonsus and St. Patrick combine with all churches open.	4	5	22
H - The four Lemont parishes become two: St. James remains as is; Ss. Cyril & Methodius, St. Alphonsus and St. Patrick combine with St. Patrick Church closing.	3	6	7
I - The four Lemont parishes become two: St. James remains as is; Ss. Cyril & Methodius, St. Alphonsus and St. Patrick combine with St. Alphonsus Church closing.		2	9



FINDING A POINT OF MUTUAL AGREEMENT?

by LINDA KRACHT

Christians have all been advised [via books, pulpits, counseling sessions, etc.] to make an effort to try to find a point of mutual agreement with non-Christians before making the case for Christianity. This advice pertains as well when discussing matters of faith and morals with fellow Christians who disagree with the Church. Many 'experts' suggest that we listen rather than react [passionately] when confronted by those disagreeing with us or are more likely to disagree with us. We are also advised to ask questions of others rather than make bold statements about our own beliefs in an attempt to build trust and friendship. Does this work? Perhaps on a one to one but recent conversion numbers aren't very convincing. Consider Colossians 2:8 which states: "See to it that no one captivate you with an empty, seductive philosophy." What if today's cautionary suggestions for finding a point of mutual agreement before engaging souls in discussions about right and wrong; or God and Heaven is also an empty, seductive philosophy?

Sometimes it seems that our desire [and comfort zone] to tread lightly with regard to matters of faith and morals stems more from personal fear or lack of conviction of the need to give right witness than having the virtues of prudence or fortitude. Maybe our natural reticence to speak openly and forthrightly about our faith actually stems from our inability to articulate what we truly believe? Because we don't exactly know what we believe? Are Christians genuinely holding back for the right reasons when we say we love God - but say it only to ourselves? Does timidity convert anyone?

People are naturally attracted to charismatic and passionate people — right? Politicians prove that as voters tend to support the energetic, engaging politician rather than the cranky, boring statesman — with a few exceptions. That should teach us something about the need to be bold. To be charismatic. To be engaging even in personal situations.

Reflect on the fact that Jesus never tread lightly when it came to matters of faith, social customs, and moral matters. Of course, He always knew what to say and how to say it most perfectly; but He didn't seem to craft his words in ways that made friends first, built trust before convincing them of

the truth. At a minimum, His approach was anything but comforting and consoling to those who resisted the message. Should His approach be ours? For sure the leaders of the Church should match this approach. But what about us — his disciples and witnesses? For sure the twelve apostles and scores of disciples *offended* people left and right! They didn't worry about coming across as too offensive, strong or bold. And it can be argued that in the end they paid for their lack of indiscretion! Yet, their boldness is what helped put the world on fire for Christ at a time when it was most needed. They helped bring about an explosion of Faith that is unprecedented today. What is the lesson here for us?

First, we have to be confident in our faith. We have to keep learning about our faith so that we can articulate what we believe. We have to pray before speaking! We have to be convinced that faith and morals are worth it. And then sometimes we have to admit when we botched it here and there and learn from those experiences. And when it seems least likely, our words and actions may make the difference in someone's life. Consider that we may be the only one who is needed to bring another person back to the Christ who loves and wants to heal him/her. But it takes our witness to speak to the truth. To speak to who God is. To speak about the only authentic creator of the climate, the planets, the constellations, and the beautiful creation. To speak about the Creator of the laws of nature, Physics, Chemistry and all science. To speak about the authentic creator of Life.

So what's my point? Let's pray that we have the courage to become authentic, bold bearers of Good News to friends and family. Strive to be charismatic and energetic when describing God's Love and your Love of God - The Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Don't be shy. Don't be afraid. Don't make excuses when given opportunities to make a difference. Don't wait. Today is the day for each of us to make a difference in the life of someone.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

1. Have you recently experienced a moment in which you felt the need to speak the truth and didn't know how to? What did you do?
2. Have you recently experienced a moment in which you did speak out in faith and were rejected? How did that make you feel? What did you learn from that ?

Pray for conversions of those people we love who lack faith.



Our
Weekly Offering

Our weekly *Offertory* collection from the week of September 22, 2019 was \$2,385.00. Collected envelopes were 97. Our *Maintenance* collection was \$1,325.00.

**OUR MANY THANKS TO OUR REGISTERED
FAMILIES USING ENVELOPES &
THE CASH-AND-CARRY FOLKS.**

Our CHURCH CLEANERS FOR FRI – 9/27/19

Are Maria, Slowik, Bronislawa & volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the rectory office at 630.257.7000.



VOTIVE OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 9/29/19

**St. James Altar & Rosary Society
Preservation of St. James
In Memory of †Lillian Simanavicius
In Memory of †Zig Simanavicius**



Altar Flowers

**Our beautiful bouquets of flowers surrounding
our altar were made by the generosity of
PAM & BILL NEVILLE**

Prayer

Prayer is described in the Bible
as seeking God's favor, pouring
out one's soul to the Lord,
crying out to heaven, drawing
near to God, and kneeling
before the Father.



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH

St. Jerome

8:15 AM *Health & Healing* for Ann Zalik

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

St. Thérèse

8:15 AM *St. James Church & All the Poor Souls in Purgatory*
✠Daniel Starha

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

The Holy Guardian Angels

7:00 PM ✠Bill Channell
✠Joseph Jura

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

8:15 AM *St. James Church & All the Poor Souls in Purgatory*
✠Kyle Kroll

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

St. Francis of Assisi

6:00 PM ✠Jozef Dziaba

Twenty-Seventh Ordinary Sunday

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH

Blsd Francis Xavier Seelos

5:00 PM ✠Bill Channell
Birthday Blessings ~ ✠Rob Swigon

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

8:30 AM ✠James J. Sendziak

10:00 AM ✠Stanley Zalik

11:30 AM ✠John Airulla
✠John & ✠Elvina Dzielski

27TH ORDINARY SUNDAY 10/5 & 10/6/19	Celebrant	Altar Servers	Lectors
5:00 PM 10/5/19	Fr. Tom Koys	Ramirez Ramirez Ramirez	B. Grandat
8:30 AM 10/6/19	Fr. Tom Koys	A. Wilson M. Wilson M. Wilson	C. Slowik
10:00 AM 10/6/19	Fr. Tom Koys	N. Akroush S. Imbarrato A. Pawlikowski	E. Solis
11:30 AM 10/6/19	Fr. Tom Koys	S. Bruin J. P. Colarelli M. Colarelli	S. Kelly