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*The Paulist Fathers Serving the University of Tennessee*

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 28, 2025

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

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday at 5:05 pm

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 9 am, 11:15 am, 5:30 pm, and 9 pm

**NO Saturday MASS on HOME FOOTBALL  
GAMES**

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday and Thursday - 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm  
or by appointment

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Congratulations!

Please call the office at least 4 months before  
your planned wedding date.

### WANT TO BE CATHOLIC?

Please contact Fr. Rich at  
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### Here are some interesting facts about St. Francis of Assisi: Saint Day Oct 4th

- **Founder of the Franciscan Order:** In 1209, he and his first followers received permission from the Pope to establish a religious order based on a life of radical poverty and preaching the Gospel.
- **Gave Up His Wealth:** After a period of illness and visions, Francis renounced his wealthy background, sold his possessions, and embraced a life of poverty, even stripping naked in the public square to disown his family and inheritance.
- **Received the Stigmata:** In 1224, while praying on Mount Alvernia, Francis had a vision of a Seraphic angel and miraculously received the stigmata, the wounds of Christ, which he tried to conceal for the rest of his life.
- **Created the First Live Nativity Scene:** He arranged for what is believed to be the very first live nativity scene in Greccio in 1223 to more vividly celebrate Christmas.
- **Loved Animals and Nature:** He had a special connection with the natural world, referring to creatures as his "brothers" and "sisters". He is said to have preached to birds and tamed a wolf that was terrorizing a village.
- **Patron Saint of Ecology:** His deep reverence for all of God's creation led him to be named the heavenly protector of ecologists and the environment.
- **His Name Wasn't Always Francis:** He was baptized Giovanni, after John the Baptist, but his father nicknamed him "Francesco" (Francis) because he loved French culture, notes Christianity.com.
- **Founder of Multiple Orders:** Besides the Franciscan Order for men, he also founded the Order of St. Clare for women and the Third Order of St. Francis for laypeople.





### Reflection:

The jig was up for Lawrence, a deacon in the early church responsible for tending to the poor. The emperor figured he was the one with funds donated by Christian believers. . .  
“Turn over your treasure!” he demanded. Lawrence showed up accompanied by the sick, the blind and the lame. “These are the treasures of the church.” Needless to say, he died a martyr soon after.

A couch of ivory, gentle harp music, a bowl of wine, people beautifully dressed, good conversation. What does Amos have against them? They refuse to notice lives collapsing around them. The Gospel’s rich man is not accused of immorality or exploitation. His is a sin of omission. He sees only friends invited to share his table. The bright lights of his social circles blinded him to those living nearby in the shadows. Even the scraps went to pets rather than people.

Jesus describes a gulf separating the rich man and Lazarus. The rich man was not against the poor. He never even saw Lazarus who lived literally at his feet. The Psalm calls blessed the one who keeps faith trusting God’s priorities. Our God secures justice for the wrongly accused, shares food, and protects strangers. This behavior is what believers are called to imitate. It seems easy to say, “I never knew anyone like that lived close enough for me to make a difference.”

The rich man was all business. Make the message clear and my brothers will do it. The point of the parable is twofold. Listen carefully to Moses, the prophets, Jesus, and the saints. They are talking to us now! Secondly, make sure you don’t turn away from needs that are right on our doorsteps. Immigrants, food stamps, Medicaid are current issues. Anything to do with a chasm of separation and neglect today, or just politics? Charles Mulligan

### The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



## HOMBRES DE VALOR 2025 YOU ARE A WINNER!

*Don't let yourself be overcome by evil. On the contrary, defeat evil by doing good.*  
**Romans 12:21**

**Date**  
**November 21-23**

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**Place**  
**CPOP:**  
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### **Scripture Readings:**

#### **Sunday**

#### **Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

#### **Monday**

#### **Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels**

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51

#### **Tuesday**

#### **Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 9:51-56

#### **Wednesday**

#### **Memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**

Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Lk 9:57-62

#### **Thursday**

#### **Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels**

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 18:1-5, 10

#### **Friday**

Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Lk 10:13-16

#### **Saturday**

#### **Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi**

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-35, 36-37; Lk 10:17-24

### **NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS**

Sept 29 - Oct 5

**Monday:** 5:05 pm - Daily Mass  
4:00 pm - Confessions

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7:00 pm - VolCatholic

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4:00 pm - Confessions

**Friday:** 5:05 pm - Daily Mass

**Saturday:** 5:30 pm - Mass

**Sunday:** 9:00 am - Mass  
10:00 am - Resident Community Bible Study  
11:15 am - Mass  
5:30 pm - Mass  
6:30 pm - Sunday Supper  
9:00 pm - Mass



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# PRAYER REQUESTS



Let us pray for peace and justice throughout the world. Other prayers are needed for Allen McGinley, Bruce Whitcomb, Cheryl & John Newell, Diego Puigserver, Eleanore Hartrick and Family, Erin Evans, Fiorina Buckner, Fr. Gwen Sweeden, John Mulligan, Fred Boucher, Jerry Carney, Jim Romain, John R Sweat, Julia Biagiarelli, Karen Pearson Rich, Kathy Buckingham, Kevin and Melissa Brott, Mary Ann Haggerty, Mary Pat Hable, Michelle & Scott O'Connell, Pamela Roane, Pauline Lemieux, Raegan Burcham-Hall, Stephen Tracy, Susan Herndon, Tom Mulligan, Tom O'Brien, Troy Tagget, Vance Hutchings, Vic and Barbara Kaminsky, and those serving in the military, residents of NHC North, and for any too reserved to let us know.

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