

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

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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 see 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





nor will any people cross over from there to us.'



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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

Tuesday: 5:05 pm - Daily Mass

Wednesday: 5:05 pm - Daily Mass

7:00 pm - VolCatholic

Thursday: 5:05 pm - Daily Mass

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

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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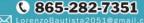
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