



PRAYER REQUESTS

Sunday 9-28 – Malta – Repose of Souls of Jim and Sally Schumacher r/b Pat and Sara Schumacher
Saco – Walker/Sibley/Pittman families r/b Indigo Walker

Dodson – My friends r/b Lana Fortin

Monday 9-29- My family r/b Lana Fortin

Tuesday 9-30- - My family r/b Lana Fortin

Wednesday 10-1 – Repose of soul of Tom Morrow r/b Julie and Gary Howell

Thursday 10-2 -My family r/o Lana Fortin

Friday 10-3 – Poor Souls in Purgatory r/b Lana Fortin

Saturday 10-4 – Poor Souls in Purgatory r/b Lana Fortin

Sunday 10-5 - Malta – Special Intention r/b Lana Fortin

Saco – Jade Walker r/b Indigo Walker

Dodson – Special Intention r/b Lana Fortin

Monday 10-6 – Special Intention r/b Lana Fortin

Tuesday 10-7 – My family r/b Lana Fortin

Wednesday 10-8 – My family r/b Lana Fortin

Thursday 10-9 – Repose of Ed Svien r/b Mary and Maynard Lafond

Friday – 10-10 – All who are ill r/b Lana Fortin

Saturday 10-11- All who are ill r/b Lana Fortin

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

St. Mary's parish is looking to fill a position for Administrative Assistant and/or Religious Education Director. Please pick up an application in the back of the church and return the application to Father Felix if you are interested or have questions.

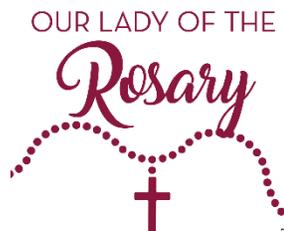
PRAYING THE ROSARY FOR AMERICA!

Please Join Us

October 11, 2025

12:00 Noon

Veterans Memorial Park



From Fr. Felix

XXVI Sunday (C) Ams 6:1, 4-7; 1 Tim 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31.

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

Today's readings sound like a wake-up call. They remind us that faith is not simply about what we believe or how comfortable our lives are, but about how we live in relation to others, especially the weak, the poor, the suffering. God calls us to open our eyes, to move our hearts, and to act with justice and compassion.

In the first Reading, the prophet Amos addresses those who are complacent and secure in their wealth. Amos's criticism is not necessarily of luxury lives, but of indifference. It is not wrong to rest, to enjoy comforts, to have things that bring joy, but when those comforts blind us to the realities around us, when our wealth becomes a barrier that separates us from the suffering of others, then we stand in danger of losing what God requires of us: justice, mercy, care.

In the Second Reading, Paul, writing to Timothy, exhorts him to follow virtues of righteousness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness and live in view of the appearing of Christ. Paul warns against the love of money, reminding us of that godliness with contentment is great gain. These virtues are the surface of Christian living when one chooses to follow Christ fully.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells a stark parable: a rich man living in luxury, and Lazarus, a poor man covered in sores, longing to eat the crumbs that fall from the rich man's table. They both die; Lazarus is comforted, while the rich man is in torment. The rich man sees the suffering of others but does nothing. Now, in the afterlife, he seeks relief, but it is too late; the gap is fixed.

This is not just a frightening story. It is an invitation, an urgent reminder that what we do now matters, for now and for eternity. How we use what we have, resources, attention, how we respond to suffering matters.

God sees and judges what matters, it isn't only external piety or ritual observance, but how we treat our neighbor. Amos warns that luxury accompanied by neglect of the poor sustains God's judgment. The Gospel confirms that ignoring the poor has eternal consequences.

Lazarus versus the rich man story illustrates that God's justice can overturn human expectations. What is valued in this world is not necessarily what will endure in the next. Paul's exhortation to Timothy reminds us that the Christian life is a struggle, "fight the good fight," a commitment to virtues that shape who we are. It is a life that must be lived in view of Christ's coming.

Like Lazarus, there are many who may be at our doorstep, sometimes literally, more often figuratively who need help. It may be through giving money, sharing time, advocating for justice, offering compassion, speaking for the voiceless.

In the end, the readings call us to a deeper fidelity: not just to what we profess, but to what we practice. God's judgment is not harsh for the sake of fear, it is an invitation to live more fully, more lovingly. Today, God invites us to open our eyes, move our hearts, stretch out our hands.

May the Lord grant us grace to see our brothers and sisters in need, to respond with compassion, to walk in virtue, and to live a life worthy of His appearance. Amen.