

Working with the Word
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 28, 2025 (C)

Reading I: Amos 6:1a,4-7
Responsorial Psalm: 146:7, 8-9, 9-10
Reading II: 1 Timothy 6:11-16
Gospel: Luke 16:19-31



Focusing the Gospel

Key words and phrases: a rich man, received what was good, great chasm, Moses and the prophets, listen, someone should rise from the dead

To the point: The rich man in the Gospel can neither see nor hear: he does not see Lazarus in need at his door; he does not listen to Moses and the prophets who guide him in right ways. The rich man is not in “the netherworld, where he was in torment” simply because of the good he received during his lifetime, but because his self-contained, self-satisfied lifestyle was not faithful to the teaching and practice of the Mosaic covenant. We who live today have even a further revelation beyond Moses and the prophets: we are to hear and put into practice the truth of the Gospel affirmed by Jesus who rose from the dead. By so doing, we choose now on which side of the chasm we will be in the next life.

Connecting the Gospel ...

... **to the First Reading:** The rich man’s problem is not his wealth but his complacency. Like the “complacent in Zion” who “are not made ill by the collapse of Joseph,” the rich man is unconcerned for Lazarus because he has not listened well to “Moses and the prophets” nor acting according to their dictates to be concerned for one’s neighbor.

... **to experience:** We tend not to listen to those who challenge us to hear the truth about ourselves and how we should live. But we have also learned that when we take to heart the challenge to listen, we grow toward fullness of life.

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 28, 2025

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

12:00 p.m. (Noon) Living and Deceased Members of the Strollo Family
req by Family

+ All Souls

Monday, September 29 - Friday, October 3, 2025

MASS AT RESURRECTION PARISH
St. Joseph Site 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 5, 2025

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

12:00 p.m. (Noon) Living and Deceased Members of the Altar and Rosary Society

+ All Souls



Please join us for the Rosary
at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays
in Ascension Church.

GRIEF SHARE

Offered at St. Brigid Church Parish Center on Wednesday, October 1, 2025 through Wednesday, December 4, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. (either session). You may attend all or any of the sessions.

Session 5: (October 1, 2025) Fearful and Overwhelmed

- Worry is a fear of what MIGHT happen, not what WILL happen.
- Having a plan can prevent “Grief Overload”.
- Fear reminds you to depend on a trustworthy God.

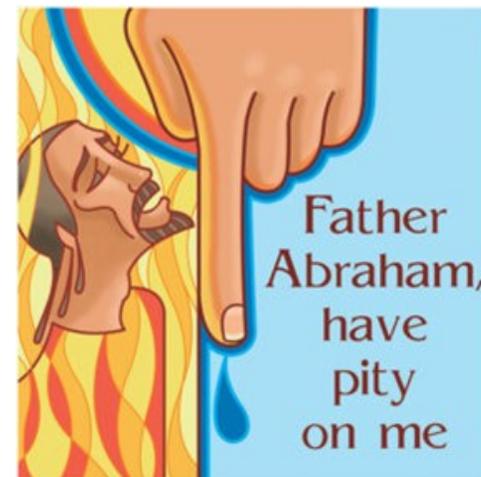
Additional information will be in weekly bulletins.

ASCENSION

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Rev. Scottston F. Brentwood, O. de M., *Pastor*
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Rev. Mr. Walter T. Szczesny, *Permanent Deacon*

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 28, 2025



Mass Time:

Sunday, September 28, 2025 ~ 12:00 Noon

Parish Office Hours:

Monday and Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Confessions:

Saturday at 3:00 p.m. at Resurrection Parish, St. Joseph Site

Contact information:

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Save the Date

Saturday, October 25, 2025

October 25 is the day that Ascension Parish will honor our native-son Rev. Walter J. Szczesny on the occasion of his retirement from active priestly duties. Festivities for the first priest ordained from Sacred Heart will begin with a 5:30 p.m. Mass celebrated by Fr. Walter and continue with a reception in the Hall following Mass. More information will follow soon.

40 Days for Life Campaign: Through November 2nd, you're invited to join the ecumenical 40 Days for Life 2025 Fall Campaign – 40 days of prayer and fasting to end abortion. Please consider also joining us for one or more hours of peaceful, lawful, public prayer during the 40-day vigil in front of one of three local abortion facilities in Buffalo, North Tonawanda, or Niagara Falls. Please spread the word! Go to 40daysforlife.com for more information and details.

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Let's continue the series we began last week on Paul's letter to Timothy. This week Paul writes "*Lay hold of eternal life, to which you were called when you made the noble confession in the presence of many witnesses.*" He's reminding Timothy of his ordination to the priesthood. We still do this! At the Ordination Mass a man stands up before a cathedral full of witnesses and confesses his intentions to live celibacy, obedience, prayerfulness, and simplicity. It's biblical! Learn more at buffalovocations.org.

September 21, 2025 Includes online deposits

Weekly Offering	\$2,466.46
Miscellaneous	<u>125.00</u>
TOTAL	\$2,591.46

Angelic Commemorations



The liturgy of September 29 celebrates the feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels who are venerated in the tradition of the Church. Michael (meaning "Who is like God?") was the archangel who fought against Satan and all his evil angels, defending all the friends of God. He is the protector of all humanity from the snares of the devil. Gabriel ("Strength of God") announced to Zachariah the forthcoming birth of John the Baptist, and to Mary, the birth of Jesus. His greeting to the Virgin, "Hail, full of grace," is one of the most familiar and frequent prayers of the Christian people. Raphael ("Medicine of God") is the archangel who took care of Tobias on his journey. These biblical messengers signify God's transcendence and loving care. Michael is the patron of security forces and of the sick; Gabriel: the patron of telecommunications and the postal service; Raphael: the patron of travelers and the blind.

On October 2 we commemorate the Holy Guardian Angels. This day is a reminder for all of us that we all have an angelic protector to whom we can turn for aid in time of danger. We all should remember the prayer from our childhood: "Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day (or night), be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen."

*Pray for Pope Leo XIV.
May God grant him wisdom!*



The Queen of Hearts is still missing! This Sunday, September 28, 2025, the Queen should be worth approximately \$22,000.00! Last week the Red, White and Blue was worth over \$900.00 and the Red Split Jackpot is over \$3,000.00! Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and play begins at 7:00 p.m. Come early to grab a good seat! The concession stand will have hot dogs, pizza and sandwiches.

Respect Life Sunday

The 2025 National Life Chain Sunday will soon be here. This peaceful, prayerful, public protest to encourage the protection of unborn human life will take place on **Sunday, October 5, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Please join us in front of St. Joseph's Church, here in Batavia. Signs will be provided. Rain or shine, all ages are welcome. You are also welcome to bring a chair. For questions or more information call Beth at 585-309-7219.



Ladies Altar & Rosary Society Ascension Parish

FALL LUNCH

**PLEASE JOIN US!
OCTOBER 5**

11:15AM Rosary at Church
12PM Mass
1:15PM Lunch at Hall

Cost is \$12

RSVP to the Office

Name: _____ will attend!

Lunch Choices (Pick one):

Turkey Wrap _____ Chicken Salad Wrap _____

Paid: _____