

September 29, 2019

## Ordinary Time

Twenty-sixth Sunday



### *Wealth, an opportunity for Justice and for Sharing*

Today, we are not only reminded of the complacency and the disregard for others that wealth creates, but also of an illusion that uncaring wealthy people like the rich man in the Gospel live under. The rich man begs that Lazarus be sent back to earth to warn his brothers about the condition he was living in. That will be a clear sign from heaven that will help his brothers to change their lives. This is an illusion! Just as the rich man's insight came too late, so will it for us also who close our eyes to the plight of others. Repentance, conversion to the Gospel, and translating our faith into love of God and service to others must happen now on this side of the grave. It will be too late in the hereafter.

### MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, October 5

4:30 p.m. Ben Smolik

Sunday, October 6

8:00 a.m. The Deceased of the Ludmila & Anton Migl Family

### Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



Next weekend is *The Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

**First Reading:** Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

**Responsorial Psalm:** 95

**Second Reading:** 2Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

**Gospel:** Luke 17:5-10

The Sanctuary Light  
will be lit this week in memory of Gary Greive

### VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

The Catholic custom of lighting candles is rooted in Church teaching that Christ is the Light of the World. Candles serve as an outward sign of the light of faith burning in our hearts. They are our silent sentinels lifting up our prayer intentions to the Lord.



#### Remember to pray for the following intentions:

- For my health*
  - For Bryn Stryk*
  - For the USA*
  - For Good Health in my family*
  - For Jack & Sophie*
  - For Drew's well being*
  - For Healing of shoulder*
  - For Barb and marriage help*
  - For her baby, Justine Velasquez*
  - For Robert & Virginia Comley*
  - For the soul of Derek Reaux*
  - For Frank & Maxine Termin*
  - For my daughter who has cancer*
  - For France and the Notre Dame*
  - For all my prayers heard and answered*
  - For the Trinidad Family*
  - For healing for my family*
  - For the healing of my sister Diane Gibson*
  - For many blessings from God*
  - For my grandchildren to return to the church*
  - For Tom Santaviello, Emily Clementi & their families*
  - For the health of my children & grandchildren*
  - For the health & safety of our family*
  - For Dina Flores, Lily Flores Reyes, Albert Rodriguez*
  - For healing for my eyes, for my children & family*
  - For a child for Colleen & Chris Storm*
  - For meeting my Dad for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in 45 years*
  - For the soul of Mei Ling Dean*
  - For the Lampley Family*
  - For peace on earth & an end to hunger*
  - For Annemarie recovering from back surgery*
  - For Trent & Kira's hearts to be opened to Jesus' love*
  - For Healing for my son Ricardo Garcia*
  - For my Mom Caryl Hannemann in Heaven*
  - For Cory and all of our family*
  - For Justine Velasquez to be happy*
  - For Protection and safety of our children*
  - For people suffering from cancer*
  - For the Finny, Patalik and Vrana families*
  - For a Cure for cancer*
  - For My husband's eternal rest*
  - For Gillentine Family, Misty's travel, Baby Hank, Cat Purifoy & Alana*
  - For my Grandpa in heaven, me being successful and a good person*
- Prayer List to be continued.

## MASS COUNT

Bishop Cahill has asked that a Mass count be taken up at every weekend Mass during the months of May and October in all parishes of the diocese.

Pray for the repose of the soul of  
**Arthur L. Klekar**  
and for the comfort of his loved ones.  
*May he rest in peace.*



## REFLECTION



### *Believing In Jesus*

Last week our Gospel reading ended with Jesus telling the disciples, “You cannot serve God and mammon.” As Jesus was teaching the disciples to be prudent stewards of property and not to allow love of riches to interfere with discipleship, the Pharisees were also listening. The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all these things and sneered at him (Luke 16:14). Today’s parable of the rich man and Lazarus is part of this conversation. The parable is not simply about the proper use of riches; it is also about whether or not the Pharisees accept the teaching authority of those whom God has sent them: Moses, the prophets, and Jesus himself. As so often with the Gospel parables, the surprise is at the end – the dialogue between the rich man and Abraham. The rich man asks that Lazarus be allowed to convey a special warning to his five brothers who are still alive, the answer is that they have word of Scripture, and that is sufficient. The parable is about whether or not people will believe even if someone rises from the dead. Those who are unmoved by the message of Scripture will not be convinced by a miracle either, even by a Resurrection. If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets (the religious traditions), they would not heed a resurrected Lazarus.

By telling the parable Jesus is comparing the Pharisees to the rich man and warning them that by acting like the rich man they are abusing their wealth by ignoring the needs of the poor. In addition, like the rich man they are refusing to listen to Jesus himself. Such was Jesus’ point in telling the parable.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



September 29 – Robert Lev  
October 1 – Richard Nieman  
October 3 – Jennifer Hutzler  
October 5 – Brooke Cerny

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



October 1 – Theresa & Dennis Tousek

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

### *Covenant Responsibility*

There is a theme in today’s readings that we do not like to face. Although the fundamental image of God is one of mercy and compassion, we cannot disregard the fact of judgment. The prophet Amos pronounces a woe against his own people. Abraham declares between us and you a great chasm is established. As we move closer to the end of the Liturgical Year, we are reminded of this judgment at the end of time. Judgment will be determined not primarily in terms of our obedience to law but in view of our fidelity to covenant commitment.

The readings are held up before us so we can compare our sense of covenant with that of the people portrayed within them. Unlike the people depicted in last Sunday’s readings, those in the readings today are not accused of dishonest behavior. They are not guilty of sins of commission. They are guilty of sins of omission, sins that flow from a covenant relationship with others. How do we measure up in this regard?

## PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY – NEXT SUNDAY October 6



### *ALWAYS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH*

*Come out and join us Sunday, October 6, in the Parish Hall. It brings our community together for fellowship. A free will donation is appreciated.*

Our Praha Pancake Sundays have been a big success in the community. It takes approximately 8 volunteers to make the morning go smoothly. The time commitment is 7:15-10:00. Everything necessary for the breakfast is provided - but we can use some more hands!

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