

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

Keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ.

— 1 Timothy 6:14

CARE FOR EACH OTHER

Don't delude yourselves, Jesus says through the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. We really are supposed to care for others. It is not enough to go to Mass and occasionally serve at a parish or outreach function. We cannot remain complacent and consider ourselves followers of Jesus. No matter how much or how little material wealth we have, we always have something to give—our time and attention, care, and, when possible, our money. The way we treat and care for others, especially the poor and vulnerable, is the manner in which we show our love of God. As disciples, we must "pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness." Jesus calls us to see and respond to the least among us, because, as God's children, we are all part of one another.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Woe to the complacent. Their wanton revelry shall be done away with (Amos 6:1a, 4-7).

Psalms — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Compete well for the faith. Keep the commandment until the appearance of the Lord Jesus (1 Timothy 6:11-16).

Gospel — The parable of Lazarus and the rich man (Luke 16:19-31).

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A group of young students were a little puzzled by a problem, and they went to one of their favorite teachers for advice. This teacher had gained their confidence because he seemed to have something the rest lacked.

The teacher tried his best to help them, and in concluding he said to them, "Live the day before you die for God."

"But," objected one of the boys, "how can we do that? We don't know what day we're going to die."

"Then," smiled the teacher, "live every day as if it were the day before you die. It's as simple as that."

Most of us act as if we were going to live on earth forever. That's why we keep putting off so many good resolutions and projects. The main job of life is to prepare for eternity. This makes every day important.

Neither in the sky nor in the midst of the sea nor by entering into clefts of mountains is there known a place on earth where one, stationing himself, death cannot overcome him.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Tommy Cat and Family on loving memory of Tom Cat Gorman on the 37th Anniversary of his death;
2. a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite;
3. and also to another member in thanks to St. Expedite.

CARRY

Carry a heart that never hates.

Carry a smile that never fades.

Carry a touch that never hurts.

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$3,398.00	\$2,089.00
Number of Families contributing	99	67
Total Pledge for 2022	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (36 Weeks)	\$116,668.00	\$118,772.00
Received to Date	\$107,317.00	\$82,957.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$9,351.00	\$35,815.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2022
\$295.00	\$7,865.00

Twenty-four ladies contributed last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2022
\$210.00	\$92228.00

Three people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$71,565.00

POOR BOX totaled \$220.00.

17 **CHILDREN** contributed \$109.00.

BAA totaled \$65.00.

THANK YOU to a parish member for a donation in honor of St. Lucy for a special intention and a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

YOUR CATHOLIC DUTY

- ❖ To attend mass every Sunday and Holy Day.
- ❖ To confess your sins to a priest regularly, monthly if possible.
- ❖ To receive Holy Communion as frequently as possible.
- ❖ To fast and abstain on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and abstain from eating meat on the Fridays of Lent.
- ❖ To support the Church regularly and generously.
- ❖ To keep the Laws of the Church governing Marriage.
- ❖ To join the Missionary Spirit of Christ and the Church.

IS IT A FACT?

Quit griping about the Church,
if it were perfect, you couldn't be a member.

JOKE OF THE WEEK As soon as the thunder was roaring and the lightning flashed, a little girl's mother was worried and got into her car and drove along the route to her child's school.

As she did, she saw her little girl walking along the sidewalk. At each flash of lightning, the child would stop, look up, and smile.

The mother pulled up next to her daughter, opened the door, and asked, "What are you doing, Honey? Why are you stopping and smiling every time there is lightning?"

The child answered, "God keeps taking pictures of me," the little girl said. "Don't you think he wants me to smile?"

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Priesthood Sunday
- Monday:** Ss. Cosmas and Damian
- Tuesday:** St. Vincent de Paul
- Wednesday:** St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions;
St. Wenceslaus
- Thursday:** Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels
- Friday:** St. Jerome
- Saturday:** St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus; First Saturday

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:** For the repose of the soul of John L. McNally on the 30th Anniversary of his death; for the repose of the soul of Big A. on the 12th Anniversary of his death; for the repose of the soul of Jim Bush, Sr. on the Anniversary of his death; and for the soul of Tom Cat Gorman on the 37th Anniversary of his death.
- Tuesday:** For the repose of the soul of Jack Suedle on his Birthday.
- Wednesday:** In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory; for the repose of the soul of Pat Major Sherlock on his Birthday; and also in thanks to St. Fulton Sheen, St. Padre Pio, and St. Charbel for a favor received.
- Thursday:** For Petie and Mary Louise Carroll.
- Friday:** Wedding.

AND WE LIKE FLOWERS

*Warm was the sunshine that fell on the roses,
Beautiful roses, in showy display.
The same golden sunshine kissed little violets,
Hid in the woodlands, near a less traveled way.*

*God made the rain, and He made the sunshine.
He created the flowers, wherever they bloom.
In well kept gardens, in fields and in forests;
Some prefer bright light, some thrive in the gloom.*

*And, we, like flowers, must bloom where we're planted.
In popular places or somewhere out of sight,
Content with the spot that He has chosen,
Giving Him glory by day or by night.*

READERS

- Sat. Sept. 24th, 4:00 P.M.** Macy & Julie Ann
- Sun. Sept. 25th, 10:00 AM.** Taniel & Lauren Ashley
- Sat. Oct. 2nd, 4:00 P.M.** Ritz & Savannah
- Sun. Oct. 3rd, 10:00 AM.** Taniel & Lauren Ashley

READERS – WEEKDAYS

- Monday** - Theresa Hun
- Tuesday** - Ritz
- Wednesday** - Gwen
- Thursday** - Graclynn
- Friday** - Ashley Carroll

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAYS

- Monday** - Mary Cat
- Tuesday** - Nora
- Wednesday** - Catherine Ann
- Thursday** - Winnie Ann
- Friday** - Rosie Cat

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

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| Saturday 4:00 P.M. | September 24th |
| Right | Winnie Ann |
| Left | Bridget Rita |

Sunday 10:00 A.M

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| September 25th | October 2nd |
| Nora | Nora |

6 IMPORTANT GUIDELINES IN LIFE

1. When you are alone, Mind your THOUGHTS.
2. When you are with friends, mind your TONGUE.
3. When you are angry, mind your TEMPER.
4. When you are with a group, mind your behavior.
5. When you are in trouble, mind your emotions.
6. When God starts blessing, mind your EGO.

GOD LOVES YOU

Everyday God thinks of you. Every hour God looks after you. Every minute God cares for you, because every second He loves you.

NO "EXCUSES" SUNDAY

- Eye drops will be available for those with tired eyes from watching too much TV late Saturday night.
- We will have steel helmets for those who say, "The roof would cave in if I ever came to church."
- Scorecards will be available for those who wish to keep track of all the hypocrites present. (A prominent space will be allotted at the top of the card for the cardholder to write his or her own name first.

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

BE MY GUIDE

Heavenly Father, You are the source of all true friendship and love. In all my relationships, may Your love be my constant guide for choosing what is good and for rejecting what is contrary to Your will. Amen.