

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 25, 2022

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NOTHING WRONG WITH THE GOOD LIFE

You know, there is nothing wrong with studying and working hard, and building up stability and wealth for your family. It is a good and positive thing to have money for retirement, vacations, or even to have a little nest egg in case of an emergency. But with those blessings comes more responsibility. This is where the rich man in today's Gospel parable fails miserably. Wearing finery and having gourmet meals is not a sin, but he does nothing to reach out his hand to aid Lazarus or those in need around him. From what we know, the Gospel doesn't say the rich man was rude to Lazarus, or that he scoffed at the poor man. His sin was one of omission. He simply put his blinders on and failed to see. He didn't send a meal out to him or have someone from his household check on the man. He just left him there to suffer.

LIVE RESPONSIBLY AND SHARE WHAT YOU HAVE

In heaven, Lazarus is raised and freed from his sufferings, while the rich man suffers greatly in the flames of hell. He implores God to send a messenger to his family, but God tells him that since they ignored the messages of Moses and the Prophets, nothing is going to change them, not even someone coming from the dead. Sadly, sometimes we fear and avoid street people because we suspect them of drug abuse, mental illness or, nowadays, carrying the Covid virus. Don't use that as an excuse to write them off. Write a check to your parish or favorite charity. Make a donation to the food pantry or, better yet, sign up for a shift to work in the food pantry as a family and make it a teachable moment. Pay it forward. Invite someone who is with you to join in your family meal. When you go in to grab a coffee pick up an extra and give it to the first person you see who needs it. Learn the lesson of the parable, and open your eyes and your heart to the needs of others around you.

TODAY'S READINGS: Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

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LA BUENA VIDA NO TIENE NADA DE MALO

No hay nada malo en estudiar y trabajar duro, y en acumular estabilidad y riqueza para tu familia. Es algo bueno y positivo tener dinero para la jubilación, las vacaciones o incluso tener un pequeño nido de huevos en caso de emergencia. Pero con esas bendiciones viene más responsabilidad. Aquí es donde el hombre rico de la parábola del Evangelio de hoy fracasa estrepitosamente. Llevar galas y tener comidas gourmet no es un pecado, pero no hace nada para extender su mano para ayudar a Lázaro o a los necesitados de su entorno.

Por lo que sabemos, el Evangelio no dice que el hombre rico fuera grosero con Lázaro, o que se burlara del pobre. Su pecado fue de omisión. Simplemente se puso sus anteojeras y no vio. No le envió una comida ni hizo que alguien de su casa se ocupara del hombre. Simplemente lo dejó allí para que sufriera.

VIVE CON RESPONSABILIDAD Y COMPARTE LO QUE TIENES

En el cielo, Lázaro es resucitado y liberado de sus sufrimientos, aunque el hombre rico sufre mucho en las llamas del infierno. Implora a Dios que envíe un mensajero a su familia, pero Dios le dice que, puesto que han ignorado los mensajes de Moisés y de los profetas, nada va a cambiarles, ni siquiera alguien que venga de entre los muertos. Lamentablemente, a veces tememos y evitamos a la gente de la calle porque sospechamos que son drogadictos, enfermos mentales o, hoy en día, portadores del virus Covid. No uses eso como excusa para descartarlos. Haz un cheque a tu parroquia o a tu organización benéfica favorita. Haz un donativo a la despensa de alimentos o, mejor aún, apúntate a un turno para trabajar en la despensa de alimentos en familia y conviértelo en un momento de enseñanza. Repartan el dinero. Invita a alguien que esté contigo a participar en tu comida familiar. Cuando vayas a tomar un café, coge uno de más y dáselo a la primera persona que veas que lo necesita. Aprende la lección de la parábola y abre tus ojos y tu corazón a las necesidades de los demás a tu alrededor.

LECTURAS DE HOY: Am 6:1a, 4-7; Sal 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lc 16:19-31

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Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates

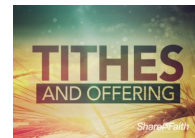


Maria Langley	Raymond Sarabia	Antonia Degollado
Suzanne Gutierrez	Frank Rodriguez	Baby Zaylee Gaitan
Syl Vasquez, Jr.	Pat Flores	Jeanette Ortiz
Sarah Contreras	Julissa Rodriguez	Bobby Rollins
Marty Carrera Tobias	Kay Towers	Darlene Lopez
Frances Lozano	Oscar Arcos	George Garnica
Irma Urias	Miliana Bullock	Adam Alonzo, Jr.
Mary S. Martinez	Hope Esquivel	Raymond Serna
Gina Gonzales	Mary Collazo	Mary Martinez
Galilea Romero	Terri Moreno	Mark Martinez
Flora Torres	Lydia Soriano	Cecilia Rodriguez
Iris Luna Sullivan	AB Cruz	Albert Rodriguez
Sandy Guerra	Robert Cruz	Albert Casillas
Abraham Guerra	Celia Garcia	Robert Sanchez
Emma O. Velasquez	Isidoro & Angie Muñoz	Santos Tello
Leticia Lopez Barrera	Eva Flores	Fred Guerra
Leticia Martinez	Roland Lozano	Marie Weaver
Kenny De La Rosa	Deacon J. Rodriguez	Vanessa Quintero
Virginia Morales	Joanne Almaguer	Mary Alice Vasquez

We thank God for the healing of so many sick parishioners. Please be courteous and call the Parish Office if your loved one is no longer suffering or sick. Thank you.

STEWARDSHIP FOR WEEK ENDING SEPT 18, 2022

5 PM Mass	-\$ 493.00
9 AM Mass	-\$ 586.00
11 AM Mass	-\$ 1,749.00
Altar Flowers	-\$ 365.00
Mail In	-\$ 675.00
Gift of Giving	-\$ 233.70
TOTAL	\$4,101.70



SECOND COLLECTION

September 25, 2022
Religious Education

2022 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions ending Sept. 18, 2022	\$ 233.70
TOTAL	\$ 9,997.67

Announcements

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Saturday, September 24

5:00 p.m. † Ramona C. Campa - Martinez Friends
† John Mendiola - Family
† Henry Z. Vidal - Family
† Tomas Diaz - Olga Diaz
† Gabina Arocha - Friends

Sunday, September 25

9:00 a.m. † Mr. Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño
† Aurelia Garai - Garai Family
† Jesus Amado Garai - Garai Family
† Daniel C. & Maria Arzola - Familia
† Ernesto Espinosa Campos - Maria Carsadillas
† Jose Oscar Carsadillas - Maria Carsadillas

11:00 a.m. † Yolanda V. Ramirez - Family
† Officer Jay Peña - Family
† Paul Salinas - Wife
† Irene Valdez - Husband & Family
† David Suarez - Adriana Suarez

Gift of Life Rick Matthew - Grace Salinas

Monday, September 26

Tuesday, September 27

12:00 p.m.
For Health Robert Sanchez

Wednesday, September 28

8:15 a.m. † Gregory Berton

Thursday, September 29

12:00 p.m.
For Health Roger Garcia, Sr.

Friday, September 30

12:00 p.m. † Inez De Los Santos - Mom

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

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 Tim 6:11-16).

Gospel — The parable of Lazarus and the rich man (Luke 16:19-31). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Much appreciation is given on my behalf to everyone who remembered my birthday this past Sunday, September 18, 2022.

Thank you for your gifts, cards, well wishes and prayers. Your kindness and consideration made my day very special. May God bless you always.

Our Religious Education program has begun. We currently have 75 students participating in our program. Please be advised that this year, all children are welcome to attend the program free of charge, and note that breakfast will be provided as well as transportation. I ask that you continue to spread the great news in the neighborhood and apartment complexes. It takes a village to raise a child.

I invite you to support our Raffle Ticket fundraising project scheduled for Christmas Day after the 11:00 am Mass. This will be the only monetary fundraiser this year and our goal has been set at \$35,000. Each adult or family is requested to pick up 100 tickets at the price of \$2.00 per ticket. Please make a special effort to pick up your tickets after Mass or in the office, and sell as many tickets possible for the benefit of our parish community.

As of September 25, 2022, 192 desks have been sponsored for the children at Mumiaminyi, Disangayi and Muoyo Mupeluke elementary schools situated in the city of Kananga, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. My gratitude goes to all of you who have been very supportive of *Dikete Education Opportunity Foundation*. Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you always.

Let us continue to ask for peace and the end of war in Ukraine. We pray for all parties involved to put their ego aside and focus on the good of the dignity of every human being. Prayer is a powerful tool that allows us to cultivate our relationship with God and to listen to what God wants for us.

Please continue to pray for me and May God bless you.

Fr. Fidèle Okitembo Dikete, Pastor
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
 Tue: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8; Lk 9:51-56
 Wed: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62
 Thu: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
 Fri: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10,
 13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16
 Sat: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91
 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24
 Sun: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 2 Tim 1:6-8,
 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

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



Holy Eucharistic Adoration

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
 THURSDAY'S ONLY (CHAPEL)
 9:00 AM -12 Noon & 2:00 - 5:00 P.M.**



Will hold their annual "San Antonio Neighbors Together" event (formally "National Night Out") on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the Edgewood Veterans Stadium, 1650 W. Thompson Place. We will have activities and important guests. Come join us!

What's Happening This Week

Sunday, September 25

9:00 a.m. Mass - Church
 11:00 a.m. Mass - Church

Monday, September 26

Tuesday, September 27

12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel

Wednesday, September 28

8:15 a.m. School Mass - Church
 2:00 p.m. Coffee with Fr. Fidèle

Thursday, September 29

9:00am-12 Noon &
 2:00pm - 5:00pm Adoration - Chapel
 12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel

Friday, September 30

12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel

Saturday, October 1

5:00 p.m. Mass - Church

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday; Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) begins at sunset
 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

IN MEMORIAM



The community and staff of St. John Berchmans parish extends their heartfelt condolences to the family of: † **Brandan Bryan Tenorio**



We welcome anyone to help us clean our beautiful church.

We meet every **Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m.**

**Ministry Scheduled
 Saturday, October 1, 2022
 Lectors**

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IN MEMORY OF

**Hurricane Victims in Puerto Rico
 All Migrants
 Community of Uvalde**



BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All requests must be sent by email to osantoyo1104@gmail.com and will be finalized for approval by Father Fidèle. We ask that you submit your requests at least two (2) weeks in advance for placement in the bulletin.



NEW TO OUR PARISH AND WANT TO REGISTER AS A NEW PARISHIONER?

If you are interested in registering as a new parishioner at St. John Berchmans Church, please contact our Parish Office at 210-434-3247 to fill out a registration form.

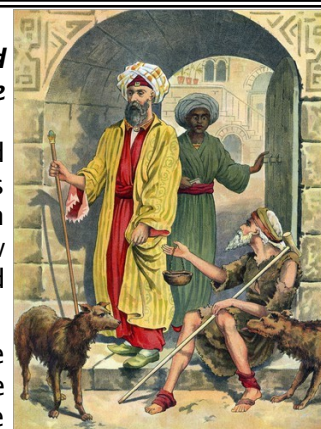
CARE FOR EACH OTHER

“Abraham replies, ‘My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.’ Luke 16:25

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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Sunday, October 23, 2022/9:00 - 11:00 AM
 Mission County Park, 6030 Padre Dr., SA, TX 78214
 Join the Catholic Schools department with the Archdiocese for their **16th Annual Run with a Mission 5K on Sunday, October 23**. If you are unable to make the community event, you can participate virtually from Oct. 9-23. All fund support a Catholic School of your choice! **School Resources:** <http://www.archsa.org/hope/>

RAFFLE TICKET SALE HAS STARTED!

Please pick up your raffle tickets after Mass OR you may also stop by the parish office for the tickets. The cost of the ticket is only \$2.00. The raffle will take place on Christmas Day, December 25th, 2022. Let us pull together and make this raffle campaign a success.



FOOD DRIVE DONATIONS

We know these are difficult times for everyone. At this time many individuals are seeking food assistance. **Our pantrys are empty! We need your help!**

Beginning this weekend, we will have collection bins located in the Church Foyer. We need **non-perishable food items**: canned goods, boxed cereal, pasta's, etc.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: Job 1:6-22; Sal 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lc 9:46-50
- Martes: Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Sal 88:2-8; Lc 9:51-56
- Miércoles: Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Sal 88:10bc-15; Lc 9:57-62
- Jueves: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Sal 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
- Viernes: Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Sal 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Lc 10:13-16
- Sábado: Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Sal 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lc 10:17-24
- Domingo: Heb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Sal 95:1-2, 6-9; 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14; Lc 17:5-10

CUIDARSE MUTUAMENTE

En la parábola del hombre rico y Lázaro, Jesús nos dice que no nos engañemos. En realidad, debemos preocuparnos por los demás. No es suficiente con ir a Misa y de vez en cuando ayudar con una obra a la parroquia. No podemos permanecer satisfechos y considerarnos seguidores de Jesús. No importa cuánto o poca riqueza material tengamos, siempre tenemos algo que ofrecer, nuestro tiempo y atención, cuidado y, cuando es posible, nuestro dinero. El modo en que tratamos y cuidamos a los demás, especialmente los pobres y vulnerables, es la manera en que mostramos nuestro amor a Dios. Como discípulos, debemos llevar una vida de “rectitud, piedad, fe, amor, paciencia y mansedumbre”. Jesús nos llama a ver y responder a los más pequeños entre nosotros, porque, como hijos de Dios, todos somos parte de los demás. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

¿Quiénes son los “Lazaros” que están a mi Puerta? ¿Qué puedo hacer por ellos esta semana?