

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

Gospel Luke 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees:

“There was a rich man who dressed in purple
garments and fine linen
and dined sumptuously each day.

And lying at his door was a poor man named
Lazarus, covered with sores,
who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps
that fell from the rich man’s table.

Dogs even used to come and lick his sores.

When the poor man died,
he was carried away by angels to the bosom of
Abraham.

The rich man also died and was buried,
and from the netherworld, where he was in
torment,

he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off
and Lazarus at his side.

And he cried out, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on
me.

Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water
and cool my tongue,
for I am suffering torment in these flames.’

Abraham replied,
‘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.

Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is
established
to prevent anyone from crossing who might
wish to go
from our side to yours or from your side to ours.’



He said, ‘Then I beg you, father,
send him to my father’s house, for I have five
brothers,
so that he may warn them,
lest they too come to this place of torment.’

But Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the
prophets.

Let them listen to them.’

He said, ‘Oh no, father Abraham,
but if someone from the dead goes to them,
they will repent.’

Then Abraham said, ‘If they will not listen to
Moses and the prophets,
neither will they be persuaded if someone
should rise from the dead.’”

Readings for the week:

26th Sunday

in Ord. Time

Amos 6:1a, 4-7
Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10
1 Tim 6:11-16
Luke 16:19-31

Monday

Job 1:6-22
Ps 17:1bcd,
2-3, 6-7
Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday

Job 3:1-3, 11-17,
20-23
Ps 88:2-3,
4-5, 6, 7-8
Luke 9:51-56

Wednesday

Job 9:1-12, 14-16
Ps 88:10bc-11,
12-13, 14-15
Luke 9:57-62

Thursday

Sts. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael

Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 or
Rev 12:7-12ab
Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cd-
3, 4-5
John 1:47-51

Friday

Job 38:1, 12-21;
40:3-5
Ps 139:1-3, 7-8,
9-10, 13-14ab
Luke 10:13-16

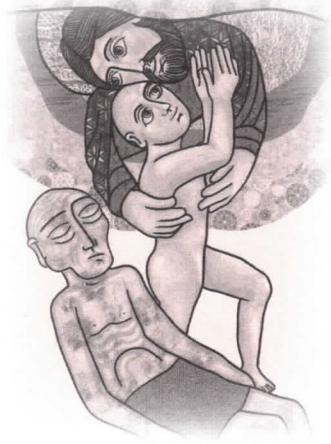
Saturday

Job 42:1-3, 5-6,
12-17
Ps 119:66, 71, 75,
91, 125, 130
Luke 10:17-24

27th Sunday

in Ord. Time

Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4
Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
2 Tim 1:6-8,
13-14
Luke 17:5-10



Opening Prayer

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. **Amen.**

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

The beggar Lazarus in today's parable is the only character in any of Jesus's parables who is given a personal name. The rich man is not named, though tradition calls him "Dives," which is simply Latin for "rich man." In our society, it's usually the poor who are nameless while the mass media screams the names and faces and activities of the rich. This is an early hint of the gospel paradox that Jesus will proclaim in this parable.

We listen to this parable in the assembly as brothers and sisters in the house of living stones, gathered together by the one who has risen from the dead and comes to us in his Word and sacrament. Is our liturgical celebration securely and comfortably "gated" from the "poor" outside? Or does it challenge us to welcome and serve them? Do we ever try to put a human face on those who lie at the gates of our institutions and nations or allow ourselves to be challenged by those who are covered with contemporary sores: the unemployed, people with disabilities, asylum seekers, abused women and children? When "the poor" are just an abstract concept, they continue to be separated by a great chasm from their more fortunate sisters and brothers.

We must try to bridge the chasm in whatever way we can: through personal generosity, individual and group advocacy, information that stirs the heart to outreach, ethical business investments, or responsible voting; we are called to respond to the word of God in *this* life. Like the rich man and his five brothers, no signs, no miracles, not even the word of God can break into and convert our hearts if we are determined to lock out the disadvantaged from our lives, because in them our poor brother Jesus still sits begging at our gates.

Closing Prayer

Loving God, thank you for the gift of this day and the opportunity to grow in relationship with you. We know what you ask of us: to love you and others without exception. Nudge us often to look beyond our own selves that we might remain faithful to your Gospel and the way of life to which we are called. **Amen.**

For Reflection:

- What image or images of God does today's gospel bring to mind for you?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayer."

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MASS TIMES:

Fr. Anastacio Postrano, Pastor

Daily Mass: 6:30 AM – 7:30 AM (except Mondays)

Saturday: 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

4th Wednesday Masses are at 9:00AM at Hale Makua Nursing Home (Wailuku).

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every 1st Friday: 6:00 AM

CONFESSION

Saturday: 4:30 PM

After every weekday mass or by appointment.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism, Confession, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, Funerals please call the office to make an appointment (808) 244-3284 or (808) 385-3021 (please leave a message).

You can also reach us via email at stannwaihee@gmail.com.

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Finance Committee Members: Evelyn Garces, Celia Domingo, Kathy Catugal, Daniel Ornellas

Financials: 09/12/22 – 09/18/22

Weekly Collection Goal \$2400	Total \$2069.00 Short \$331.00
In Church	\$ 1259.00
Online Giving	\$ 350.00
Mail In	\$ 460.00

Bread Report from Kathy Texeira ~

With the help of 14 volunteers, we baked 411 loaves of sweet bread.

Our Net Profit including generous miscellaneous donations: \$2,471.14!

Your continued support of this monthly fundraising effort is greatly appreciated. Thank you so much! Our next bread day is Tuesday, October 18 with baking to start Monday afternoon at 4:00pm. I hope to see you there!

Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. This year, Priesthood Sunday will be celebrated on September 25, 2022. This is a day set aside to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church.

Respect Life Ministry Announcements are posted on the bulletin board. Please take a moment to view.

Ohana in Christ – Annual Appeal for the Catholic Church in Hawaii, Year 2 – Kickoff next week, October 1-2. Bishop Larry Silva is asking every faith community to actively support “Ohana in Christ” in an effort to raise awareness of our wider church mission and services, as well as to help raise the funds to sustain them.