

PARISH CALENDAR

Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

September 29, 2019

Deal with us, Lord,
in your mercy!

Saturday, Sep 28	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, Sep 29	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:45 a. m.	Religious Education
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, Sep 30	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Communion Service
	.... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, Oct 1	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
Wednesday, Oct 2	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	.... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, Oct 3	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p. m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, Oct 4	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	.... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, Oct 5 10:00 a. m.	Funeral Service - Benjamin Awana, Jr. (+)
 4:00-4:45 p.m.	Confession
 5:00 p.m.	Mass

LIVE
the **GOSPEL**
in your life!



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NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Hab:1:2-3; 2:2-4: The vision presses on to fulfillment.
2 Timothy: 1:6-8; 13-14: Bear your share of hardship.
Luke:17:5-10: Faith the size of a mustard seed.

REFLECTION

What happened to the rich man in today's Gospel reading? Why was his punishment so severe? Why does the welcoming, hospitable, father Abraham come off as being so strict? The reading does not seem to imply that the rich man was guilty of making Lazarus poor. Nor does it imply that the fellow was even aware of Lazarus' condition. No clear-cut law was broken. No definitive obligation was refused. Of what, then, is the rich man guilty and therefore culpable? The man is condemned not because of what he did not do or because of what he refused to do. Rather, his condemnation derives from something that never occurred to him to do.

Jesus' story is concerned with a duty or commitment that outstrips law and obligation. It never occurred to the rich man that his self-sufficiency and sense of supremacy were irreconcilable with being a person committed to the welfare of others. It never occurred to the rich man that he needed to grow in responsibility, to see—to recognize—the beggar at his gate, to recognize that the gifts he had been given were not his to hoard, but to share. It never occurred to the rich man that his position in life was not only a benefit, but a responsibility to utilize his gifts and benefits for the welfare of others, especially for the welfare of others like poor Lazarus.

What about our gifts and benefits? What about our responsibilities? Do we see our gifts as something to be shared or something to be hoarded? Too often, we tend to think that gifts are ours alone, that we deserve them, and that if others envy our gifts, they should go out and get them for themselves. And given our gifts, we also tend to overlook the deficiencies (the "ungiftedness") in ourselves. We live an illusion that we are beyond need, independent, and do not require the sharing of others—especially those others who are "gifted" with poverty, sickness, or want. Both Amos and Jesus are calling us to recognize that we are responsible for sharing our gifts and for sharing the gifts of others. Both call us to recognize the reality of sin in life and to take responsibility for it, even though we may not have personally "committed" it. That it occur to us to do this is imperative, for it has eternal ramifications. The "complacent in Zion" and the rich man of Jesus' story were condemned not because they were malicious, but because they allowed their own giftedness to make them impervious to the gifts and needs of others. They were, in a word, irresponsible. Copyright © 2003, World Library Publications. All rights reserved



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRO-LIFE: As we begin to celebrate October as Pro Life Month and the month of the Rosary, you are invited to join the Respect Life coordinators from several Leeward parishes next Saturday, and all first Saturdays for prayers and healing Mass at St. Jude's in Makakilo. We begin with a Pro Life Rosary at 7AM, followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. The healing Mass will begin at 8AM. All are welcome to join in and to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick during the 8AM Mass. Please contact Bob McCulloch (St. Rita's Respect Life Coordinator) with any questions at 672-5718 or mccullochbob@hotmail.com

WELCOME TO SCOUTING INFO SESSIONS (OCT 6):

Oahu Catholic Boy Scout leaders invite all boys and girls ages 5-18 and their parents to a two-hour "welcome to scouting" information and activity session, 3-5 pm, on October 6, 2019 at the site of the former Cathedral Catholic Academy in Nuuanu. The event, a meet-and-greet for everyone interested in scouting, will include the sharing of Dutch oven snacks, information sessions and a short urban hike around the neighborhood. Scouting is now open to both boys and girls. Cub scouts are for ages 5-10, Boy Scouts ages 10-18. For more information, call John fielding at (808)306-6878

2019 DIOCESAN ROSARY CONGRESSES: Participated by Dioceses Around the Nation 7 Days & Nights; Masses, Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, Hourly Recitation of the Rosary, Confession, Processions; In our Diocese, we want to experience "The Traveling Congress" The Diocesan Relay will start on, Monday, October 7th @ 6pm and end on Monday, October 13 @ 6 pm. See flyer in today's bulletin.

WORD OF LIFE: "In a striking way, we see today a heightening of the tension between our nation's founding principles and political reality. We see this in diminishing respect for the inalienable right to life and in the elimination of legal protections for those who are most vulnerable. There can be no genuine justice in our society until the truths on which our nation was founded are more perfectly realized in our culture and law." *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops - Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge to American Catholics*

WEEKLY READINGS

Sep 29 Sun: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos:6:1a, 4-7 ; Ps:146; 1 Tim:62:11-16; Lk:16:19-31

Sep 30 Mon: Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Zech:8:1-8; Ps:102:16-18, 19-21, 29 & 22-23; Lk:9:46-50

Oct 1 Tue: Saint Therese of the Child of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Zech:8:20-23; Ps:87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk:9:51-56

Oct 2 Wed: The Holy Guardian Angels

Neh:2:1-8; Ps:137:1-2, 3,4-5, 6; Lk:18:1-5, 10

Oct 3 Thur: Ordinary Weekday

Neh:8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps:19:8, 9, 10, 11; Lk:10:1-12

Oct 4 Fri: Saint Francis of Assisi

Bar:1:1-15-22; Ps:79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Lk:10:13-16

Oct 5 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

Bar:4:5-12, 27-29; Ps:69:33-35, 36-37; Lk:10:17-24

Responsibility

Today's readings are a summons to responsibility. They remind us that only by assuming responsibility do we stake a claim in the Kingdom of God. Copyright © 2003, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

In today's Gospel Jesus offers a warning about living selfishly in his parable of the Rich man Lazarus. The Rich Man holds sumptuous feast and dresses in fine clothes. But despite his affluence he does nothing to relieve the painful hunger and debilitating condition of his neighbor Lazarus. He neglects to love his neighbor as he loves himself and is sent to hell for his lifestyle and desire for self-gratification. The Rich Man represents those who spend their money on their own personal pleasures with no regard for sharing their material possessions with the poor and needy in their own neighborhood. Good stewards realize the practical implications of not only loving God, but loving their neighbor as they would love themselves. Who are the less fortunate in our neighborhood? Do we share a portion of our own blessings with them!. (International Catholic Stewardship Council)

Amos sounds an anguished cry over the complacent irresponsibility of the affluent. The prophet warns the rich of imminent catastrophe, a turn-around in fortune. All the gifts in which they have exulted will become their annihilation. Their me-first attitude will gain them first place on the highway to exile.

The Gospel story is set in this world and in the next. Jesus begins his story in the here and now and ends it in the hereafter. In the transition, the roles of the story's main characters are reversed. Poor Lazarus no longer lies outside the gate of a banquet. He now lies in Abraham's bosom at the banquet of the Kingdom. The rich man no longer reclines at a sumptuous table, but languishes for the very least thing to mitigate his misery.

Both readings function as wake-up calls to us. They remind us that the end times are coming and that we must be ready for their coming by living responsibly here and now. And what's the best way to do that?

The reading from 1 Timothy calls us to responsible living by being faithful to our baptismal commitment. When we do that, we are recognizing that our gifts are gifts to be used and shared in the here and now; we are taking hold of everlasting life in the here and now; and we are refusing to risk the hereafter. Copyright © 2003, World Library Publications. All rights reserved

BLESSED
are the ones
who keep the faith,
SECURE JUSTICE
FOR THE
OPPRESSED
and feed the hungry.

Let your actions proclaim the Gospel!

