

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If you saw someone dead come to life tomorrow, what would you change about your life? Would you say "nothing"? That's what Jesus seems to hope. After all, we already know what to do. In this Sunday's Gospel, a rich man and a poor man pass away, the former to damnation and the latter to peaceful rest alongside the Jewish patriarchs. The rich man asks if the poor man can appear to his brothers and advise them to live a more virtuous life. The parable offers a strong rebuke: "They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them." In other words, they should already know what to do.

We, too, know what to do. More than Moses, Jesus Christ himself has spoken, and continues to speak through his Church. The rich man did not heed the wise words, despite knowing them. If we are convicted against certain Christian teachings in our heart, how much good will miraculous "proofs" do? We know more than the law and the prophets - we know the prophetic law of love proclaimed by Jesus Christ. Are we living like we believe it?

Where in our lives are we like the rich man? Do we know how to treat the poor but still we ignore them in our excess? Do we know the third commandment, but the Sunday liturgy feels "optional" when other weekend commitments arise? Have we heard Christ's teachings on sexuality, but consider them out of reach for us? We have received a great many truths as Christian people. We are blessed by God with the sacraments and the abundance of His graces. We have what we need - in Him - to begin to live a virtuous life now.

Sun. Collection: Sept. 21/22, 2019 \$2,463.00.

**Thinking of becoming a Catholic?
Thinking of being confirmed?**

If you or someone you know is thinking of this, then the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the right step for you to take. The RCIA is a process that consists of a combination of participating at Sunday Mass and instructions on the teachings and customs of the Roman Catholic Church. RCIA is also for baptized Catholics who have not received both First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

The sessions meet weekly. If you are seriously thinking of entering this program call the Parish Office.

26° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

¿A quién servimos; a Dios o al Dinero? Se preguntaba al escuchar el Evangelio de la semana pasada. Ahora vienen los ejemplos en las lecturas de la liturgia de hoy, más claras y concretas para un compromiso al cambio de vida. La lectura del profeta Amós dice lo siguiente al pueblo de Israel: "Tendidos en sus camas de marfil o arrellanados sobre sus sofás, comen corderitos del rebaño." (Amós 6:4). Una buena respuesta viene de la 1o Carta de Timoteo: "Pero tú, hombre de Dios, huye de todo eso... vive con fe y amor, constancia y bondad." (1de Timoteo 6:11). ¿Qué se puede aprender de estas lecturas? Son tan claras como el agua que bebemos. La riqueza no es mala; lo malo es no compartirla con los necesitados. Y no se trata solo de dinero, sino del tiempo de calidad, sonrisas, abrazos y decir un te quiero te necesito a la esposa y a los hijos y viceversa la esposa a su esposo.

El Evangelio, con la parábola del rico y Lázaro, cae con toda la sabiduría y compasión de Dios hacía Lázaro; pobre humanamente hablando, pero rico al poseer a Dios en su vida. Frecuentemente, la persona se ciega a las necesidades de otros, a los que sufren dolor físico o espiritual. La Santa Madre Teresa de Calcuta decía sobre el sufrimiento lo siguiente: "Nuestros sufrimientos son caricias bondadosas de Dios, llamándonos para que nos volvamos a Él, y para hacernos reconocer que no somos nosotros los que controlamos nuestras vidas, sino que es Dios quien tiene el control, y podemos confiar plenamente en Él."

Readings for the week of September 29, 2019

Sunday:	Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31
Monday:	Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday:	Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday:	Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Thursday:	Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9ab]/Lk 10:1-12
Friday:	Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 0:13-16
Saturday:	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday:	Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

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A Message from Fr. Tom

A rich man, daily, passes by a poor man, Lazarus, lying at his door. The poor man is starving and only dogs accompany him in his suffering. The rich man is obscenely wealthy in contrast to Lazarus. After death, each man endures a different fate. As recompense for his lack of compassion toward one as unfortunate as Lazarus—the rich man is condemned to eternal torment. In contrast, the poor man is in paradise at the side of Abraham—the father of the Jewish people. The prophet Amos in our first reading lays out the danger for us. Wealth can make us indifferent to the suffering around us. The warning is not just for the evil we need to avoid but the good we should embrace. It is good to share. It is good when we are in solidarity for others—first and foremost for ourselves. The world becomes smaller, less strange. We appreciate how relationships can console us and give us joy where the things of this life lose their value or interest. For those who have little or nothing—everything that they have is at the disposal of others. Such a person may be more prepared to offer themselves fully, completely out of love to God and His church.

Let us give thanks to God that His great love for us means that He must also chastise and correct us. Let us take Jesus' parable to heart this day and resolve by the grace of this Mass to be in solidarity with the poor and needy and be open to acts of generosity and kindness to those we meet each day.

Saturday, October 5th/First Saturday of the Month Marian Devotion

I encourage you to take advantage of the First Saturday Devotion. Mary the mother of Jesus invites us to make the following four (4) spiritual exercises on the first Saturday of five consecutive months:

- Attend Mass on the First Saturday of the Month
- Pray the five decades of the Rosary on that Saturday
- Reflect for 15 Minutes on one of the Mysteries of the Rosary on that Saturday
- Go to Confession within 7 days prior or after the First Saturday

For the person who makes this devotion to Mary for five (5) consecutive Saturdays, Mary promises to be with that person at the hour of death with all the graces necessary for salvation. What a deal!

- 1.) Become a member of the Nocturnal Adoration Society: Attend Nocturnal Adoration on Saturday, October 5th in St. Cecilia's Chapel from 8 pm to 9 pm.

- 2.) Join us for a social on Sunday, October 6th after the 7 pm Mass in St. Cecilia's Rectory. We will offer this on the first Sunday of every month.

Honoring St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Procession with Bishop DiMarzio on Sunday, October 6th, 2019

As you may know, the City of New York held a competition to recognize notable women who contributed to the life of our city. Although St. Frances Cabrini received the most votes in this competition—she was denied the recognition of a public statue. As Catholics, we should be upset by this dismissal of a great woman of faith who did so much for the poor and orphaned of this city. Let us participate in a procession honoring this great Catholic woman and saint:

When: Sunday, October 6th, 2019

Where: Mother Cabrini Park, 41 President
Street, Brooklyn, NY 11231

Time: 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

End Location: 4:00 pm Mass Sacred Hearts—
St. Stephen

We will process through the streets of Carroll Gardens to the Church of Sacred Hearts—St. Stephen for a Mass at 4 pm. Light refreshments and entertainment will follow the Mass. Please call the Rectory office by Monday, September 30th to indicate your desire to go. If sufficient numbers commit, DMP will charter a bus. Please sign up to attend. **Fr. Tom**

Gospel of Luke Bible Study with Fr. Tom/Beginning Wednesday, October 2nd

Please join Fr. Tom as we continue our series of 8 evenings covering the Gospel of Luke. We will start on Wednesday, October 2nd at 7:45 pm in St. Francis of Paola Rectory. The Bible Study runs for eight weeks until Wednesday, November 20th. Call the parish office to confirm your participation.

Family Day Trip Saturday, October 26th

Divine Mercy Parish will again offer a family day outing this fall to the Our Lady of the Island Shrine. We will depart in front of St. Francis of Paola Church on Saturday, October 26th at 8:30 am immediately following the morning Mass. We will go pumpkin picking after our trip to the shrine site. Please call the parish office to reserve your seat on the bus. We ask a nominal reservation fee of \$5.00. Please bring a packed lunch.

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**Gifts of Love—Emergency Food Pantry
At Divine Mercy Parish**

“For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome...” (Matt 25:35-36)

“Thank you” to the wonderful parishioners who generously continue to support our Pantry Ministry. Your acts of unselfish generosity affects people in more ways than you know.

Specific items needed: **Dessert items**
Food Pantry Coordinators and Volunteers

**St. Francis of Paola Church
Memorial Gifts – September 29, 2019**

BREAD & WINE

Carmela SanPietro by Scotti Family

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES

Cono Babino by Carolina Carannante & Family

Religious Education News

Registration for Religious Education has begun.

The office at 206 Skillman Avenue is open every day from 9:30 to 2:00. If you need to schedule an appointment for a different time please call the Faith Formation office at 347-521-0068.

Invitation to become Catechist

For the pastoral activity of the Church, the cooperation of a great many people is needed. This cooperation is provided by those who devote themselves to catechesis. If you would like to impart to others, enlightened by God’s Word, the teaching of the Church as catechist, please contact Wanda Marty Director of Faith Formation at 347-521-0068.

Religious Education: Classes began on Sunday, September 22, 2019.

Confirmation Commissioning

Sunday, September 29, 2019 is **Confirmation Commissioning** at St. Cecilia at the 9:30 am Mass. **ALL** candidates to receive Confirmation in 2020 **MUST** attend.

**Mass Intentions for the Week
St. Francis of Paola Church**

Saturday, September 28, 2019

5:00pm John & Tina Colasanti by John & Dorothy Colasanti

Sunday, September 29, 2019

8:00am Giuseppe D’Arrigo by Mr. & Mrs. Francesco D’Arrigo & Family

11:30am St. Theresa Guild

Monday, September 30, 2019

7:45am Carmela San Pietro by Scotti Family

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

7:45am Gloria Garavuso by Dominick & Josephine Siano

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

7:45am Cono Babino by Mr. & Mrs. Cono Mazza

Thursday, October 3, 2019

7:45am Gloria Garavuso by Marie & Dom Perrotto

Friday, October 4, 2019

7:45am Carmela (Gallo) Ferrante by Pat & Mike Rizzo & Family

Saturday, October 5, 2019

7:45am Hector Reales Herrera by Eilish & Eugene Cardone

5:00pm for the People of Divine Mercy Parish

Sunday, October 6, 2019

8:00am Antoinette & Savino Ciorciari by Anolfo Family

11:30am Andrea Catalanotti by Carannante Family

**Queen of the Rosary Catholic Academy
Fourth Annual Benefit Dinner**

*Honoring Sr. Joan Losson, O.P., Sue Ann Roye
Marian Mingo (formerly Hernandez)*

Wednesday, November 6, 2019 6 – 10 pm
Giando on the Water \$125.00 per Person

**For Tickets, Commemorative Journal
Submissions & Further Information:**

QOTRDinner.eventbrite.com– website

QOTRDinner@gmail.com– email

718-388-7992 - phone

SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Nicholas Church

Sunday, September 29, 2019

10:30am Anthony Biondo by Theresa & Eddie Baker
Rev. Rigoloerto

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

7:00pm Mary Dowd by Sciangula Family

Sunday, October 6, 2019

10:30am Open Intention

Pray For the Sick:

Valarie Bruno, Michael Dick, Felicia Tulumello, Michael Vayda, Tom Napolitano, Marlena Ferone Washack, Onelia Velez, Antoinette Tucillo

Pray For the Recently Deceased:

Ann Romano, William J. Gerdes, Jackie Elsasser, Evelyn Latimer, Victoria Solano, Luz Maria Javier

Calling All Vendors

Only \$25.00 per table

For questions or to reserve your table at our Flea Market call Rina at 646-584-3340 or Ivette at 917-446-9581. *(Please make check payable to Divine Mercy Parish).*

The Flea Market: will take place on Sunday, October 20th, in Msgr. Vetro Hall, 26 Olive Street between Powers and Devoe Sts., from 10 am to 4 pm.

Queen of the Rosary Catholic Academy

Brooklyn Bingo Night

Friday, October 4, 2019 at 7:00 pm

St. Francis of Paola Auditorium

Price: \$10.00. Includes; one card, snack, coffee & dessert. Plus... Extra cards and raffles will be sold.

Purchase tickets at QRCA School (11 Catherine Street) or call Annette Marino 646-361-8467. No tickets sold at the door. Doors will open at 6:30 pm. Children under 16 NOT permitted.

Prizes to be won!!!

Nocturnal Adoration

All are invited to attend the monthly Nocturnal Adoration on Saturday, November 5, 2019 in the Chapel at St. Cecilia, 84 Herbert St., at 8:00 pm

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St. Cecilia Church

Sunday, September 29, 2019

9:30am Jo & Ed Collins
Eamon & Ray McGinn
Marlena Ferone-Washack (Get Well)
7:00pm For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

Monday, September 30, 2019

8:30am Chiao Family

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

8:30am Dorothy Knapp

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

8:30am Leonard Rossi

Thursday, October 3, 2019

8:30am Vincent Caracciolo – Get Well

Friday, October 4, 2019 - FIRST FRIDAY

8:30am Purgatorial Society

Saturday, October 5, 2019

8:30am Marie Ferzola by Angela Federico

Sunday, October 6, 2019

9:30am Jo & Ed Collins
Eamon & Ray McGinn
Rosary Society
7:00pm Lady of Pompeii by Maria Sepe

Living Rosary & Novena

Are all invited to join the Rosary Society for the Living Rosary & Novena outside St. Cecilia's Church on all Mondays in October 7, 14, 21 & 28. Time 7:00pm.

Rosary Triduum

Monday, October 7 St. Cecilia Church 7 pm
Tuesday, October 8 St. Cecilia Church 7 pm
Wednesday, October 9 St. Cecilia Church 7 pm
Refreshments will follow Triduum on Wednesday, October 9, in St. Cecilia's auditorium.

Blessing of the Animals 10/4/2019

QRCA (students and members of families only in the school auditorium) at 7:45 am
Outside St. Nicholas Church at 8:00 am
Outside St. Francis Church after the 7:45 am Mass
Outside St. Cecilia's Church after the 8:30 am Mass

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RECENT PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

Divine Mercy Parish is deeply grateful to Captain Williams Glynn and representatives of the 94th Precinct who took the time to speak at a few concerning public safety issues. The old adage applies—If you see something, say something. Following is some information about reporting criminal or suspicious activity.

Call 911—Emergencies

Call 311—Quality of Life Issues

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Also note that a local community meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month with local police to receive your input at 155 Milton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11222 at 7pm

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