

## Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sep 28, 2025

### Holy Father's Intention for September:

#### **For our relationship with all of creation**

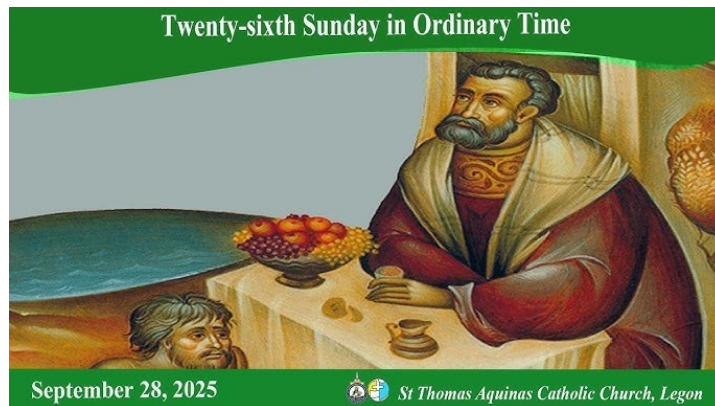
Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

### Thoughts on Today's Gospel:

“Learn therefore to be poor and needy, whether you have anything in this world, or whether you have nothing. For you also find the beggar who is arrogant and the wealthy who humiliates himself. God looks on the inside.” (St. Augustinus)

Amid a culture of indifference which not infrequently turns ruthless, our style of life should instead be devout, filled with empathy, compassion and mercy, drawn daily from the wellspring of prayer.” (Francis)

“... The drama of hunger in the world calls Christians who pray sincerely to exercise responsibility toward their brethren, both in their personal behavior and in their solidarity with the human family...” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, n° 2831)



## Praise the Lord, my soul!

### Today's 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.'"

### Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus:

On October 1, the Church honors the Feast Day of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, the Little Flower. Known for her Little Way, which involved finding and following God in the simplicity of ordinary, everyday life, St. Thérèse is a Doctor of the Church who has inspired many prayers and devotions. Thérèse's parents, Sts. Louis and Zélie, were the first married couple to be canonized together. As parents of nine children, they centered their home and family around Christ and kept Him at the center of every joy and sorrow. Together, Louis and Zélie entrusted their love and lives to God as they raised and formed their children in faith and virtue. They are incredible models and patrons of holiness for spouses, parents, and families.

### Second Collection:

We have a Second Collection on next Sunday for formation of Permanent Deacons. **Please be prepared!**

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“Now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented”:

Today, Jesus confronts us with the social injustice that arises from the inequalities between rich and poor. As if it were one of the distressing images we're accustomed to seeing on television, the story of Lazarus moves us, achieving a sensationalist effect to stir emotions: "Dogs even used to come and lick his sores" (Luke 16:21). The difference is clear: the rich man was clothed in purple; the poor man was clothed in sores.

Equality comes quickly in this situation: both died. At the same time, however, the difference becomes more pronounced: one arrived at Abraham's side; the other was merely buried. If we had never heard this story, and if we applied the values of our society, we might conclude that the one who won the prize must have been the rich man, and the one abandoned in the grave, the poor man. It's clear, logically.

The judgment comes to us from the mouth of Abraham, the father of faith, and clarifies the outcome: "My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad" (Luke 16:25). God's justice turns the situation around. God does not allow the poor to remain forever in suffering, hunger, and misery.

This story has touched the hearts of millions of wealthy people throughout history and led multitudes to conversion, but what message is needed in our developed, hyper-connected, globalized world to make us aware of the social injustices of which we are the authors, or at least accomplices? All who heard Jesus' message longed to rest in Abraham's bosom, but how many people in our world will be satisfied with simply being buried when they die, without wanting to receive the comfort of the Father in heaven? True wealth is getting to see God, and what is needed is what Saint Augustine said: "Walk through man and you will reach God." May the Lazaruses of each day help us to find God.



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Offering for Sep 21, 2025

Total Sum. Collection \$4,697.00

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| Advertisement        | \$ 80.00  |
| Pan-Asia             | \$ 300.00 |
| Renting Hall         | \$ 400.00 |
| Sacramental Donation | \$ 150.00 |
| Votive candle        | \$ 110.00 |

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Who do you identify with – the rich man or Lazarus? Choose to notice others and to reach out to those in need. Support those who serve the poor.  
(Luke 16:19-31)  
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**Baptism:** Arrangements must be made one week in advance.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Sunday from 8:30 am to 9:00 am or by appointment.

**Marriage:** Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior to plan date of wedding.

Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions

**Sun 9/28:** \* Peter and Maria by 1 person  
\* Thanksgiving, all souls & intention by 1 person  
\* Paul by 1 person  
**Mon 9/29:** \* Joseph and Maria by Hong Au  
**Tues 9/30:** \* Thanksgiving by Nhung Truong  
**Wed 10/1:** \* Joseph and Maria by 1 person  
**Thurs 10/2:** \* Ann Suong Tuyet by Soan Nguyen  
\* Ann Suong Tuyet by Lap Sam family  
**Fri 10/3:** \* All souls and unborn babies by Thuy Le  
\* Dominic and ancestor both sides by Ca Do  
**Sat 10/4:** \* All souls and intention by 1 person  
\* Paul, 2 Ann, Isave, Joseph & all souls by Hung Ha