



## Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 29, 2019

**[K]eep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ.— 1 Timothy 6:14**

### HOW GOD INTENDS US TO LIVE

Today's readings are again directed to believers, communities of faith. As in last week's reading, Amos confronts us with a condemnation of those whose lives are focused on pleasure and self-absorption. The psalm contrasts that focus with the Lord's—justice for the oppressed; food the hungry; freedom for captives; sight to the blind; raising of those who are bowed down; loving the just; protecting strangers, orphans, and the widow; and by doing so, thwarting the way of the wicked. Timothy urges the pursuit of righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Luke tells the familiar tale of the wealthy man and the poor beggar at his doorstep, who experience life very differently in this world and in the next. We are once again being given clear indications about how God intends for us to live our lives.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the past century, a desire to recover a deep sense of unity among all believers in Christ has grown. The "ecumenical movement" (from the Greek word meaning the "the whole inhabited world") began among Protestant Christians, but was given great energy in 1920 with a letter from the Orthodox Patriarch of Constantinople, calling for closer dialogue and cooperation among Christians. In 1960, Pope John XXIII invited Protestant and Orthodox observers to the Second Vatican Council. In 1964, the Council's Decree on Ecumenism named these Christians "separated brethren," a huge leap forward from the time of labeling them as "outside the Church." A year later, a new pope, Paul VI, and the Orthodox Patriarch officially nullified the condemnations that walled off East from West for nine hundred years.

The pace and optimism of the 1960s has sadly waned, and the signs of progress toward unity are few; yet there are wider agreements on sharing Communion among various Christian denominations, and among Protestants agreements regarding sharing of ecclesiastical life and ministry. Among the success stories of the ecumenical movement are greater cooperation among Christian clergy, a similar Lectionary for Protestants and Catholics, and even experiments in the monastic life and common worship.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Woe to the complacent, stretched comfortably on their couches! (Amos 6:1a, 4-7).

**Psalm** — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146)

**Second Reading** — Pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness (1 Timothy 6:11-16).

**Gospel** — There was a rich man who dined sumptuously each day. Lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Father Anthony will be on retreat Sept. 30 until Oct 3rd There will not be a Mass Wednesday Oct 2nd

If you need a priest while Father is gone please call

St. Mary in Jackson 731-668-2596

Father Anthony is having RCIA for anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith classes in Lexington every Thursday at six pm

**Tuesday** October 1st: Deacon Moss will not have a class. The next class will be Tuesday Oct 8th.

### PRAYING TO THE ANGELS

We pray to the angels, for they are given to us as guardians.

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) 5780  
begins at sundown
- Monday: St. Jerome
- Tuesday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
- Wednesday: The Holy Guardian Angels
- Friday: St. Francis of Assisi; First Friday
- Saturday: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos;  
Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the inside preparation and the outside clean-up for the Bishops visit.

The monthly lunch will be Oct 6<sup>th</sup> after Mass.

Joanne Hernandez is the host this month.

**Need volunteers for the sick call ministry to visit the sick and take communion .**

Please turn in your money for the spaghetti dinner tickets to Peggy Hauck

Oct. 6th  
Lector **Maurisio**  
E/M **Peggy/ Ann**  
USHERS **Michael/ Tom**  
Server **Francisco**

**Offertory 9/22/2019**  
**BUDGET \$1351.00**  
**ACTUAL \$1329.00**

-\$.22.00

**B&M**

**\$400.00**

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### Remember In Prayer

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