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GOD DOES NOT FORGET THOSE WHO ARE FORGOTTEN BY ALL

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

Today, Luke's Gospel presents to us the parable of the rich man and poor Lazarus (Lk 16: 19-31). The rich man personifies the wicked use of riches by those who spend them on uncontrolled and selfish luxuries, thinking solely of satisfying themselves without caring at all for the beggar at their door.

The poor man, on the contrary, represents the person whom God alone cares for: unlike the rich man he has a name: "Lazarus", an abbreviation of "Eleazarus", which means, precisely, "God helps him".

God does not forget those who are forgotten by all; those who are worthless in human eyes are precious in the Lord's. The story shows how earthly wickedness is overturned by divine justice: after his death, Lazarus was received "in the bosom of Abraham", that is, into eternal bliss; whereas the rich man ended up "in Hades, in torment". This is a new and definitive state of affairs against which no appeal can be made, which is why one must mend one's ways during one's life; to do so after serves no purpose.

This parable can also be interpreted in a social perspective. Pope Paul VI's interpretation of it 40 years ago in his Encyclical *Populorum Progressio* remains unforgettable. Speaking of the campaign against hunger he wrote: "It is a question... of building a world where every man... can live a fully human life... where the poor man Lazarus can sit down at the same table with the rich man" (n. 47).

The cause of the numerous situations of destitution, the Encyclical recalls, is on the one hand "servitude imposed.... by other men", and on the other, "natural forces over which [the person] has not sufficient control" (ibid.). Unfortunately, some populations suffer from both these factors. How can we fail to think at this time especially of the countries of Sub-Saharan Africa, affected by serious floods in the past few days? Nor can we forget the many other humanitarian emergencies in various regions of the planet, in which conflicts for political and economic power contribute to exacerbating existing, oppressive environmental situations.

The appeal voiced by Paul VI at that time, "Today the peoples in hunger are making a dramatic appeal to the peoples blessed with abundance" (ibid., n. 3), is still equally pressing today. We cannot say that we do not know which way to take: we have the Law and the Prophets, Jesus tells us in the Gospel. Those who do not wish to listen to them would not change even if one of the dead were to return to admonish them.

May the Virgin Mary help us to make the most of the present time to listen to and put into practice these words of God. May she obtain for us that we become more attentive to our brethren in need, to share with them the much or the little that we have and to contribute, starting with ourselves, to spreading the logic and style of authentic solidarity.

POPE BENEDICT XVI — September 30, 2007

First Friday of the Month, October 3rd Eucharistic Adoration will start at 10am, concluding with Benediction before the 11am Mass.

On Saturday, October 4th, feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and ecology, pets will be blessed at 10:00 AM, in the church garden.

Food Drive: The CWL is sponsoring a food drive for our St. Vincent De Paul Society the **weekends of Oct 3/4 and Oct 10/11**. Boxes will be in the narthex for your donations and items like peanut butter, canned soup, tuna, kraft dinner, tea, coffee, detergent pods, bars of soap are always welcome. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

ENGLISH MASS SCHEDULE

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 27 **5:00 PM**
+Daniel Hanlon

Sunday, September 28 **9:00 AM**
For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Tuesday, September 30 **11:00 AM**
St. Jerome
+Dolores Sedlmeir

Wednesday, October 1 **11:00 AM**
Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus
+Katheleen White

Thursday, October 2 **11:00 AM**
The Holy Guardian Angels
Intentions of the Family of Charlie Kirk

Friday, October 3 **11:00 AM**
+Tom Kelly

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 4 **5:00 PM**
+Tom Kelly

Sunday, October 5 **9:00 AM**
For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

MISAS EN ESPAÑOL

XXVI Domingo Ordinario

Sabado 27 de Septiembre **7:00 PM**
+Efrain Figueroa +Miguel Verdugo Borbón +Carolina Mestidio

Domingo 28 de Septiembre **11:00 AM & 1:00 PM**
Por la Comunidad Parroquial

Martes 30 de Septiembre **12:00 PM**
San Jerónimo

Miercoles 1 de Octubre **12:00 PM**
Santa Teresa del Niño Jesús

Jueves 2 de Octubre **12:00 PM**
Santos Ángeles Custodios
+Marco Antonio Perez

Viernes 3 de Octubre **12:00 PM**

XXVII Domingo Ordinario

Sabado 4 de Octubre **7:00 PM**
+Marvin Castillo Courtade +Zoila Escobar +Julio Hernández

Domingo 5 de Octubre **11:00 AM & 1:00 PM**
Por la Comunidad Parroquial

Viernes Primero del Mes (3 de octubre): El Santísimo Sacramento se expondrá para adoración silenciosa después de la Misa de 12:00 pm hasta las 2:00 pm y nuevamente de 5 a 7p.m.

A las 6 de la tarde se tendrá una Hora Santa, que concluirá con la Bendición con el Santísimo a las 7pm.

Mientras el Santísimo esté expuesto, se ofrecerá el sacramento de Reconciliación.

El sábado 4 de octubre, fiesta de San Francisco de Asís, patrono de los animales y la ecología, se bendecirán mascotas a las 10 AM (inglés), 11 AM Y 12 PM, en el jardín de la Iglesia. Después de la bendición de las 12PM habrá actividades para niños.