

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

The Great Separation

Readings: **Amos 6:1, 4–7** **Psalm 146:7–10** **1 Timothy 6:11–16** **Luke 16:19–31**

The rich and powerful are visited with woe and exile in today's Liturgy—not for their wealth but for their refusal to share it; not for their power but for their indifference to the suffering at their door. The complacent leaders in today's First Reading feast on fine foods and wines, reveling while the house of Joseph, the kingdom of Israel (see **Amos 5:6**), collapses around them.

The rich man in today's Gospel also lives like a king—dressed in royal purple and fine linen (**1 Maccabees 8:14**). The rich man symbolizes Israel's failure to keep the Old Covenant, to heed the commandments of Moses and the prophets. This is the sin of the rulers in today's First Reading. Born to the nation God favored first, they could claim Abraham as their father. But for their failure to give—their inheritance is taken away.

The rulers are exiled from their homeland. The rich man is punished with an exile far greater eternity with a "great chasm" fixed between himself and God. In this world, the rich and powerful make a name for themselves (**Genesis 11:4**) and dine sumptuously, while the poor remain anonymous, refused an invitation to their feasts. But notice that the Lord today knows Lazarus by name, and Joseph in his sufferings—while the leaders and the rich man have no name.

Today's liturgy is a call to repentance—to heed the warning of One who was raised from the dead. To lay hold of the eternal life He promises, we must pursue righteousness, keep the commandment of love, as Paul exhorts in today's Epistle.

"The Lord loves the just (righteous)," we sing in today's Psalm. And in this Eucharist we have a foretaste of the love that will be ours in the next life—when He will raise the lowly to the heavenly banquet with Abraham and the prophets (**Luke 13:28**), where we too will rest our heads on the bosom of our Lord (**John 13:23**).

- *Archbishop Jose Gomez, Los Angeles*



September 29. Feast of these three archangels who are venerated in the tradition of the Church. Michael (Who is like God?) was the archangel who fought against Satan and all his evil angels, defending all the friends of God. He is the protector of all humanity from the snares of the devil. Gabriel (Strength of

God) announced to Zachariah the forthcoming birth of John the Baptist, and to Mary, the birth of Jesus. His greeting to the Virgin, "Hail, full of grace," is one of the most familiar and frequent prayers of the Christian people. Raphael (Medicine of God) is the archangel who took care of Tobias on his journey. (**Book of Tobit**)



Women's Shelter: Catholic Charities has announced the new name for the Shelter is the "**St. Josephine Bakhita Women's Shelter**." The shelter is not run by Nativity.

Paralyzed youth: Extreme sports are popular now. The Pastor has had way too many visits this year to hospitals where youth and teens are paralyzed for now or for life because of being "dare devils." The **Virtue of Prudence** includes NOT putting our life and health at risk if we know or think we know that it may cause very bad harm. "Excessive daring" St. Thomas Aquinas writes "is a sin against the cardinal virtue of Prudence." Parents who supervise their children's sports should also be aware to exercise Prudence. (CODE: **PJTF** - "peanut butter and jelly on Toast side of Fruit" - code for remembering Prudence Justice (righteousness) Temperance and Fortitude.) "Total fearlessness is opposed to the virtue of Prudence as well as Fortitude."
- St. Thomas Aquinas

Mass Intentions

September 28 – October 5, 2019

Sat. 9/28	8:00 am	+Ryan Heath
	5:30 pm	People of the Parish
Sun. 9/29	8:00am	+Rommel Garcia
	10:00am	+Dr. Henry S. Wicker
	1:00pm	Elizabeth Lol (birthday)
Mon. 9/30	12:00	Mateo-Ayala family
Tue. 10/1	12:00	+Jose Ortiz
Wed. 10/2	12:00	Nativity's sick list
Thu. 10/3	12:00	No mass
Fri. 10/4	12:00	+Guillerma Hernandez
Sat. 10/5	8:00 am	Mateo-Ayala family
	5:30 pm	Anthony (Sonny) Provenzano

Please pray for the sick and home-bound of our Parish:

*Alice R. Allen, *Amina Anderson-Pringle, *Catherine Baum, *Jose Guadalupe Bonilla, *Ann Butler, *Carmen Dolores Campos, *Eileen Carroll-Doshier, *Carla Andrea Catacora, *Shawn Coleman, *William Corbel, *Maria Cruz, *Isel Fitzgerald, *Linda Foster, *Fr. Ricky Gancayo, *Charlie Gick, *Fr. Paul Grauls, SDB, *John Green, Sr., *Janet Henery, *Blanca Hernandez, *Lawrence C. Hill, *Lee Hobbs, *Sydney Horge, *Francis Howard, *James Humphries, *Elaine Hunt, *Helen Hurd, *Larry Ivy, *Irene Jimenez, *Geraldine Jones, *Charles Johnson, *Manuel Juarez, *Busara Kennedy, *Claude Kolthoff, *Betty Lawton, *Yavonna Lewis, *Sandra Lucas, *Eric Malcolm, *Edwin & Regina Mbanude, *Theresa McNair, *Agnes Moore, *Larry Morris, *Iris Newman, *Gloria Payne, *Fr. Everett Pearson, *Michelle Perez, *James Pope, *Anthony Provenzano, *Dorothy Richburg, *Fr. Vince Rigdon, *Rosa Maria Santos, *Robert Schaeffer, *Andre Sims, *Bonafacio Selayo, *Delores Sloan, *Adrian Smith, *Theresa Smith, *Suzie Thompson, *Auristela Toro, *Dominic Valentine, *Dorothy Waring, *Paul Williams.

September is Suicide Prevention Month - free help 24 hours per day. 1-800-273-8255

Annual Red Mass for the Supreme Court - Sun, **Oct 6**, 67th Annual Red Mass hosted by the John Carroll Society at The Cathedral 10am, with Archbishop Wilton Gregory as celebrant.

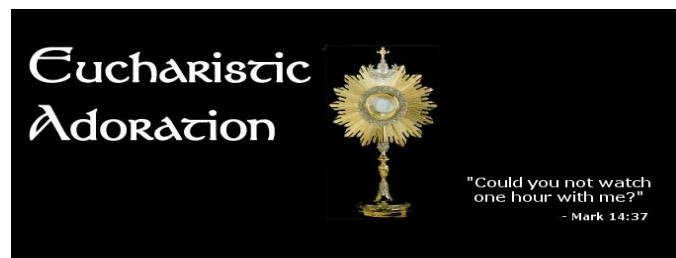
White Mass 10th Anniversary. Renewing Baptismal Promises, Recognizing the Gifts of Persons with Special Needs. - Sun, **Oct 27**, at The Cathedral 11:30 am, with Archbishop Wilton Gregory as celebrant.



Rest in Peace

Maria Magdalena Medrano, died on Sunday, September 22nd in El Salvador. Grandmother of our parishioner and catechist Carmen Rosales.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto her, Oh Lord



Saturday, October 5th AFTER the 8am Mass

“Let the children come to me.”

Matthew 19:14

Religious Education begun on Sunday, September 15th, however you can still enroll your children. All young people must be in religious education for two years in a row before receiving a Sacrament. **Note- families please take your children to Mass. Many children admit their families do not go to Mass regularly.**



Youth Faith and Fun day. October 5, 2019

9am – 2pm

For young people starting at 3rd grade to Senior in High School

- ✓ fun, games, lessons, lunch, daily mass, mentor help from young peers

At Nativity Church with volunteers from Our Lady of Bethesda Center 1 Priest, 1 Brother, 1 Lay Youth Missionary; and 6 High School volunteers. Chaperones and other helpers are welcome. Cost \$5.00 per person (for food/drinks and material expenses). Donations are welcome!