



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2022



Dear Friends in Christ,

In the first reading for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time from the Book of the Prophet Amos, he speaks against those who “will buy the lowly for silver, and the poor for a pair of sandals.” In other words, the prophet Amos spoke against those who used their wealth, their power and their evil behavior to take advantage of the poor or to do evil things against the needy and the lowly to make the poor poorer.

And at the end of the reading, we see God’s “anger”: *“Never will I forget a thing they have done!”*

God, through the Church in the Sacrament of Penance with the power of the Holy Spirit, will absolutely forgive all evil things we have done if we come, confess and ask for His forgiveness. God, however, wants to see a humble spirit in us and a contrite heart, and we too must accept the “consequences” of our evil things/sins which we have done to ourselves, others and the Church.

Whatever evil things we have done, are doing or will do in secret (even just a thought in our mind) will not “escape” God’s justice. Who can handle God’s justice! Someone even told me that he/she can handle Hell!!!! No one on earth could ever understand what God’s justice “looks like.” God is so just! But God is so merciful!

Certainly, we need to realize that we are always the objects of God’s love and forgiveness, and at the same time we are the objects of the Devil’s hatred and jealousy. We need to pray constantly, “lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument,” as Paul said in the second reading, to seek God’s help and protection from temptations which will come to each of us all the time at different levels.

Our praises must go unceasingly; our faith in God must always be nurtured; our trust in God must not be questioned; our love for God must be mature. Absolutely when we do all these things, they do not bring any more glory to God, for God is so perfect; however, all these things will bring us close to God and one day will bring us to Heaven.

Will God accept our praises while we are ignoring “the Lazarus-like” around us, like what the rich man in today’s Gospel did to the poor man Lazarus?

We have the Law of God (the law which no one can change or dares attempt to change) and the teaching of the Church (the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church that Jesus established), but do we truly listen, accept and practice them?

If we do not want to listen, accept and practice God’s law and teaching through the teaching of the Church, then we should not be “bothered” praising God for there is a “great chasm” between our soul and God, caused not by God, but ourselves.

May we always praise God from the rising of the sun to its setting! *Praise the Lord, my soul.*

Peace, Fr. Tien



There is a second collection this weekend for the annual diocesan collection to fund the priests' retirement and benefits plans. The theme this year is "In Service to All." Please be generous. Additional envelopes are available at the entrances of the Church.

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FOR OUR
RETIRED PRIESTS

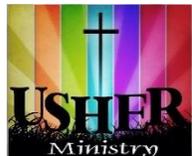
Teachings of Jesus-Path of Joy

Catholic Adult Education on Monday evening Sept. 26th at 7 p.m.



The revelation of Jesus as God is accompanied by a stunning invitation to a unique way of life. Come join us in the spirit of fellowship. Deacon David & Education team

Our Pantry needs sweet peas, mixed veggies, diced tomatoes, and monetary donations for our next distribution. Thank you for your continued support.



The ushers are the first official representative of the church you are likely to encounter when you come to weekend liturgies and, as such, play an important role in making people feel welcome. The usher has many duties: to greet you, help you find a seat, count attendance, pass the collection baskets, distribute the bulletin, offer assistance, and ensure an orderly process during the Sacrament of the Eucharist. An usher is called to be prayerful, respectful, polite, helpful, attentive and alert. The concept of an Usher is not new. In the Old Testament we hear of ushers; however, they were called doorkeepers or gatekeepers that played very similar roles. Jesus' disciples also played the role of an usher in that they prepared the way for Jesus, introduced people to Jesus, and directed people.

Kicking off October's Respect Life month, Knights of Columbus and Mountain Area Pregnancy Services are hosting the regional Haywood March for Life on Saturday, October 1st. A large procession from Saint John's to the Haywood County Courthouse will gather starting at 10 a.m. on Miller Street between the VFW and Saint John's. The 20-minute walk will end with a rally at the Courthouse lawn with speakers, information booths and food from Sauced Pizza.



Pray for healing: Shirley Allegretti, Rita Bader, Joan Barnum, Ray Behr, Dean Birchard, Pam Brady, Parker Burkhart, John Wayne Crunkleton, Mary Cude, Lillianne Duong Davis, Carol Fox, Tony Frede, Morgan Hagen & baby, Shannon Halpin, Brandon Hatch, Dariel Hellerer, Donna Hogsed, Jim Holloran, Barry and Guyla Ivers, Aaron Ivey, Ty Kimsey, Chris Marinari, Matthew Marinari, Millard Michaels, Bill, Dee and Germaine Moffitt, Dolores Molter, Monica Moya, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Bill Shaw, Linda Smith, Catherine Holten Snider, Irene Tisdale, John Turner, Charlene Yudell, Alice Yuzzi



Please pray for our parishioners and all men and women in the armed forces:
Stephen Fox, Kyle McCormick, Lauren Richards, Christopher Richards, Elizabeth Scoon



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, September 24

5:00 P.M. † Marlene Woods by Barbara Broadwell

Sunday, September 25

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. † Justino Soriano by his family
† Marlene Taber by Barbara Broadwell
11:30 A.M. † Holy Souls in Purgatory

Monday, September 26

Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

9:00 A.M. Sister Mary Lu Bauman O.P. by Stanislava Michalik

Tuesday, September 27

Saints Vincent de Paul, Priest
NO DAILY MASS

Wednesday, September 28

Saints Wenceslaus, Martyr;

Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

5:30 P.M. † Marlene Taber by Juok Choi
John Long by Allene Ramsey

Thursday, September 29

Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

9:00 A.M. Pat Tuscan by Marilyn Ricke
Maureen Stipanov by Mary Murphy

Friday, September 30

Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

9:00 A.M. John T. Mielnik by Stanislava Michalik

Saturday, October 1

Saint Therese of the Child Jesus,
Virgin and Doctor of the Church

5:00 P.M. † Dan Allegretti by Barbara Broadwell
† Bill & Anna Nemeth by Bill & Cindy Nemeth

Sunday, October 2

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. † Justino Soriano by his family
11:30 A.M. † Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday 6:15 p.m.

The Rosary

The Rosary is recited one-half hour before Mass.