

Pope Leo's Angelus 21 September 2025

The parable that we hear in today's Gospel (*Lk 16:1-13*) makes us reflect on our use of material goods and, in general, how we administer the most precious good of all, our very life.

In the story we see a steward summoned by the rich man for "an accounting" of his management. Here we are presented with an image that conveys something important: We are not the masters of our lives or of the goods we enjoy; everything has been given to us as a gift by the Lord, who has entrusted this to our care, our freedom, and our responsibility. One day we will be called to give an account of how we have managed ourselves, our possessions and the earth's resources – before both God and humankind, before society, and especially before those who will come after us.

The steward in this parable had, up to this point, sought only his own profit. When the day comes for him to give an account and the position is taken away from him, he has to consider what to do to secure his future. In this difficult situation, he realizes that the accumulation of material goods is not the highest value, for the riches of this world are passing. Then he has a brilliant idea: He calls the debtors and "cuts" their debts, renouncing the portion that would have gone to him. In this way, he loses material wealth but gains friends who will be ready to help and support him.

Taking his cue from the story, Jesus exhorts us: "Make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes" (v. 9).

Indeed, the steward in the parable, even while managing the dishonest wealth of this world, succeeds in finding a way to make friends, leaving behind the solitude of his own selfishness. How much more, then, must we, who are disciples living in the light of the Gospel, use the goods of this world and our very lives with a view to the true wealth, which is friendship with the Lord and with our brothers and sisters.

Dear friends, the parable invites us to ask ourselves: How are we managing the material goods, the resources of the earth and our very lives that God has entrusted to us? We can follow the way of selfishness, placing wealth above all else and thinking only of ourselves. But this isolates us from others and spreads the poison of competition, which often fuels conflict. Instead, we can recognize everything we have as a gift from God, to be managed and used as an instrument for sharing – to create networks of friendship and solidarity, to work for the common good, and to build a world that is more just, equitable and fraternal.

Let us pray to the Virgin Mary, that she may intercede for us and help us manage well, with justice and responsibility, what the Lord has entrusted to us.

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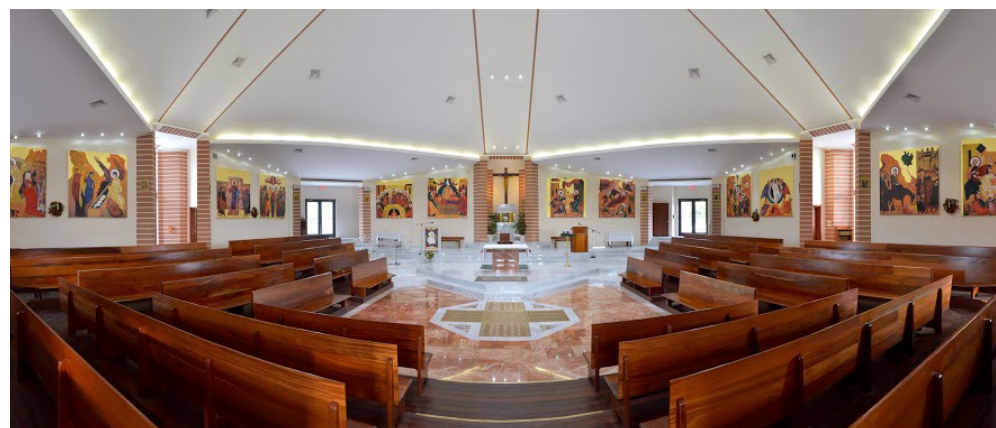
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TWENTYSIXTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME 2025



HOLY MASS

Saturday: 05:30 pm English, Church.

Sunday: 09:00 am English, Church.
10:30 am Creole, Church.
12:30 pm Spanish, Church.

Weekdays: 05:30 pm English, Upper Room, St. Maria Goretti.

Fridays: 04:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary.

05:30 pm Upper Room

SCHEDULE OF SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: Contact one of the priests in person.

1st Confession: T.B.A.
1st Communions: T.B.A..

Confirmations: To be confirmed.

Marriage: Call the parish office for preparation before setting a fixed date.

Anointing of the Sick: Upon request.

Confessions: Everyday before Mass or by appointment.

In Today's Gospel from Luke one could ask the question, "What did the poor man do to deserve getting into heaven? " "Nothing" would seem to be the answer except that he was dirt poor. The rich man goes to hell simply because he does not see Lazarus' plight. He's right there in front of him but is 'invisible' to him. He has no love or compassion in him. He is only concerned about himself. WE too, can fail to see the sufferings of those around us and say, "Well, you know I have my problems and I can't take on anyone else's and so leave me alone." Many years ago, about 35 to be exact, I was walking on the sidewalk of a busy suburban street in Sydney and there was a car accident. The suburb was full of gay women mainly. Well who was the first to stop and try to help was an obviously gay woman. The ones who completely ignored the accident were a man and woman . He was wearing an immaculate suit and she a very fashionable dress. They were completely oblivious to what was going on. They had more important things to discuss as they walked all around the car crash! Why this strikes me is that the sinners were the ones who cared and the rich simply ignored the whole thing. This means that you cannot judge anyone until the crisis comes and then the true colours come out. One for the good, the other for the bad.

Let us ask the Lord to have our eyes open so that we can show compassion to those around us who are suffering, which means to see in them the presence of Jesus Christ in our midst. Fr. Paul



HOLY HOUR FRIDAYS

4:00 pm—5:00 pm.

Holy Rosary in three languages, readings reflection, and meditation on the Holy Eucharist. Upper Room St. Maria Goretti.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

The marriage course will continue in October as follows

Thursday 2nd October,

Thursday 16th October

Monday 20th October

It will be at 7pm in St. Joseph's room and it will be given by a married couple with one of the priests to assist and answer any questions.

This is open to everyone even those who are married and may want to renew their vows.

CCD CLASSES

NEW TIME AND PLACE

BEGINNING Saturday
4 October.

10am at the Church

Parish Events Sept.28-Oct.4

**Holy Mass: 09:00 am, 10:30am
12:30pm,**

04:00pm Coeur de Marie Children's group.
05:00pm Fraternalite, Red Room.
05:00pm Creole Youth Choir practice.
05:30pm Sacre Coeur de Jesus, P. Hall.
06:00pm Choeur D'hommes 1st and 3rd Sunday at church.

**Monday Feast of Archangels,
Michael, Gabriel & Raphael**
05:30 pm Daily Mass, SMG, Upper Room

Tuesday St. Jerome
05:30pm Daily Mass, SMG, Upper Room
07:00pm First English, Blue Chapel
07:00pm Second English, St. Joseph's Room
07:00pm Spanish, St. Maria Goretti
07:00pm Sixth English, Blessed Sac. Chapel

Wednesday St. Therese of Lisieux
05:30pm Daily Mass,, SMG Upper Room
07:00pm Third English, SMG, Upper Room
07:00pm Fourth English, St. Joseph's Room
07:00pm Fifth English, Blue Chapel
07:00pm Creole, Blessed Sacrament, Chapel

Thursday The Guardian Angels
05:30 pm Daily Mass SMG, Upper Room

Friday
04:00 pm Adoration, SMG upstairs
05:30 pm Daily Mass, SMG upstairs

Saturday St. Francis of Assisi
05:30 pm Mass in Church
07:00 pm Eucharist NCW



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- Printing Paper
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