

St. Francis Xavier Parish

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Lying at the rich man's door
was a poor man named Lazarus.**

Luke 16:20

September 29, 2019

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The parable of the rich man and Lazarus is a powerful and painful cautionary tale. The Gospel narrative paints a vivid picture. We can imagine the poor man, Lazarus, lying at the door of the rich man. We can see the rich man in our mind's eye, well-dressed and well-fed. The rich man has walked past Lazarus every day but has never really seen him. Even though he knows Lazarus' name, he does not matter to the rich man. Lazarus matters to God, however. The rich man did not only fail to care for Lazarus in life. He expected Lazarus to serve him in the afterlife. He is totally focused on himself. Only after he realizes the eternal consequences of his failure to care does he think of his brothers. And even then, he expects Lazarus to be his messenger! The rich man missed the point of the commandments and the witness of the prophets, in life and in death.

SEE LAZARUS IN OUR MIDST

As people of faith, Lazarus must matter to us as well. It is impossible to hear this parable without thinking of the poor and homeless in our cities, on our streets. We may not know them, but they have names. We may not understand their circumstances, but they are our brothers and sisters. Jesus' life and teaching show us that God's way is the way of love. Jesus sacrificed everything on the cross, and leads us to give beyond what we think we can or should, to pour ourselves out for the sake of others. How much like the rich man are we? We cannot solve all of the issues of poverty and homelessness in our cities, country, and world. But we are called to do something, to pay attention, to truly care, to advocate for justice and fairness, to see and to love the person on the street, as a person. As Lazarus.

Today's Readings: Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Tim 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

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Masses for the Week

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SEPT. 28 **SATURDAY**
 4:00 P.M. **Annette Mobley†**
 (*Lottie & Jerry Durbin*)

SEPT. 29 **SUNDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Thomas Ferris†**
 (*Karen Eisenhauer & Family*)

10:00 A.M. **Marion & Gladys Rine†**
 (*Mark & Jane Helfer*)

SEPT. 30 **MONDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Don McCormick†**
 (*Mike & Jan Fahey*)

OCT. 1 **TUESDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Chuck & Mary Taskalines**
 (*Libby Magnone*)

OCT. 2 **WEDNESDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Donald & Bessie Reynolds†**
 (*Tex & Theresa Reynolds*)

OCT. 3 **THURDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Christian McDonald**
 (*Mom & Dad*)

OCT. 4 **FRIDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Sophie Skrzypek†**
 (*Gordon Family*)

OCT. 5 **SATURDAY**
 4:00 P.M. **Iola Masters†**
 (*Suzy Lunau & Family*)

OCT. 6 **SUNDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Phillip & Mary Klug†**
 (*Klug Family*)

10:00 A.M. **Naomi Mark†**
 (*Rick & Robin Targosky*)

Celebrate!

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

September 29, 2019

WEEKLY SCHEDULES

Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers:

10/5 4:00 p.m. Alice Wise/ Libby Magnone
 10/6 8:00 a.m. C. Frame/L. Yoho
 10/6 10:00 a.m. M. Hitt/ J. Kuskey

Altar Servers:

10/5 4:00 p.m. VOLUNTEER
 10/6 8:00 a.m. Kent
 10/6 10:00 a.m. Swift

Gift Bearers:

10/5 4:00 p.m. Ellen McCormick
 10/6 8:00 a.m. John Harrigan
 10/6 10:00 a.m. John & Loretta Niemiec

Sacristy Cleaners: Week of September 30, 2019

Julie Anderson & Ruth Bertrand

Greeters:

10/5 4:00 p.m. Dave & Celeste Evans
 10/6 8:00 a.m. Paula Whitwam & Lottie Durbin
 10/6 10:00 a.m. Sue Church & Cindy Gunto

Bingo: October 4, 2019

Raffle: Jenny Ingram

Kitchen: Mark Hitt

COLLECTION: September 15, 2019

Envelopes - \$ 2,533.00

Loose Offering - \$ 594.00

Building Repairs - \$ 90.00

Diocesan Scholarship - \$ 5.00

Memorial Offerings - \$465.00

Pennies for God - \$ 7.00

Attendance - 293

The Second Collection September 29

Catholic University of America

This collection provides funding for academic Scholarships at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC in response to the commitment made by the bishops at its foundation in 1887. It is the only US. University with Pontifical faculties. Students are enrolled from all 50 states and almost 100 countries in 12 schools.

Rev. That Son Ngoc Nguyen, pastor

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):

Sat. 3:30 p.m., or any other time upon request.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage.

Pre-Cana is required.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment. The Diocese requires instructions beforehand for the parents.

Contact the parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (P.S.R.):

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. for Grades 1-12.

REGISTRATION AND CHURCH SUPPORT:

Parishioners should be properly registered at the Parish Office

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Xavier Hall Phone: 304-845-7080

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekends: Saturday - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:00 a.m./10:00 a.m.

Weekdays: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.

Holy Day Mass Schedule:

8:00 am, 7:00 p.m.



**PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS,
FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS:**

Prayer Request: Norma Holmes, Marjolea DeBold, Linda Anderson, Tony & Jerrie Skvarka, Dave Williams, Peggy Mysliwicz, Zelma Imhof, Bobby Kleinedler, Barbara Harris, Joe Church.

Homebound: Semon & Phyllis Prado, Doris Murphy, Rachel Kerekes.

Nursing Home: Bill Tennant, Bob Tetrick, Gary Dobbs, Patricia Schmidt, Helen Remke, Barbara Meyer, Elizabeth Potts, Marilyn Neidhardt, Helen Cuchta, Ron Jaworski.

Second Collection October 5th & 6th

Bishop Mark Brennan asks that we take up a collection to help provide assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters in the Bahamas through Catholic Relief Services. Many residents have lost everything, including their tourism industry, and are in desperate need of humanitarian assistance. Our country has the resources to handle devastating natural disasters, but a small country like the Bahamas does not.



Blessing of the animals

Saturday, October 5 at 10:00. All are invited to bring your animal companions to this annual blessing in celebration of the Feast Day of Saint

Francis Assisi, the patron saint of animals. Please make sure that your pets are secured and that any "spontaneous offerings" are cleaned up.

Annual Day of Service at Mount St. Joseph

The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph began the practice of an annual day of service in 1977. This year it will be October 12, the Saturday closest to their foundation date, October 15, 1650. The purpose for Foundation Day Service is to invite others to serve with the sisters (reach out in Love of Neighbor) in a public way and do reflection on service following the experience. This year there will be a "Knitting Marathon" from 10 am to 4 pm. Participants are free to come and go according to their own schedules. Items will be distributed to local agencies who work with our neighbors in need. For info call 304-233-8424

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Oct. 1 - 2020 Mass Book opens
- Oct. 1 - Payment for Bus Trip is due
- Oct. 3 - Mass at Cameron Nursing Home
- Oct. 5 - 10 am Blessing of the Animals
- Oct. 8 - 11am Mass at Moundview Nursing Home
- Oct. 11 - Fish Fry
- Oct 16 & 17 - Bible Study begins
- Oct. 14-18 - Catholic Charities Volunteer Trip
- Nov. 1 - Holy Day of Obligation and Parish Memorial Mass
- Nov. 7 - Bus trip to Lancaster
- Nov. 8 - Fish Fry
- Nov. 9 - Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass
- Nov. 13 - 11 am Consolation Ministry
- Nov. 23 - 9 am Clean Church for Christmas

The Sanctuary Candle

beside the tabernacle burns this week
for:

Stephanie Eddy

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What is Priesthood Sunday?

Priesthood Sunday, September 29, 2019, is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one.

Let us pray:

For all priests who are ordained to serve our Church, that their ministry may be fruitful and appreciated by the people whom they serve.

For Father That Son, our pastor, in his ministry to the People of St. Francis Xavier that we may affirm, support, and celebrate his gift of service to us.

That this parish family may always embrace our priest and sustain his ministry by our love, our prayer, and our trust.

**St. Alphonsus Christian Mothers
Annual Card Party**

Sunday, Oct. 6, 2019 - St. Alphonsus Parish Hall
1:00-3:00 pm. \$8.00 per person
For reservations contact Rita Salvadori (740) 296-1613 or Parish office (304) 232-4353

Office of Safe Environment

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