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**Our Parish
COMMUNITY**

September 28, 2025

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Amos 6:1a, 4-7 / 1 Timothy 6:11-16 / Luke 16:19-31



Adrift

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

In *A Christmas Carol*, Ebenezer Scrooge found himself confronted by the person he had become: someone forced to accept the reality painted by the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Yet to Come. Scrooge hadn't realized how he had slowly drifted into becoming an uncaring and greedy person, unable to show compassion because he never really saw someone else's pain. The story of Ebenezer Scrooge is the story of the rich man in this Sunday's gospel who was unmoved by poor Lazarus, sitting at the gate of the rich man's sumptuous life. They are both stories of human beings drifting into emptiness.

St. Thomas Aquinas suggested that our motivations in life can ultimately be reduced to eight different categories. If we're interested in understanding what sort of people we are becoming, we might ask

ourselves which of these questions best describes our motivation: Am I making my decisions and choices about life based on wealth? Or am I looking to be admired by others and be praised? Is it lasting glory that I seek? Or power so that I can be noted for "making a difference?" Is what I seek a life of ultimate pleasure and comfort? Is it health that I look for? Or perhaps something related to my inner life—some intangible good, like virtue or knowledge? Or is it to see God already in this life what I truly want? It is always a challenge to know our true selves because all too often we may be adrift, unaware of who we are becoming. ●

Reflect

Which of St. Thomas Aquinas' questions describes me and my choices?

Twenty-Sixth Sunday (C) September 28, 2025

A major theme in the Gospel of Luke is the importance of the care of the poor in the life of discipleship. In the parable found in today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the life of a rich man and the poor man, Lazarus, who lives in the shadow of the rich man and his wealth. Both die. Lazarus finds himself in heaven, the rich man in the netherworld. The rich man asks for assistance from Lazarus in his torment. But Abraham reminds the rich man of the good things he had in his life and describes the current situation as a reversal of fortunes. The rich man then asks that Lazarus be sent to warn his family, but this is denied with the reminder that Moses and the prophets have warned of judgment for those who neglect the care of the poor.

In the context of Luke's Gospel, this parable, delivered in the presence of a crowd of listeners, is part of Jesus' response to some Pharisees. These Pharisees are described in Luke's Gospel as "loving money." (Note: The Pharisees were followers of a sect of Judaism active before, during, and after Jesus' lifetime. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for popular Jewish piety. They put less emphasis on Temple worship and more on applying the law to everyday life. Though they are often portrayed negatively in the Gospels, they shared many of Jesus' and the early Church's concerns about the law.) Jesus observed that the actions of some Pharisees betrayed misplaced priorities: they spoke one way but acted in another. The story of the rich man and Lazarus demonstrates the importance of the care of the poor and is a reminder to those who would follow Jesus of the unimportance of wealth in the eyes of God.

Mass Schedule & Intentions For the week of September 29, 2025

Mon.	Sept	29	7:00 AM	SJ	No Mass
Tues.	Sept	30	7:00 AM	SJ	Lewellyn Frey †
Wed.	Oct.	01	5:30 PM	SA	Leech & Brosius Family †
Thurs.	Oct.	02	5:30 PM	SB	Philip Tierney †
Fri.	Oct.	03	8:30 AM	SJ	No Mass
Sat.	Oct.	04	5:30 PM	SB	Nancy Willis †
Sun.	Oct.	05	8:00 AM	SJ	Vincent & Kaye Venhaus†
Sun.	Oct.	05	9:30 AM	SA	People of the Parish

HAPPY
Birthday

Wallace Opela Oct 2nd
Don Pandorf Oct 4th

*Happy
Anniversary*

Mr. & Mrs. Rick Beshaler
Sept 29th

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Amos Sept 30th
Mr. & Mrs. Rod Brestel Oct 1st

Ministry Schedule

Date: Oct 4-5	St Agnes	St Boniface	St John's
Time	<u>Sunday 9:30 AM</u>	<u>Saturday 5:30 PM</u>	<u>Sunday 8:00 AM</u>
Hospitality	Julie B.	Chancey & Roni B.	Steve & Cindy F.
Lector	Mary A.	Carla K.	Molly W,
Server		Quinton B. & Breckn D.	Avery B. & Tate B.
EMHC	Charles F. & Con P.	David P. & Rod B.	Jim & Kristy O.
Communion to shut ins or Music		David P.	Music: Kelsey

St. Agnes

Our Gifts to God & Church
September 21, 2025

Total Collection:
\$225.00

Diocesan Appeal
Begins Oct 4th

Thrift Store
Open Oct 10 9AM to 4PM

CCD Oct 1st
Elementary 3:40 PM
High School 7:30 PM

Parish Council Meeting
Wed. Oct 8th 6:00 PM

Word Among Us!

When you finish your Sept. Word Among Us, please send it to St Agnes Attn: Aleta or put it in the collection basket. The office will get it to Aleta.

St. Boniface

Our Gifts to God & Church
September 21, 2025

Total Collection:
\$1020.00

CCD Wednesday Oct 1st
PreK to 2nd 4 PM
3rd -12th Supper 6:10
Class 6:30 to 7:30 PM

Fr. Michael will be at the church
Thursday Oct 2nd at 5 PM to hear
confessions before mass

Weekend of Oct 4-5. Mass is
Saturday Oct 4 at 5:30 PM No
Sunday Mass that weekend at St Bon

Salad Luncheon Oct 2 at noon
Morning Star Women of Faith
TACO SUNDAY

Sunday, October 5
11:00-1:00
Callaway
Community Center
Free Will Donation

Parish Council Meeting
Thurs. Oct 9th 6:00 PM

St. John's

Our Gifts to God & Church
September 21, 2025

Total Collection:
\$1408.00

Diocesan Appeal
Begins Oct 4th

CCD Wednesday Oct 1st
PreK to 5th 3:40 PM
6th -12th Supper 6:30 Fr Mike
Class Begins 7:00 PM

Weekend of Oct 4-5 Mass is
Sunday at 8 AM

ADORATION OCT 1ST 7:30 -8 PM
ALL ARE WELCOME

Parish Council Meeting
Sun. Oct 5th 5:00 PM

October 2 – Guardian Angels



Dear Padre,

Why does my parish priest preach about love practically every Sunday?

"Through the course of the liturgical year, the homily sets forth the mysteries of faith and the standards of the Christian life on the basis of the sacred text" (*Lectio*, 24). A translation of the English word "love" appears in the Bible more than 500 times; by comparison, "sin" appears approximately 400 times. Thus, insofar as the homily "should be an explanation of some aspect of the readings from sacred Scripture" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 65), God's word on "love" is far too prevalent to overlook.



YOUNG/ALAMY/SHUTTERSTOCK

Pope Francis called God's word "a love letter, written to us by the One who knows us best." In the Bible, this God who desires to bestow his love on us (See 1 John 3:1), is essentially telling us, "How do I love thee? Let me count the ways." How we love God in return may be likened to two partners in a committed relationship.

Over time, they become so intertwined that they can even assume each other's speech patterns, mannerisms, and views. Likewise, for those who love God, over the years we can begin to internalize the words from God's "love letter" and reflect them in our Christian speech, actions, and outlook! "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him" (John 14:23). ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In our day, there is a widespread thirst for justice, a desire for authentic fatherhood and motherhood, a profound longing for spirituality, especially among young people and the marginalized, who do not always find effective means of making their needs known. There is a growing demand for the Church's social doctrine, to which we need to respond.

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 17, 2025

Monday

September 29
Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or
Rv 12:7-12ab
Jn 1:47-51

Tuesday

September 30
St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Zec 8:20-23
Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday

October 1
St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Neh 2:1-8
Lk 9:57-62

Thursday

October 2
The Holy Guardian Angels
Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12
Mt 18:1-5, 10

Friday

October 3
Weekday
Bar 1:15-22
Lk 10:13-16

Saturday

October 4
St. Francis of Assisi
Bar 4:5-12, 27-29
Lk 10:17-24

Sunday

October 5
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4
2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14
Lk 17:5-10