

## KEEPING FAITH FIRST- FAMILY FUN

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## Catechizing Corner!

We know the man is wealthy because he wears purple clothing, and purple is a color worn by royalty. His purple clothing places him among society's elite. The "merry-making" of this royal personage implies a feast of the most grandiose order. It is sumptuous, an out-of-the-ordinary feast, reserved only for the most momentous occasions. Nevertheless, it is a feast that occurs every day!

Contrast such urban opulence with the situation of Lazarus, who has nothing but his name. His name means, "he whom God helps." The contrast is stark. The rich man has many possessions. The poor man has only his name, but it is a name that holds within it a promise of help. The story tells us that Lazarus is a beggar. During Jesus' time, beggars were considered sinners and deserving of their lot. Poverty was viewed as divine retribution. The rich man is on the inside; the beggar, Lazarus, is on the outside, at the gate. He has no access to the goods of the world. The gate serves as entryway-it can either let in or keep out. The rich man, in a position of patron, can use the gate to either let in his client or to shut him out and cut him off. What will he do? Will he help Lazarus? Lazarus's desire to eat the rich man's table droppings contrasts with the daily feast of the rich man. The rich man and the beggar are thus divided by society's gate that distinguishes outsiders from insiders. Since this was a limited-goods society, what there was, was all there was. There was no excess to go around. Rich and poor were in fixed positions. We are cautioned not to judge the situation in terms of contemporary biases. But what we can expect is some sort of assistance for Lazarus by the rich man. To compound Lazarus's plight, even the cursed dogs licked his sores. Dogs were considered a plague in the ancient world.

Lazarus remains passive in the story. He does not even beg, which in this society makes him even less sympathetic. At least as a beggar he would perform a meaningful function: he would provide the opportunity for others to give alms.



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## Disciple's Reflection

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## Question of the Week

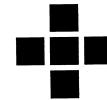
**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary  
 Time**  
**9/25/2022**

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## Call to Prayer

**Begin by calling upon God: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.**

Let us pause for a moment and listen attentively to this week's passage.

## The Word of God Luke 16:19-31

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to the Pharisees:

“There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day.

And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps

that fell from the rich man's table.

Dogs even used to come and lick his sores.

When the poor man died,

he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham.

The rich man also died and was buried, and from the **netherworld**, where he was in torment,

he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side.

And he cried out, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me.

### Gospel Glossary

The **netherworld** is the place Jews thought the dead souls go.

A **chasm** is a large, deep gap, or distance between two

Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering torment in these flames.’ Abraham replied, ‘My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great **chasm** is established to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go from our side to yours or from your side to ours.’ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they too come to this place of torment.’ But Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.’ He said, ‘Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ Then Abraham said, ‘If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.’”

### The Gospel of the Lord.

sides, or people, or things. A chasm is like a huge canyon or gorge.



## Faith Sharing

### Questions of the Week:

**Adults:** Describe a time when someone questioned your faith or challenged it.

**Teens:** How can you avoid being wasteful?

**Children:** Describe someone who you believe is wise. What have they taught you?

**Families:** As a household, consider ways you are called to help the hungry.

## Closing Prayer

Lord, You have called us to be your disciples, to live in faith, walking always in your footsteps. By your suffering, death, and resurrection, you have made us children of God. As you have loved us and asked us to love one another, help us to love and embrace everyone in our lives.

Fill us with love, compassion, forgiveness, patience, understanding, and tolerance, even when we face the pain of hatred, rejection, and failure.

Guide us to be good disciples. May we seek always the praise and glory of God and the good of all people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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