

Sunday, September 25, 2022
The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 1) Amos 6:1a, 4-7
- 2) 1 Timothy 6:11-16
- 3) Luke 16:19-31

FOCUS: God's love and mercy must be manifest in our care for those around us.

Our actions and choices – how we live our lives as Christians – have an influence on others. For many, our actions as true disciples may be the only “homily” they will ever hear. As a community of faith, God's love and mercy must be manifest in our care for those around us, especially those in need.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The prophet Amos speaks for the Lord, saying that those who live for themselves without caring for others will find no favor before God. Paul encourages Timothy in his commitment and fidelity to the Gospel truth. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the rich man and Lazarus.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Let us bring our prayers before our loving and compassionate God, who knows our joys, hopes, and fears.

- 1) For Church leaders, may the Lord bless them in their humble service of love for God's people, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For government officials, may the Holy Spirit be their guide in seeking justice and truth in all of their actions, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who suffer from lack of adequate housing, food, or educational opportunities, may the Lord bless them with the help and support they need, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For all of us gathered here, may the Lord renew and deepen our faith and lead us in greater service to one another, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all the faithful departed, particularly those who have no one else to pray for them, may they be welcomed into the heavenly Jerusalem, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Loving God, you invite us to share in your eternal kingdom and to live in a manner worthy of your invitation. Hear the prayers we bring to you today, through your Son, Christ our Lord.