

Seeing Beyond Your Suffering

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

"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." [Luke 16:19-21](#)

From one perspective, Lazarus was existing in a very undesirable state. He was poor, starving, and miserable. He was covered with sores that dogs would lick. This is very descriptive language used by Jesus and it's helpful to do your best to imagine this miserable physical state that Lazarus was in.

The key to this story is that even though Lazarus was in a miserable physical condition, his soul was in the hands of God. We know that to be true, because we are told that when he died, he was "carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham" ([Luke 16:22](#)). This story provides us all with an opportunity to look at what is most important in life. The rich man had all he wanted in this life but clearly lacked charity on account of the fact that he ignored the physical needs of Lazarus. For that reason, the rich man was spiritually impoverished, whereas Lazarus was spiritually prosperous.

When you can keep your eyes on what is most important in life, spiritual wealth, it will make the many other hardships you endure less burdensome. Perhaps you will never be in the same physical condition as Lazarus, but you may encounter other great pains and hardships in life. When this happens, the tendency may be to become fixated upon those sufferings and to take your eyes off your interior union with God.

Reflect, today, upon how you would deal with living like Lazarus. Reflect upon what your own "sores" are in life. They may be varied in type, degree and number from those of other people's sufferings, but they will be encountered in your life. As you identify your suffering, turn your eyes from it to the presence of God in your soul, and allow His presence to fill you with the riches of His grace.

Lord, I offer to You my suffering and pain, my misery and hurt. Help me to always keep my eyes on You and to seek satisfaction only in the riches of Heaven. Fill my heart, especially, with love of You and charity for others so that I will be truly rich in what matters most. Jesus, I trust in You.

Consider a gift/bequest to St. Anne's, Mary Queen of Heaven, or St. Francis of Assisi in your will.

I give to the "St. Anne/St. Francis of Assisi/Mary Queen church Preservation Fund" located in Medical Lake/Sprague/Harrington, WA., the following amount/percent ___ to be used exclusively for Church preservation.
... OR ...

I give to St. Anne/St. Francis of Assisi/Mary Queen Catholic Parish, located " located in Medical Lake/Sprague/Harrington, WA, the following amount/percent ___ to be used wherever needed most.



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September 25, 2022 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mary Queen of Heaven, Sprague, WA

Sunday: 10:30 am *Confession @ 10:00am

12:30 pm English Mass

Daily Mass: 7:00 am Mass

St. Anne, Medical Lake, WA

Sunday: 9:00 am English Mass

Monday: 6:00 pm English Mass

Tuesday: 9:00 am English Mass

Wednesday: 9:00 am English Mass

Thursday: 9:00 am English Mass

Friday: 6:00 pm English Mass

**Confessions 30 minutes before EVERY Mass.*

**Adoration Monday & Friday 5:00pm-6:00pm*

**Adoration Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:30am-10:30 am*

St. Francis of Assisi, Harrington, WA

Saturday: 5:30 pm Mass *Confession @ 5:00pm

Sacraments

Penance (Confession):

St. Anne: 30 minutes before EVERY Mass

Mary Queen: Sunday 10:00 am

St. Francis of Assisi: Saturdays 5:00 pm

Baptism and Confirmation:

Contact Parish Office

Marriage:

Contact Parish Office

(requires preparation for at least 6 months in advance)

welcome
to our parish

2022 Inland Northwest Catholic Men's Retreat

Fri Oct. 14, - Sun, Oct 16
 Lutherhaven Camp, Coeur d'Alene's Mica Bay.
Cost:
 \$195 for the weekend including room/board
 \$140 for full weekend without lodging
 \$90 for Saturday only.

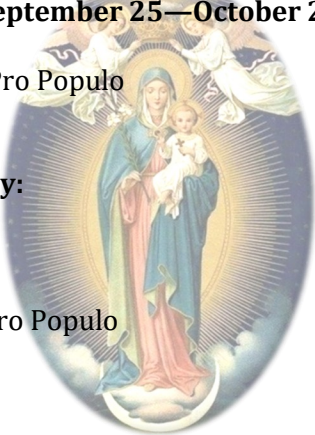
Register soon at www.inwmensretreat.org/
 For more information call Mike Anderson at 208-664-1498. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus.

QUILTING GROUP @ ST. ANNE'S HALL

You are invited to join us at 9:45 Wednesday mornings in **St. Anne's church hall**. If you would like to help but cannot join us, you can pick up Christmas fabric, iron, and cut 8-1/2 inch squares. Return them to the back of the church or hall. Please mark "For Quilters". Any questions, call Sally 702-622-5522. Thank you.

Mass Prayer Intentions
September 25—October 2

- Sunday:** Pro Populo
- Monday:**
- Tuesday:**
- Wednesday:**
- Thursday:**
- Friday:**
- Saturday:**
- Sunday:** Pro Populo



And for all the intentions of our parishioners, especially the intentions in our Parish prayer chain.

Mary, Queen of Heaven, pray for us!
St. Anne, pray for us!
St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us!



Priesthood Sunday, September 25th

THANK A PRIEST TODAY!

Without priests, who would make Jesus present to us in the Eucharist? Without priests, who would make the Sacrament of Reconciliation available to us?

Special Intentions for this week:

May our pope, bishops and priests continue to minister in humble justice and faithful service.
 For an increase in religious vocations: May men respond to Christ's call to serve the Church in the priesthood.

Please pray for Father Ishida and all priests ... as they are always in need of our prayers.



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Religious Education
Welcome Back!

Beginning, Wednesday, September 21
Instruction in the Faith - Get to know the Faith!
Wednesdays 6:00-7:00 - Parish Hall
 Join us in St. Anne's Hall

Beginning, Wednesday, October 5
1st Communion & Confirmation Classes
Wednesdays 5:30-6:00 - Parish Hall
 Join us in St. Anne's Hall



Welcome

To all visitors who are joining us for worship today. May your time with us be grace-filled and may the Lord Jesus bless you and your loved ones.

September/October at a glance:

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Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.