

# Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## September 25, 2022



**CHARITY**  
is  
**WEALTH**  
*in the eyes of God.*



Saint Mary 14 Park Street + Sacred Heart 58 Church Street + Saint Mark 105 Stanley Street  
North Attleborough, Massachusetts

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### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saint Mary Church • Saturday 3:00 pm

### Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are scheduled on Saturday afternoons at 1:00 pm, with a limit of four families at each baptism. Please contact Monica Forte in the office at [stmaryna@noozi.com](mailto:stmaryna@noozi.com) for more information and available dates.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Marriage is usually celebrated on Saturday morning and afternoon. Please contact the Parish Office at least nine months in advance to begin preparation.

### Sacrament of the Sick

Pastoral care to those in need of the sacrament of the sick is arranged through the parish office. Please call to arrange a visit.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration is offered on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month in Saint Mary Church, beginning at 9:00 am and ending at 6:00 pm with Benediction.

### Parish Offering

If you are attending in person, you may drop your contribution in the collection basket. You are welcome to mail your budget envelope to the parish office, at 14 Park Street, North Attleborough, MA 02760. You may also leave your envelope in the drop box located outside the parish office door, to the right on the landing. Or you can use this link for online giving:

<https://app.gabrielsoft.com/guest/mafrdiocese/31>

Thank you for your ongoing support!

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 pm Saint Mary Church

Sunday 8:00 am Saint Mark Church

Sunday 9:30 am Saint Mary Church

Sunday 11:00 am Sacred Heart Church

### Weekday Masses

Monday 4:30 pm Saint Mary Church

Tuesday 8:00 am Saint Mark Church

Wednesday 4:30 pm Saint Mary Church

Thursday 8:00 am Communion Service

Saint Mark Church

*Links to:* Transfiguration of the Lord Facebook page  
<https://www.facebook.com/Transfiguration-of-the-Lord-Parish-North-Attleborough-106529317647894/>

YouTube at <https://tinyurl.com/ysfaxaty>

### Parish Office

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**Sept. 25– 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

|                  |                                                 |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>September 24</b>                             |
| 4:00 pm          | Lee Killingsworth                               |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>September 25</b>                             |
| 8:00 am          | Caroline McManus                                |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>September 25</b>                             |
| 9:30 am          | Ann & Al Taggi                                  |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>September 25</b>                             |
| 11:00 am         | Mariano Araujo and<br>Jose & Maria Jose Botelho |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>September 26</b>                             |
| 4:30 pm          | Elsa Sista                                      |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>September 27</b>                             |
| 8:00 am          | Paul S. Dumas, Sr.                              |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>September 28</b>                             |
| 4:30 pm          | Barbara Galligan                                |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>September 29</b>                             |
| 8:00 am          | Dan T. Hickey                                   |

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**Oct. 2– 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Saturday</b> | <b>October 1</b>                                         |
| 4:00 pm         | Mark Vandette                                            |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>October 2</b>                                         |
| 8:00 am         | Deacon Richard Hassey,<br>Katharine Hassey & Mary Hassey |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>October 2</b>                                         |
| 9:30 am         | Michael Sharkey                                          |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>October 2</b>                                         |
| 11:00 am        | Harold Edgar                                             |

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**Parish Contributions**

*For where your treasure is,  
there also will your heart be. – Luke 12:34*

Collection figures from Sept. 10 and 11:  
\$10,371.54

*Many thanks to all those who continue to remember  
our parish community in your prayers and  
budgeting.*

**In Your Prayers**

*Gabriel Petroni  
Charles Dufault*

*Eternal rest grant unto our beloved dead, O Lord.  
Let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest always in the loving arms of God*

**Adopt-A-Family Updates**

On behalf of Transfiguration of the Lord Parish and former Representative Betty Poirier (R) North Attleboro, we would like to personally extend an invitation to participate in our upcoming Adopt-A-Family Fundraiser bowl-a-thon to be held at North Bowl on October 21, 2022. For so many of you who have experienced this fun-filled event in the past can attest to what a wonderful time they had coming together with our Catholic community. It is a great evening of fellowship, laughter, friendship, and many chances to win some awesome raffle items!

**SO . . . MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR NEXT FUN-FILLED BOWL-A-THON SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21st!** If you are interested in pulling together a team or if you don't have a team, we can put you on a team. Call Deb Fitzgibbons at 978-884-1945 with any questions or to secure a lane! If you are interested in sponsoring a lane, we will develop a "personalized" banner for you! Don't miss out . . . this event is has grown every year and there is SO MUCH FUN to be had! Cost for bowling is \$20.00 adults/\$11.00 children (under 10).

God Bless,  
*Debbie Fitzgibbons and Betty Poirier,*  
Adopt-A-Family Committee Members

**Eucharistic Adoration**

October 4th benefit and inspiration:  
*"Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Eucharist will obtain a more abundant measure of grace. (St. Alphonsus Ligouri)*  
Adoration is at Saint Mary Church, Tuesday, October 4, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 6:00 p.m. with Benediction. For more information call Joanne Regali (508-643-3821) or Arlene Hall (508-801-2243). Please leave a message if the call is not answered immediately.

## Saint Mary-Sacred Heart School

Family School Alliance Fundraiser: Please join us at Panera in North Attleboro on Thursday, September 29th, between 4 - 8pm. SMSH will receive 20% of sales. We thank you for your support of our school community!



### Seek Virtue

In today's first reading, Amos condemns a self-absorbed people and their morally corrupt behavior and attitudes, which he warns will bring devastation. In the Gospel, the wealthy man is not given a name; he is simply the epitome of greed and irresponsibility. His lack of caring has created a gulf between him and the beggar Lazarus that not even Abraham can bridge.

In his letter to Timothy, a young bishop in the small Resurrection community of Ephesus, Paul exhorts this leader to seek virtues such as integrity, faith, and steadfastness with great gentleness. Paul also asks Timothy to keep in mind the future life with God who "dwells in unapproachable light." This is the blessedness of all those who, like Lazarus, were once poor but who are now rich.

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### Parish Office

Monica will be away beginning Monday, September 26 and plans to return Monday, October 3. The bulletin for October 2 was sent ahead of time. Please hold any Mass intention requests, sacramental certificate requests and general inquiries until her return. For emergencies, please call the office 508-695-6161 and leave a message for Father Ciryak. For Faith Formation questions please contact Elaine Corvese at [TransfigurationRelEd@gmail.com](mailto:TransfigurationRelEd@gmail.com) or 508-695-3823. Thank you for your kind understanding.

## Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal Catholic organization focused on Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Council #330 has been serving the Catholic community of the Transfiguration of the Lord Parish since 1898. The Council is committed to assisting local causes that align with our Catholic values such as the Parish, St Mary-Sacred Heart School, Adopt-a-Family, and Abundant Hope. If you are interested in becoming a member or have questions, please contact Jim Schromm at [jim.schromm@verizon.net](mailto:jim.schromm@verizon.net).



## Transfiguration of the Lord Parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul.



### Call for Assistance

If you need assistance, please call the help line for our parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society. They can offer information about the types of assistance available. Please call 508-212-4755 for help or more information.

### Please Keep Our Churches Clean

Please remove ALL papers, tissues and any other items and dispose of them properly as you leave the church. Nothing should be left in the pews after Mass. (Trash receptacles are available at the entrances/exits). Please return all kneelers to the upright position as you leave. Children in need of the restroom should be supervised by an adult. Please check the restroom before leaving to make ensure it is left in a sanitary condition. Thank you for your assistance.

## Saint Mary - Sacred Heart School



### SMSH School Golf Tournament

Please come and support our parish school!  
All are welcome!

When: Tuesday, October 4th –  
Registration opens at 10:30am/shotgun  
start at 11:30am

Where: Agawam Hunt, Rumford, RI  
Costs: \$175 per individual golfer/\$600 per  
foursome - includes boxed lunch



Hole & Goose Cart  
Sponsorships are available  
Please contact Chris  
Brislin to register and with  
any questions at  
[cbrislin77@gmail.com](mailto:cbrislin77@gmail.com)

### “Science is magic that works.”

- Kurt Vonnegut, Writer

At Saint Mary-Sacred Heart School, we believe that science is important in the lives of our students. The SMSH science program is hands-on, collaborative and built upon observation and problem solving. We invite you to learn more about our school’s strong curriculum by visiting our website [www.smshschool.com](http://www.smshschool.com). If you want your child to attend a school that balances faith with education, consider joining the Saints community of learners.



### Scheduling Baptisms

Parents requesting the baptism of their child should be registered members of the parish who attend weekend Mass on a weekly basis. Baptisms are celebrated on Saturdays at 1:00 pm at 14 Park Street with a maximum of four families. Please contact Monica in the office via email ([stmaryna@noozi.com](mailto:stmaryna@noozi.com)) for more information and visit the parish website [www.saintmaryna.com](http://www.saintmaryna.com) and click on the “Sacraments” tab for more detailed information.

## FAITH FORMATION

Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Elaine Corvese

508-695-3823

[TransfigurationRelEd@gmail.com](mailto:TransfigurationRelEd@gmail.com)

### Faith Formation 2022-2023 Schedule

**Grades 1 and 2:** Will be held on Tuesday from 4:15 – 5:30 p.m. – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. every other week. **First class begins Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Grades 3, 4, and 5** is a non-sacramental preparation for your son/daughter therefore the program for these grades will be home-based. To assist parents/guardian with this program a grade appropriate book will be provided along with a lesson syllabus to assist families. Books were distributed on September 12 and 13.

**Grades 6 and 7:** Will be held on Monday evenings from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. once a month. The next class for **6<sup>th</sup> Grade is Monday, October 17,** and **7<sup>th</sup> Grade is Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.**

**Grades 8 and 9:** Will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. once a month. The next class for **8<sup>th</sup> Grade will be held Wednesday, October 12** (Class combined with parent/guardian meeting at 7:15 pm in Church) and **9<sup>th</sup> Grade will be held on Wednesday, October 19** (Class combined with parent/guardian meeting at 7:15 pm in Church.)

### ALL CLASS CALENDARS CAN BE FOUND ON THE PARISH WEBSITE UNDER THE FAITH FORMATION TAB

If you are new to the program or have a new first grade student you should contact the Faith Formation office at [TransfigurationRelEd@gmail.com](mailto:TransfigurationRelEd@gmail.com) or 508-695-3823 to register with the Director. *A copy of each child’s baptism certificate is required at registration.* All families must be registered in the Transfiguration of the Lord Parish.

**Parents/Guardian of second and ninth grade Catholic School students:** Preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation is a two-year process that is distinct and separate from any catechetical program in the parish or Catholic school. Sacraments are parish celebrations and while Catholic school communities are important in the daily sharing of faith and values, it is also necessary for young people to stay connected to their parish communities through the celebration of Sunday Eucharist and attendance in the Faith Formation classes. Therefore, if you have a son/daughter attending Catholic School in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade, please contact the Faith Formation office at [TransfigurationRelEd@gmail.com](mailto:TransfigurationRelEd@gmail.com) to enroll your child in the program.

**Pope Francis traveled to Kazakhstan this month (September 13-15) for the VII Congress of Leaders of the World and Traditional Religions. Below is the end of Pope Francis' address at the conclusion of the Congress. To read more or view a video of the entire address:**

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/events/event.dir.html/content/vaticanevents/en/2022/9/15/kazakhstan-finecongresso.html>

“For all human beings, the great religious and wisdom traditions are called to testify to the existence of a shared spiritual and moral patrimony, based on two principles: *transcendence* and *fraternity*.

Transcendence, the Beyond, worship. It is impressive that each day millions and millions of men and women, of different ages, cultures and social conditions, join together in prayer in countless places of worship. This is the hidden force that makes our world move forward. And then fraternity, the other, proximity. For one cannot profess genuine fidelity to the Creator without showing love for his creatures. This is the spirit that pervades the Declaration of our Congress. In concluding, I would like to emphasize three words that it contains.

The first word is a synthesis of everything, the expression of a heartfelt plea, the dream and the goal of our journey: *peace! Beybitsilik, mir, peace!* Peace is urgently needed, because in our day every military conflict or hotspot of tension and confrontation will necessarily have a baneful “domino effect” and seriously compromise the system of international relations (cf. No. 4). Peace, on the other hand, “is more than the absence of war: it cannot be reduced to the maintenance of the balance of power between opposing forces nor does it arise out of despotic dominion but it is appropriately called ‘the effect of righteousness’” (*Gaudium et Spes*, 78). Peace is born of fraternity; it grows through the struggle against injustice and inequality; it is built by holding out a hand to others. We, who believe in the Creator of all, must be on the front lines in promoting the growth of peaceful coexistence. We must bear witness to peace, preach peace, implore peace. The Declaration thus exhorts world leaders to put an end to conflicts and bloodshed everywhere, and to abandon aggressive and destructive rhetoric (cf. No. 7). We plead with you, in the name of God and

for the good of humanity: work for peace, not weapons! Only by serving the cause of peace, will you make a name for yourselves in the annals of history.

If peace is lacking, it is because care, tender love, the ability to generate life are lacking. Our quest of peace must thus increasingly involve – and here is the second word – *women*. Because women bestow care and life upon the world: they are themselves a path towards peace. For this reason, we have endorsed the need to defend their dignity and to improve their social status as equal members of the family and of society (cf. No. 23). Women must also be entrusted with greater positions and responsibilities. How many calamitous decisions might have been avoided, had woman been directly involved in decision-making! We commit ourselves to ensuring that women are increasingly respected, acknowledged and involved!

Lastly, the third word: *the young*. *Young people are messengers of peace and unity*, in the present and in the future. It is they who, more than anyone else, call for peace and respect for the common home of creation. The ingrained attitudes of domination and exploitation, the hoarding of resources, nationalism, war and carving out spheres of influence shape an older world, which the young reject: a world that has no room for their hopes and dreams. In the same way, harsh and repressive forms of religion belong not to the future but to the past. Mindful of future generations, we have stressed the importance of education, which strengthens mutual acceptance and respectful coexistence among different religions and cultures (cf. No. 21). Let us put into the hands of the young opportunities for education, not weapons of destruction! And let us listen to them, without being afraid to be challenged by their questions. Above all, let us build a world with them in mind!

Brothers and sisters, the people of Kazakhstan, open to tomorrow yet mindful of yesterday's sufferings, point us, by their extraordinary wealth of religions and cultures, towards the future. They encourage us to create that future without forgetting transcendence and fraternity, worship of the Most High and acceptance of our brothers and sisters. Let us press ahead on this path, walking together on earth as children of heaven, weavers of hope and artisans of concord, heralds of peace and unity!”



### **Ordinary Time: Autumn A Sense of the Season**

All of our days are numbered. Now that Christ has risen from the dead and ascended into heaven, we count down the days until he returns in glory to judge the living and the dead. Ordinary Time is “ordinal” time: numbered days, days in which we lay out the scriptures and the prayers to bide our time until Christ returns.

Although the church makes no official distinction between the days of Ordinary Time from Pentecost until Advent, in our lives we experience the subtle shift from the relaxed days of summer to the increasingly active days of autumn. For some of us, the shift comes with the end-of-summer holiday or the beginning of school. Others see work activities shift, from tending to harvesting, from stocking shelves to increasing sales, from cashing out an old fiscal year to digging into a new one.

The church’s calendar contains some subtle shifts, too. On September 14 we celebrate the Holy Cross, and the waning of the natural world around us points us to the mystery of suffering and redemption. At the end of September we invoke the holy archangels to guard us in the encroaching twilight. And if we listen closely to the scriptures in October, we begin to hear talk of the last days and the final

things. These thoughts reach their culmination with the great festival of saints and souls, November 1 and 2. And we spend November remembering the dead, preparing for the end and celebrating Christ, the firstfruits harvested of the new creation, the firstborn from the dead. This is the extraordinary opportunity that autumn’s Ordinary Time opens up for us.

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### **Fall River Diocese Culture of Life Mass**

October 23, 2022 10:30 am

Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption

327 2nd St.

Fall River, MA 02721

### **Family Rosary Festival!**

You’ll want to be part of this beautiful fall tradition to celebrate the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary on Friday, October 7 at 6:00 pm. With a candlelight procession and Rosary prayer your family can place your intentions in a basket during the procession. We will pray for your family and families around the world! Following prayer, we will have fun fall refreshments of cider and donuts. For more information go to [MuseumOfFamilyPrayer.org](http://MuseumOfFamilyPrayer.org) or our Facebook page. Event to be held at The Father Peyton Center home of The Museum of Family Prayer, 518 Washington St., N. Easton, MA 02356 – If your family would like to be part of the procession or to be greeters at the event, let us know:

[info@museumoffamilyprayer.org](mailto:info@museumoffamilyprayer.org)

# Readings for September 25

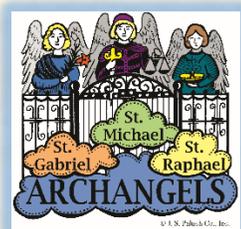
# 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the Prophet  
Amos

Thus says the LORD the God of hosts:  
Woe to the complacent in Zion!  
Lying upon beds of ivory,  
stretched comfortably  
on their couches,  
they eat lambs taken from the flock,  
and calves from the stall!  
Improvising to the music of the harp,  
like David, they devise their  
own accompaniment.  
They drink wine from bowls  
and anoint themselves with  
the best oils;  
yet they are not made ill by the  
collapse of Joseph!  
Therefore, now they shall be the first  
to go into exile,  
and their wanton revelry shall be  
done away with.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.



September 29

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R. Praise the Lord, my soul!**

Blessed is he who keeps faith forever,  
secures justice for the oppressed,  
gives food to the hungry.  
The LORD sets captives free.

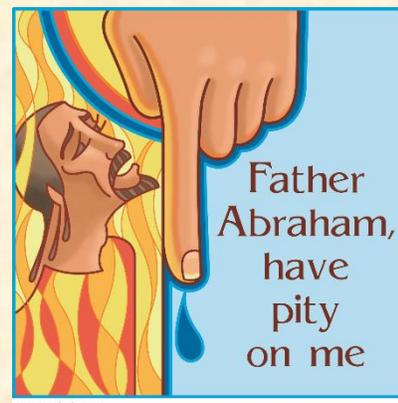
**R. Praise the Lord, my soul!**

The LORD gives sight to the blind;  
the LORD raises up those who were  
bowed down.  
The LORD loves the just;  
the LORD protects strangers.

**R. Praise the Lord, my soul!**

The fatherless and the widow he sustains,  
but the way of the wicked he thwarts.  
The LORD shall reign forever;  
your God, O Zion, through all  
generations. Alleluia.

**R. Praise the Lord, my soul!**



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## SECOND READING

### A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Compete well for the faith. Lay hold of eternal life, to which you were called when you made the noble confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you before God, who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus, who gave testimony under Pontius Pilate for the noble confession, to keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ that the blessed and only ruler will make manifest at the proper time, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, and whom no human being has seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal power. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## ALLELUIA

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich,  
he became poor,  
so that by his poverty you might become rich.*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

† A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

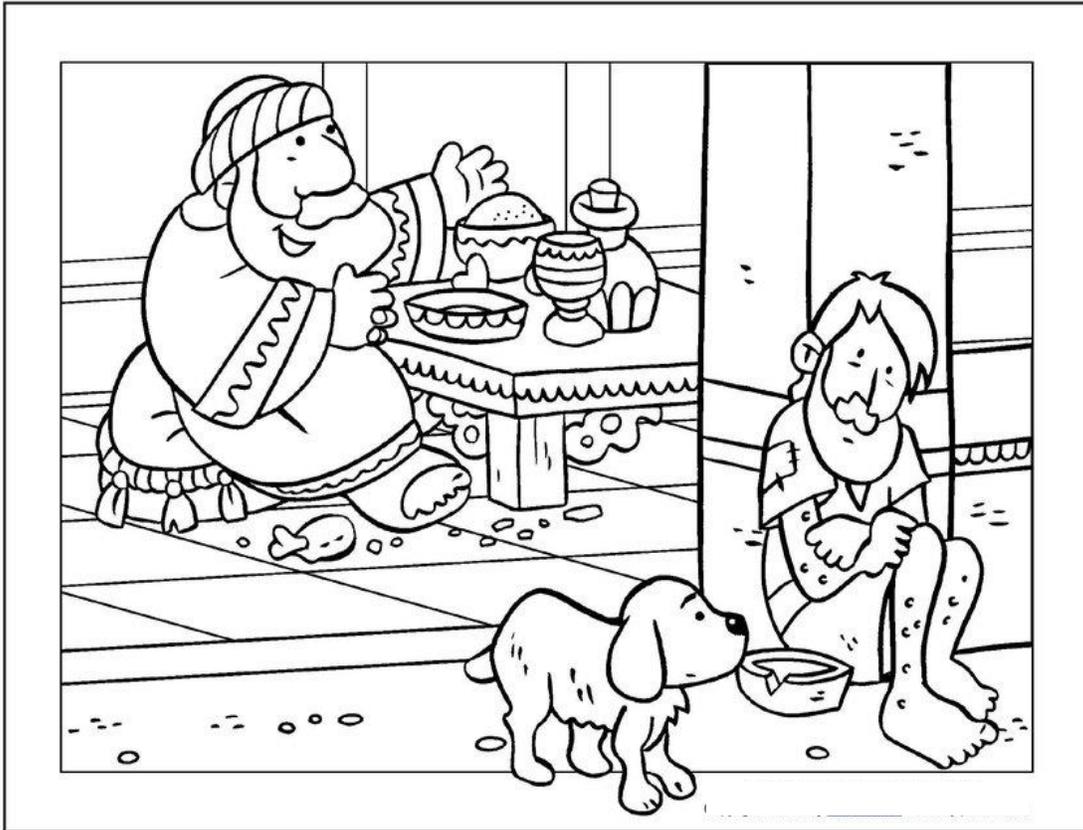
Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even used 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. 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

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

# Activity Page

Do you remember what color the rich man's clothes are from today's Gospel?



Can you list or draw three things that you can do this week that will help someone else?

1.

2.

3.

Talk with your parents and ask if they can help you do the things on your list to help others!