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“Let each of us accept the truth of the following statement and try to make it our most fundamental principle: Christ's teaching will never let us down, while worldly wisdom always will. Christ Himself said that this sort of wisdom was like a house with nothing but sand as its foundation, while His own was like a building with solid rock as its foundation”. (Vincent de Paul)

READINGS

1st Reading: Amos 6:1, 4-7

2nd Read: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Scripture Reflection

The parable of Rich man and Lazarus is to be understood in the historico-cultural background of Greco-Roman world at the time of St. Luke. There was a wide chiasm between the rich and the poor. Epicureanism, a Greek Philosophical ideology, was prevalent, and its slogan was “eat drink and make merry, tomorrow you will die”. People who followed this philosophical ideology did not have faith in life after death and had least concern for the poor. Through the parable of the Richman and Lazarus St. Luke intended to warn the rich and console the poor. There will be a reversal of the life situation in the life after death. Those who enjoy luxurious life here on earth will have to suffer in the world to come, and the poor who suffer here on earth will enjoy life in heaven.

The name Lazarus means “the one who is helped by God”. The poor will always be helped by God if they believe in, and depend on God.

Another message we can deduce from the parable is that the rich do not respect the dignity of the poor as human beings created in the image and likeness of God. Lazarus was degraded to the status of a dog. But before God the poor are so precious to be accepted to the bosom of Abraham, and enjoy heavenly bliss. The dignity of the person does not depend on the possession, wealth or position, but on the inner worth of being a son or daughter of God (1 John 3:1-2)

OCTOBER MONTH OF ROSAARY DEVOTION

Pope John Paul II and Rosary-“Love the Madonna and pray the rosary, for her rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother.” – (St. Padre Pio). Pope St. John Paul II no doubt took the words of St. Padre Pio into account, not only based on our knowledge of his daily rosary, but on the myriad of other things he did to bring devotion to Our Lady and “the weapon” she gave to us.

The Pope was often put in a very difficult position, one that strives to bring people to Christ through the relevant societal issues, while at the same time avoiding the temptation to become entrenched in the culture. Pope St. John Paul II struck a very fine balance by reaching people where they were at and inviting them to grow in personal holiness through the rosary.

Whether it was the Cold War, the 9/11 terrorist attacks, or the war on the family, he maintained refreshingly steadfast faith in the Rosary and its powerful reach. He would encourage us to pray for peace, for solutions, for hope, and for love in all encounters. And when we ask for noble things, Our Lady is always capable of going to Our Lord in our stead and we know that Jesus loves His mother too much to say no. As St. Maximilian Kolbe said, “Never be afraid of loving the

Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did.”

And what better way to sainthood than by imitating those before us? St. John Paul II had special devotions to Padre Pio, Louis de Montfort, and Jacinta and Francisco Marto – two of the Fatima children that he himself canonized – all of whom were devoted champions of the Holy Rosary. At Fatima, Our Lady expressed her desire for daily rosaries and St. John Paul II didn’t plan on disappointing the Mother of God. He said this campaign must be taken up not only by our generation but by all future generations, for the salvation of all.

In 2002, in his apostolic letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, Pope John Paul II instituted the five Luminous Mysteries of the Holy Rosary to celebrate the light of God as demonstrated through Jesus’ life. His devotion to Our Lady was unending and he said the rosary is “among the finest and most praiseworthy traditions of Christian contemplation.”

GRATITUDE

Thanks be to God for making Padre Pio and St. Vincent Day a success and a day of manifold blessings. With immense gratitude I thank all parishioners for your personal presence, assistance, and encouragement.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

September 11, 2022

Gift Aid collection	106.00
Loose cash	85.70
Total	191.70

SAINTS AND FEASTS OF THIS WEEK

September 26	Sts. Cosmos and Damian
September 27	St. Vincent de Paul
September 28	St. Venceslaus
September 29	Archangels-Gabriel, Michael, Raphael
September 30	St. Jerom
October 1	St. Therese of Child Jesus

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION
Sacrament of Confession at 11.30 am on Saturday

Please Pray for our Sick

Eliza Brizzi, Mary Toumaine, Patrick Nagle,
Phillip Mc Greavy, Toni Whalley,

“Behold, I will bring to it health and healing, and I will heal them; and I will reveal to them an abundance of peace and truth. (Jeremiah 33:6)

ANNIVERSARIES

Sr. Patrick Moore, Fr. Luke Law, Phyllis Adamson,
Mr. Blower, Bernard Taylor,
David Roberts, Edwin Goldstraw

“Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful servants”
Psalms 116:15.

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