

SEPTEMBER 27 - SATURDAY

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45

*Vigil Reading: See Sunday*4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim – *Joyce Nicholas*

5:00 – 5:45 PM: Confessions

6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**SEPTEMBER 28 – SUNDAY**

Am 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

9:00 AM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. Pat - *George Ruter, Jr*12:30 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**SEPTEMBER 29 – MONDAY**

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51

SEPTEMBER 30 – TUESDAY

Zec 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56

OCTOBER 1 – WEDNESDAY

Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62

OCTOBER 2 – THURSDAY

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Mt 18:1-5, 10

7:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**OCTOBER 3 - FRIDAY**

Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16

9:30 AM – *English* – Fr. Rudy – *William Pierce***OCTOBER 4 - SATURDAY**

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24

*Vigil Reading: See Sunday*4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim – *Bob Wuerth*

5:00 – 5:45 PM: Confessions

6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**OCTOBER 5 – SUNDAY**

Hb 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

*Sunday Readings:*9:00 AM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy11:00 AM – *English* – *Cecelia Ruter*12:30 PM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy**English Mass Ministry Schedule: October 4-5****Lectors:** 4:00 PM – S. Heidemann

11:00 AM – K. Gillespie

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 PM – R. McCoy/D. Mercer

11:00 AM – J. Ruter/L. Washam

Servers: 4:00 PM – Z. & M. Nintrup

11:00 AM – M. Crosby

Offertory Family: 4:00 PM: Keller

11:00 AM: N/A

FROM THE FINANCE COMMISSION

Last Week's Collection: \$8,199

Offerings received to-date: \$89,329

Amount needed to catch up: \$14,671

Our Weekly Goal is \$8,000

Thank you for your generosity.

Make it easy on yourself. ***Use our direct debit system for your Sunday Stewardship offering.*** To take advantage of this convenience, please call 513-541-1563

FOUR GRAND CLUB: Congratulations to our week 5 winners: Tony & Jane Mankus, Nancy Riesz, and Mark Brandewiede. Each won \$25. It's not too late to get your entry, 513-541-1563, for details.

CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Selena Rolfes (27), Nina Edwards (27), Sarah Walsh (27), Audry Elliott (29), Eric Lalley (29), Karen Cable (30), Anna Marie Eilers (30), Alex Hearn (01), Lina Loyd (01), Marge Niehaus (02), Kate O'Bryan (02), Megan Bechtold (02), Debbie Kuhlmann (03), Sue Crosby (03) and Brandy Browning (03).

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FR. RUDY'S REFLECTION:

In today's Gospel, Jesus presents a man like this: clothed in fine linen, dining sumptuously each day. Outside his door lies Lazarus, poor and covered in sores, longing for the scraps from the rich man's table. But Lazarus is invisible to him. The rich man sees only himself.

The parable of the rich man and Lazarus offers a stark warning about the spiritual blindness that can accompany wealth and self-absorption. As St. Gregory the Great wisely noted, "Banquets can scarcely be celebrated blamelessly, for almost always luxury accompanies feasting; and when the body is swallowed up in the delight of refreshing itself, the heart relaxes to empty joys." The danger isn't merely in possessing wealth; it's in the kind of life that forgets others, that becomes numb to suffering, that turns in on itself with self-satisfaction and indulgence.

Jesus isn't condemning wealth. Rather, He's exposing a heart that refused to love. The rich man's sin wasn't what he wore or what he ate—it was what he ignored. He had every opportunity to see Lazarus, to help him, to restore his dignity. But he chose comfort over compassion, pleasure over mercy. After death, their roles are reversed. Lazarus is carried to the bosom of Abraham, a place of peace and comfort. The rich man, in torment, finally sees Lazarus, but it's too late. The chasm between them can no longer be crossed. The choices we make in this life echo into eternity. There is no promise of another chance after death. Even then, the rich man doesn't ask to be forgiven. He asks for Lazarus to serve him and for a warning to be sent to his brothers. Abraham replies: "They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them." In other words, God has already given us everything we need to choose the path of life and love.

In a world where it's easy to be consumed by our own needs and desires, this parable calls us to open our eyes. Who is at our doorstep? Who have we overlooked? Do we use our blessings to build a kingdom for ourselves or to serve those in need?

The Gospel challenges us to recognize that the path to eternal joy begins now, in compassion, mercy, and self-giving love. The real feast is not the one laid for ourselves, but the one we share with others, especially those who have nothing.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY: Want to enrich your prayer life? October is devoted to Mary, the mother of Jesus, a month when the Church encourages Catholics to pray the rosary regularly. Praying the rosary leads us to Jesus through Mary. A local resource for praying the rosary is Sacred Heart Radio (740 AM, 89.5 FM, 910 AM, www.sacredheartradio.com). Sacred Heart Radio also has an app you can download to your phone or digital device. The rosary is recited each morning at 5:30 and 10:30 and again in the evening at 9:30.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY: Once again thank you to all who respond to the monthly request to stock our food pantry. October's item is pasta (any style) and rice. One more thank you needs to be said to those who volunteer their time and talents to keep the pantry open. Your generosity and hard work is appreciated by all come to our doors.

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY: A collection will be held next weekend for the Respect Life fund. This fund supports the work of pro-life agencies across our Archdiocese, as well as, Project Rachel, the post-abortion ministry. For your convenience, envelopes are available at the doors of the church, or, to donate on line, please go to www.givecentral.org/appeals-form-registration

YOUNG ADULT SACRAMENTAL HUB: The archdiocese Young Adult Evangelization team is hosting Adoration, Mass, and Confessions every other Tuesday night at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains starting at 7:00 p.m. Stick around afterwards to meet other young adults in the area – grab dinner or head to a local brewery to keep the community going. To learn more and to see the full schedule, go to <https://queencitycatholic.org/sacramental-hub>