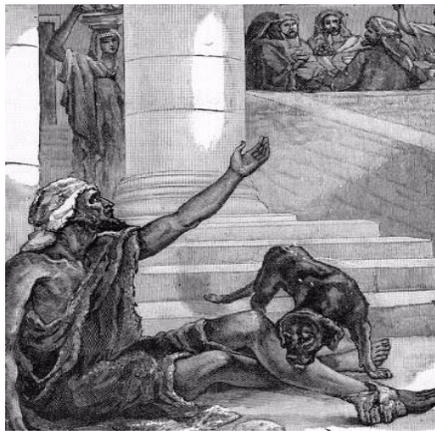


## A Great Chasm: Scott Hahn Reflects on the 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Amos 6:1, 4-7; Psalm 146:7-10; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31



The rich and powerful are visited with woe and exile in today's Liturgy—not for their wealth but for their refusal to share it; not for their power but for their indifference to the suffering at their door.

The complacent leaders in today's First Reading feast on fine foods and wines, reveling while the house of Joseph, the kingdom of Israel (see Amos 5:6), collapses around them.

The rich man in today's Gospel also lives like a king—dressed in royal purple and fine linen ( see 1 Maccabees 8:14).

The rich man symbolizes Israel's failure to keep the Old Covenant, to heed the commandments of Moses and the prophets. This is the sin of the rulers in today's First Reading. Born to the nation God favored first, they could claim Abraham as their father. But for their failure to give — their inheritance is taken away.

The rulers are exiled from their homeland. The rich man is punished with an exile far greater—eternity with a "great chasm" fixed between himself and God.

In this world, the rich and powerful make a name for themselves (see Genesis 11:4) and dine sumptuously, while the poor remain anonymous, refused an invitation to their feasts.

But notice that the Lord today knows Lazarus by name, and Joseph in his sufferings—while the leaders and the rich man have no name.

Today's Liturgy is a call to repentance—to heed the warning of One who was raised from the dead. To lay hold of the eternal life He promises, we must pursue righteousness and keep the commandment of love, as Paul exhorts in today's Epistle.

"The Lord loves the just," we sing in today's Psalm.

And in this Eucharist we have a foretaste of the love that will be ours in the next life—when He will raise the lowly to the heavenly banquet with Abraham and the prophets (see Luke 13:28), where we too will rest our heads on the bosom of our Lord (see John 13:23).

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**  
**September 24<sup>th</sup> – October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016**

<b>Sat. Sept. 24<sup>th</sup></b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Weekday</b> Desiderio Manzo Manzanal – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
<b>Sun. Sept. 25<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Andy Mackney – RIP – by William Moran Bruna Alesi – RIP – by her parents
<b>Mon. Sept. 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tues. Sept. 27<sup>th</sup></b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Saint Vincent de Paul</b> Deceased Members of the van de Bennet Family – RIP – by E. & M. Wojciechowski
<b>Wed. Sept. 28<sup>th</sup></b>  9:00 a.m.	<b>Saint Lawrence Ruiz and companions</b> Deceased Members of the van de Bennet Family – RIP – by E. & M. Wojciechowski
<b>Thurs. Sept. 29<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Saints Michael, Gabriel &amp; Raphael</b> Marcin & Wladylawa Wojciechowski – RIP – by E. & M. Wojciechowski
<b>Fri. Sept. 30<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Saint Jerome</b> Marcin & Wladylawa Wojciechowski – RIP – by E. & M. Wojciechowski
<b>Sat. Oct. 1<sup>st</sup></b> 10:00 a.m.  4:30 p.m.	<b>Saint Therese of the Child Jesus</b> Leo, Rosa Maria & Anthony Borges – RIP – by Nelson & Theresa Angelo Del Pino – RIP – by Leah
<b>Sun. Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Thanksgiving by Aiden Mark Villahermosa Jerry Roy – Birthday Blessings – by Ofelia Roy

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*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed  
through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

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## SAINT THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS



Marie-Francoise Therese Martin was born in Normandy, France in 1873, ninth and youngest child of Louis Martin and Azelie-Marie Guerin; only five daughters survived to adulthood. Their mother died when Therese was only five years old and the family moved to Lisieux, where she was raised by her father, her sisters and an aunt. Three of her sisters became Carmelite nuns and the fourth joined the Visitandines.

Therese entered the Carmel of Lisieux when she was 15. Her motto was a phrase from the great Carmelite mystic, John of the Cross: "Love is repaid by love alone." Therese held special devotions to the heart of Jesus and to the spiritual Motherhood of Mary. Tuberculosis limited Therese's activities. She pioneered the ideal of the 'little way': fidelity in the small things and complete self-surrender to God.

Therese had gift for writing, and the prioress, her sister Pauline, directed her to write first about her childhood, then about her life in the convent. These were combined into *The Story of a Soul*, a modern spiritual autobiography.

Known popularly as The Little Flower, Therese died on September 30, 1897. Though Therese's life spanned only 24 years, her faith and simplicity were remarkable. She was canonized in 1925 and made Doctor of the Church in 1997. She is a patron of missions. (*Living with Christ, October 2016*)

## HOLY HOUR



Every Friday, following the 9am mass, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for one hour of Holy Adoration, Rosary, silent prayer, and Chaplet of Divine Mercy, concluding with Divine Praises and Benediction. Come and spend some time with the Lord.

## THE FOOD BANK "OASIS"



Please remember to bring non-perishable food and leave them in the bins at the doors of the church...Thank you.

## ANNUNCIATION PARISH FALL FAIR



Saturday, Oct 8. Annunciation Parish Family Fair returns after 10 years! 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Collectors' Corner, bazaar, art, jewelry, bake sale, games of chance, children's activities, café & BBQ, etc. Rain or shine! Corner of Laird & Alexander, near TMR Town Hall.