

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 28, 2025

FAITH @ HOME

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First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7
Resp. Psalm: Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10
Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16
Gospel Luke 16:19-31

[Full readings can be found here!](#)

1. HEAR

Pick up your bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? No worries you can find the Gospel reading by clicking [HERE](#). (Bishop O'Connell's Gospel Reflection page.)

As an alternative to reading the Gospel, you can watch a short video with the proclamation for adults by clicking [HERE](#). (You Tube, Lumo Project Films channel, 2:10 mins)

Children can also watch a video proclamation of the Gospel by clicking [HERE](#). (YouTube, Miracles and Parables channel, 2:03 min)

2. PRAY

Gather your family or invite a friend for this moment of prayer. Prepare a small prayer space with a Bible, a candle and a crucifix. In today's Gospel, Jesus asks that we reflect on the way we live the Beatitudes, and to take steps to make them a reality in our lives. We now invite you to pray together using the following text. *Please assign two readers to help.*

Lector 1: Jesus said: *Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.*

Lector 2: Yet we are preoccupied with money and worldly goods instead of trusting in your care for us.

All: O Lord, have mercy on us.

Lector 1: Jesus said: *Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.*

Lector 2: Yet we are so concerned about our own rights and self-interest and very little concerned about serving others.

All: O Lord, have mercy on us.

Lector 1: Jesus said: *Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.*

Lector 2: Yet we are impatient under our problems and unconcerned about the problems of others.

All: O Lord, have mercy on us.

Lector 1: Jesus said: *Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.*

Lector 2: Yet we do not thirst for you, the fountain of all holiness, and we are satisfied with half-measures and mediocrity.

All: O Lord, have mercy on us.

Lector 1: Jesus said: *Blessed are the merciful for they shall receive mercy.*

Lector 2: Yet we are so quick to condemn, very slow to forgive.

All: O Lord, have mercy on us.

Lector 1: Jesus said: *Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.*

Lector 2: Yet we have often regarded people created in your image as objects of our own lusts and cannot see you in them.

All: O Lord, have mercy on us.

Lector 1: Jesus said: *Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.*

Lector 2: Yet we don't live in harmony with one another, making our homes and world places of discord and resentment.

All: O Lord, have mercy on us.

Lector 1: Jesus said: *Blessed are those who suffer persecution for holiness' sake, for the Kingdom of God is theirs.*

Lector 2: Yet we compromise your Gospel for the values of the world, lacking the courage to live as your missionary disciples.

All: O Lord, have mercy on us.

Close this time of prayer with a moment of silence, asking God for the gift of wisdom and courage to be witnesses of the Gospel in the world.

(This prayer was adapted from this source: <https://www.catholiccompany.com/pages/a-litany-for-mercy-forgiveness>)



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3. TALK

We just heard Jesus tell the story of a rich man who ignored the needs of Lazarus, a poor man who was living outside his door. When you have more than you need, it is easy to think only about your desires and not see how the person next to you is lacking. Luke the evangelist is warning his readers of what would happen if we chose to live that way.

Who are the people in your life that are lacking? *(Pause for reflection.)*

In the Beatitudes, Jesus gives us a road map of how we can live as true missionary disciples, caring for ourselves and for one another.

Which of the Beatitudes you identify with? *(Pause for reflection.)*

Find a partner and share with that person how you would live out that Beatitude. *Option: for younger children, ask them to draw a picture. For teenagers, ask them to identify someone in their life with whom they can practice that Beatitude.*

