**Note: Please leave this on the ambo, thanks.**

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C**

**Introduction:**

Good morning / evening we welcome our parishioners to Mary Immaculate Quakers Hill/Schofields Parish.

The gap between Lazarus and rich man highlights God’s special attention for the needy and the suffering. The poor man is rewarded for his fidelity and trust in the Lord.

The Celebrant for today’s Mass is:

Please now stand and join in our Entrance Hymn.

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#### MASS READINGS

#### FIRST READING (Am 6:1. 4-7)

*A reading from the prophet Amos*

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion

and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria.

Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans,

they dine on lambs from the flock,

and stall-fattened veal;

they bawl to the sound of the harp,

they invent new instruments of music like David,

they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves,

but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.

That is why they will be the first to be exiled;

the sprawlers’ revelry is over.

*The Word of the Lord.*

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2)

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

**1.** It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,

who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry,

the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**

**2.** It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,

who raises up those who are bowed down.

It is the Lord who loves the just,

the Lord, who protects the stranger. **(R.)**

**3.** He upholds the widow and orphan

but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever,

Zion’s God, from age to age. **(R.)**

#### SECOND READING  (1 Tm 6:11-16)

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy*

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who at the due time will be revealed

by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all,

the King of kings and the Lord of lords,

who alone is immortal,

whose home is in inaccessible light,

whom no man has seen and no man is able to see:

to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**PLEASE STAND TO WELCOME THE GOSPEL**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,

to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL (Lk 16:19-31)

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

#### Jesus said to the Pharisees: ‘There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man’s table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

#### ‘In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, “Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.” “My son,” Abraham replied “remember that during your life good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours.”

#### ‘The rich man replied, “Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father’s house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too.” “They have Moses and the prophets,” said Abraham “let them listen to them.” “Ah no, father Abraham,” said the rich man “but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent.” Then Abraham said to him, “If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead.”’

#### The Gospel of the Lord.

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**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Priest:** Let us pray to the Creator of all that is that we will be inspired by Jesus’ example of respect and inclusion to foster genuine human encounter in our face to face interactions

**Reader:**  For our political leaders, that they may ensure sound governance of our digital world, protecting the rights of all people and fostering the common good.

We pray:

**R - Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For all people who are subjected to misogynistic, racial or religious vilification, cyberbullying, or digital exclusion, that they may find respect, support, and inclusion.

We Pray:

**R - Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For our community of faith and all people of good will, that we will foster genuine human encounter through our participation in the digital world.

We Pray:

**R - Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For those who have died. In particular those mentioned in our parish bulletin. May God’s merciful love shine on them and their loved ones left behind.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader: Together we now pray the Prayer for the Parish Community.**

**All: God, our Father, bless this parish Mary Immaculate so that we may love**

**you more. Help the parents to be good examples to the children and our**

**youth to grow in love and strength as good Christians.**

**Encircle our families with your loving care. To the sick grant health, to the**

**aged bring serenity and to those in sorrow joy.**

**May we grow stronger in faith and may our love for one another become**

**deeper in our daily living.**

**Priest:** Hear the prayers of your people, merciful God, and in your loving kindness, grant us all that we need to remain faithful to you. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

**All:** Amen.