

SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



AMOS 6:1A, 4-7

PSALM 146:7, 8-9, 9-10

1 TIMOTHY 6:11-16

LUKE 16:19-31

REFLECTION

Two characters are portrayed in today's Gospel: a rich man and Lazarus, a poor man. Both died around the same time. Before death, the rich man paid Lazarus no heed. After death, in his torment, the rich man asks for Lazarus to help relieve his anguish. I work at a Catholic parish in which we have a sandwich line that serves lunch to the hungry 364 days a year (the exception is Thanksgiving Day). This volunteer-run and donation-funded ministry does much good for those in the community who are living in poverty. Between 80 and 250 lunches are served each day, and clothing and personal items are given to those who may need them. Many of the volunteers give from an abundance of riches; others give from meager scarcity. All give from the heart to those who are in need. They all realize that Christ calls us to open the doors to those who hunger.



"MY OWN
LITTLE WORLD"
MATTHEW WEST

ACTION

Reach out of your own little world to someone who needs some care and compassion. First of all, be observant to those around and try to be perceptive of where they may need some assistance. Give drink to one who thirsts, some food to another who hungers, and offer a kind word to someone who seems down. Connect with an organization in your community that assists people who are living in poverty. This could be connected with your church or some other agency that is seeking to help others. Get out and expand your circle a bit.

JOURNALING QUESTIONS

● Reflect on your day. In your journal, note one or more persons whom you encountered. Examine your meetings with them and see if there were things in their lives for which they are hungry. Jot down some ideas about how you could reach out to them the next time you see them or others who hunger.