



# SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 16:19-31,



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Today, we celebrate the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

We read from Luke 16:19-31.

In Luke's gospel reading for today, Jesus taught the Pharisees an important lesson by telling them the story of Lazarus and the rich man. Lazarus was a very poor man who suffered greatly. When he died, Jesus said, "he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham." In the same story, we hear of a rich man who lived with great wealth while Lazarus suffered. Upon his death, we learn that he was "in torment." The rich man in the story asked Abraham to send Lazarus to warn his family so that they could change their ways and not be subjected to the eternal suffering he faced. But Abraham declined, saying, "If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead." Sometimes, we are like that rich man and his family. We know Christ's teachings and the Church's commandments, and yet we ignore the suffering of those around us and break those rules by sinning. Let's pray together for the strength to hear Jesus' message in this gospel passage and to change our hearts and lives today.

## For More Fun

- ★ In every community, there are people who need food or clothing. Fall is an excellent time to look through coats and boots we may no longer need - and donate them!
- ★ Jesus is very deliberate in this parable about how important it is for us to listen to Moses and the Prophets - and him! When we read and study scripture, and go to Mass, we are listening to God's word!
- ★ This week we remember St. Therese, St. Francis, and our Holy Guardian Angels! Visit [www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org) to learn about these Saints and our Angels!



Angel of God My Guardian Dear,  
to Whom God's love commits me here,  
ever this day be at my side,  
to light, to guard, to rule and guide.

