



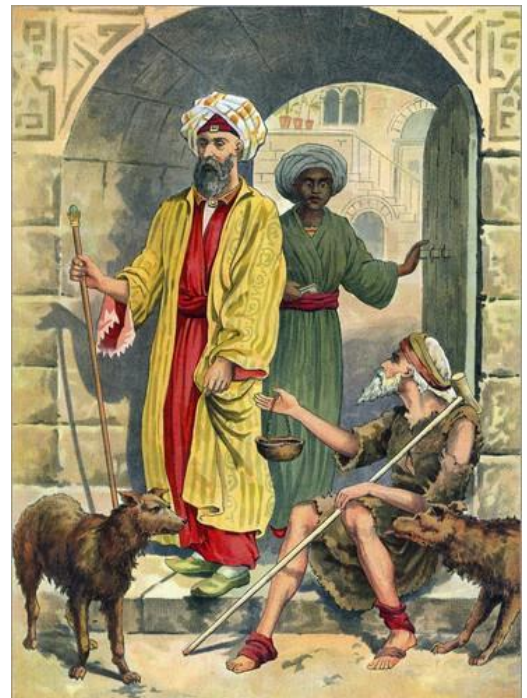
ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

THIS SUNDAY September 25 & BEYOND

In the gospel lesson for this Sunday, Jesus' parable makes it very clear that the way we live our lives carries eternal significance. In it we see a stark contrast between a man who is fantastically wealthy in life and tormented in eternity, and a man named Lazarus, who lives his life in utter misery but finds eternal comfort. Seeing this, the rich man cries out for mercy, but Abraham tells him, "Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish."

We spend our whole lives here on earth becoming who we will be in eternity. The choices we make, what we do with the blessings we receive, how we respond to suffering, and so on, all create deeply-ingrained patterns of thought and behavior. So while we know that we'll only be completely free of our sins and imperfections after death, it seems unlikely that a lifetime of selfish choices will somehow ultimately prepare us to be totally selfless and choose to serve God for all eternity. Just look at the parable: the rich man had the picture of absolute human misery sitting right outside his door; a man so poor that even the smallest act of kindness would have gone a long way. Yet it seems that his heart was so hard that he never took the slightest opportunity to show love and mercy. Even when their roles are reversed, and it's Lazarus in glory, the rich man's instinct is still to have Lazarus serve him!

This kind of contrast shouldn't be at all unfamiliar to us as San Diegans; we're presented every day with the same choices and opportunities to show love and mercy. If we're "rich," that is, if we have something to share, we would do well to listen to Paul's words to Timothy from Sunday's second lesson and "do good, be rich in good deeds,



generous and ready to share.” The beauty is that we can all do this, even if we’re poor in material things. Out of his love for us and our dignity, God always gives us something to share, even if it’s just a smile, a kind word, or the smallest act of kindness. If we spend our lives looking for what we can offer to others, no matter our circumstances, we can, as Paul says, lay a good foundation for our futures and take hold of the life that is life indeed.

Father McQueen

Readings for this Sunday

Amos 6:1-7 Psalm 146:4-9 1 Timothy 6:11-19 Luke 16:19-31

Calendar

SUNDAY: 8:00a Low Mass (Church)
 9:30a Christian Formation (Fireside Room)
 10:30a Solemn Mass (Church)
 —*The entrance to the church is on 6th Avenue*—

Note: Child care is provided at the 8:00a, 10:30a Mass, Coffee Hour & Fellowship follow the Mass in the Parish Hall.

MONDAY 7:00p (AA) Doctors’ Group (Fireside Room)

TUESDAY: Noon Mass (St. Mary’s Chapel)

FRIDAY: 9:00a Morning Prayer (St. Mary’s Chapel)
 9:30a MASS (St. Mary’s Chapel)
 AA Meetings 6:30p Rainbow Bridge (Fireside Room)
 8:00p Ladies’ Group (Fireside Room)
 8:15p Men’s Group (Parish Hall)

SATURDAY: 11:00a Rosary in St. Mary’s Chapel
 11:30a MASS in St. Mary’s Chapel
 Noon Potluck Luncheon in the Parish Hall