

## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading — Am 6:1a, 4-7

Thus says the LORD the God of hosts:  
Woe to the complacent in Zion!  
Lying upon beds of ivory, stretched  
comfortably on their couches, they  
eat lambs taken from the flock, and  
calves from the stall!

Improvising to the music of the harp,  
like David, they devise their own  
accompaniment. They drink wine  
from bowls and anoint themselves  
with the best oils; yet they are not  
made ill by the collapse of Joseph!  
Therefore, now they shall be the first  
to go into exile, and their wanton  
revelry shall be done away with.

### Responsorial Psalm — Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10

#### R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

Blessed is he who keeps faith forever,  
secures justice for the oppressed,  
gives food to the hungry. The LORD  
sets captives free.

#### R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The LORD gives sight to the blind; the  
LORD raises up those who were  
bowed down. The LORD loves the  
just; the LORD protects strangers.

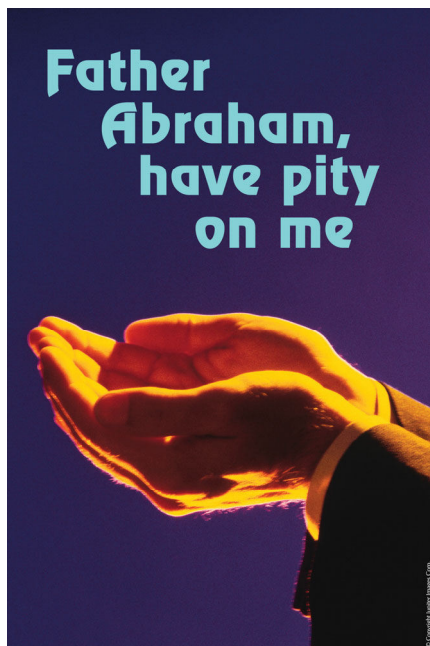
#### R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The fatherless and the widow he  
sustains, but the way of the wicked  
he thwarts. The LORD shall reign  
forever; your God, O Zion, through all  
generations. Alleluia.

#### R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

### Second Reading — 1 Tm 6:11-16

But you, man of God, pursue  
righteousness, devotion, faith, love,  
patience, and gentleness. Compete  
well for the faith. Lay hold of eternal



life, to which you were called when  
you made the noble confession in the  
presence of many witnesses. I charge  
you before God, who gives life to all  
things, and before Christ Jesus, who  
gave testimony under Pontius Pilate  
for the noble confession, to keep the  
commandment without stain or  
reproach until the appearance of our  
Lord Jesus Christ that the blessed and  
only ruler will make manifest at the  
proper time, the King of kings and  
Lord of lords, who alone has  
immortality, who dwells in  
inapproachable light, and whom no  
human being has seen or can see. To  
him be honor and eternal  
power. Amen.

### Gospel — Lk 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There  
was a rich man who dressed in  
purple garments and fine linen and  
dined sumptuously each day. And  
lying at his door was a poor man  
named Lazarus, covered with sores,

who would gladly have eaten his fill  
of the scraps that fell from the rich  
man's table. Dogs even used to come  
and lick his sores. When the poor  
man died, he was carried away by  
angels to the bosom of Abraham.

The rich man also died and was  
buried, and from the netherworld,  
where he was in torment, he raised  
his eyes and saw Abraham far off and  
Lazarus at his side.

And he cried out, 'Father Abraham,  
have pity on me. Send Lazarus to dip  
the tip of his finger in water and cool  
my tongue,  
for I am suffering torment in these  
flames.'

Abraham replied, 'My child,  
remember that you received what  
was good during your lifetime while  
Lazarus likewise received what was  
bad; but now he is comforted here,  
whereas you are tormented.  
Moreover, between us and you a  
great chasm is established to prevent  
anyone from crossing who might  
wish to go from our side to yours or  
from your side to ours.'

He said, 'Then I beg you, father, send  
him to my father's house, for I have  
five brothers, so that he may warn  
them,  
lest they too come to this place of  
torment.' But Abraham replied, 'They  
have Moses and the prophets. Let  
them listen to them.' He said, 'Oh no,  
father Abraham, but if someone from  
the dead goes to them, they will  
repent.' Then Abraham said, 'If they  
will not listen to Moses and the  
prophets, neither will they be  
persuaded if someone should rise  
from the dead.'"