

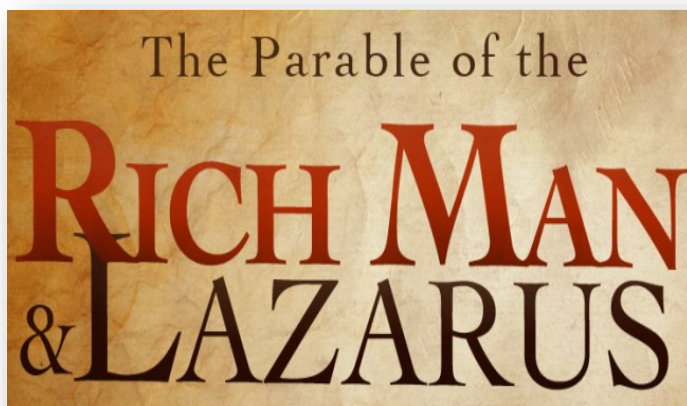


# CONEXIÓN

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The background of this parable is a tale from Egyptian folklore about the reversal of fates after death. It also has connections to rabbinic stories. In Greek



the name Lazaros has the same root consonants as the name Eliezer who, Genesis 15:2 tells us, was a servant of Abraham. Some rabbinic tales feature Eliezer (Greek Lazaros) walking in disguise on the earth and reporting back to Abraham on how his children are observing the Torah's prescriptions regarding the treatment of the widow, the orphan, and the poor. Lazarus is a poor beggar (16:20); he returns to Abraham's bosom, and the rich man requests that Abraham send him as an emissary to his brothers (Lk. 16:28). (Donahue, 169-170)

This parable is found only in Luke. It underscores a theme expressed earlier in the Gospel (Lk. 1:52). God has "put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree." The story is a three-act play. The first act portrays the earthly contrast between the wealthy man and Lazarus. The second act describes the reversal of their conditions in the afterlife. The third act depicts the rich man's request to Father Abraham for a sign so that those still living can avoid his torment, a request that Abraham refuses.

Do we recognize the special place of the poor with our service? When we serve them, do we act as if we are doing them a favor, or do we see they are doing us a favor? Do we not realize their presence is an invitation to intimacy with God?

**¡Bienvenidos!**  
**Come and worship with us!**

**Rev. Romeo Rabusa**  
*Parish Priest*

**Brother Jeff Brumlow**  
*Pastoral Associate  
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**Elizabeth Rabusa**  
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**Cheryl Brumlow**  
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**Theresa Sanders**  
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**Elizabeth Rabusa**  
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## Sunday Worship Services/ Servicios Dominicales

**10:00 a.m.** English Mass, **11:00 a.m.** Sunday School (Primera Comunión, Confirmación, Bautismo, etc), and **11:30 a.m.** Misa en Español

# Announcements/ Avisos

## Volunteers Needed/

## Voluntarios Necesitados

We need volunteers to help us in the following ministries: Lectors, Sunday School Teachers, church cleaners, Hospitality Ministers. To sign up, please contact Elizabeth Rabusa after the Mass. Thank you.

Necesitamos voluntarios para ayudar en los siguientes ministerios: Lectores, maestros de escuela dominical, limpio de la iglesia, ministros de hospitalidad. Para inscribirse, por favor, póngase en contacto con Elizabeth Rabusa después de la misa. Gracias.

## Share Your Story and Photos of Your Events

Our Sunday Bulletin is a great opportunity to share our stories, events and photos. Please send them to Fr. Romeo Rabusa at [revpinoy11@gmail.com](mailto:revpinoy11@gmail.com).

Nuestro Boletín cada domingo es una gran oportunidad para compartir nuestras historias, eventos y fotos. Favor de enviar a Padre Romeo Rabusa via email a [revpinoy11@gmail.com](mailto:revpinoy11@gmail.com). Gracias.

## Bread & Pastry Distribution

Wednesday 5:30 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.

Sunday 5:00 p.m.

## Sacraments and Other Services/ Sacramentos y Otros Servicios

Please arrange with Elizabeth Rabusa to schedule preparations and celebrations of Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, Quinceañera, House Blessing, etc.

Arregle por favor con Elizabeth Rabusa para planificar las preparaciones y las celebraciones del Sacramento Bautismo, Confirmación, de Boda, y Quinceañera. [Please arrange with Elizabeth Rabusa to schedule preparations and celebrations of Baptism, Marriage, Quinceañera, etc.

# Saint John Paul II: On Heaven, Hell & Purgatory

With the gospel message this Sunday, it is good to have a glimpse of the Catholic understanding of heaven, hell and purgatory. Pope John Paul II was recently canonized a saint in the Catholic Church.

In three controversial Wednesday Audiences, Pope John Paul II pointed out that the *essential* characteristic of heaven, hell or purgatory is that they are *states* of being of a spirit (angel/demon) or human soul, rather than *places*, as commonly perceived and represented in human language. This language of *place* is, according to the Pope, inadequate to describe the realities involved, since it is tied to the temporal order in which this world and we exist.

**Heaven** is the fullness of communion with God. It is our meeting with the Father which takes place in the risen Christ through the communion of the Holy Spirit.

**Hell** is the state of those who reject God. It is the state of those who freely and definitively separate themselves from God, the source of all life and joy.

**Purgatory** is a necessary condition of existence for purification. Before we enter into full communion with God, every trace of sin within us must be eliminated and every imperfection in our soul must be corrected. He explained that physical integrity is necessary to enter into perfect communion with God therefore "the term purgatory does not indicate a place, but a condition of existence", where Christ "removes ... the remnants of imperfection".



# Monthly Feeding the Homeless

SNCC is grateful to all volunteers that helped our Feeding the Homeless a reality this month of September. It's great to see many volunteers both in the Men's Shelter and at street distributions. God bless you all.





## Sunday Readings

### First Reading

Amos 6:1,4-7

Psalm 146

### Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:11-16

### Gospel

Luke 16:19-31

## Next Sunday

### First Reading

Habbakuk 1:2-3;2:2-4

Psalm 95

### Second Reading

1 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14

### Gospel

Luke 17:5-10



## Weekly Giving

The collection last Sunday was

**\$ 304.41**

10:00 a.m. : \$ 106.88

11:30 a.m. : \$ 197.53

Fundraising : \$

Thank You! We need your support!

¡Gracias! Necesitamos su apoyo!

## FEEDING THE HOMELESS/ COMIDA PARA HOMELESS

- ♦ **October 15th, 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.**
- ♦ **November 19th, 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.**
- ♦ **December 17th, 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.**
- ♦ **January 21st, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00p.m.**



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## UNA REFLEXIÓN PARA NUESTRO TIEMPO

En el relato del rico y el pobre Lázaro encontramos una lección de sensatez. El tiempo oportuno para reorientar la propia vida es corto. No es conveniente dejarse embotar la mente ni permitir que nos domine la desidia, que nos empuja a posponer las decisiones importantes. Quien se deja encandilar por el atractivo de la vida cómoda y las riquezas abundantes, suele desentenderse de la situación de los más pobres. La palabra dura e incómoda de profetas como Amós suele resultar insoportable para quienes disponen del poder económico. Sin embargo, no existe otra salida para generar cambios personales que la toma de conciencia. Necesitamos que alguien, en nombre de Dios o en nombre de los valores humanos, sea "nuestra piedra en el zapato" y no nos permita vivir con una conciencia adormecida por el egoísmo y la indiferencia. La inequidad se acrecienta y quienes confesamos a Dios como Padre, no podemos desentendernos de nuestros hermanos. (La Verdad Católica)