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..فَلنَصْحُ لِابْسِينِ دِرْعَ  
الإِيمَانِ وَالْمَحَبَّةِ، وَوَأَضَعِينَ  
خُوذَةَ رَجَاءِ الْخَلَّاصِ.

**SUNDAY MASSES:**

**Sun. Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, Sunday of the Faithful Departed**

- ✠ 10:00 am Mass in English
- ✠ 11:30 am For Emile Farah by Marie Farah & family.
- ✠ *Incense prayers for all our deceased.*

**Sun. Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Entrance into Lent, Cana Sunday,**

- ✠ 10:00 am Mass in English
- ✠ 11:30 am
- For Murched & Zakia Azar and Chehade & Linda Nemr and Kalime Touma offered by Joe & Tamini Azar & family.

✠ **Monday Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> ASH MONDAY الإثنين الرماد**  
بدء زمن الصوم المقدس Mass at 8 am and 6 pm

**WEEKDAY MASSES: @ 6:00 pm Sat. @ 5:00 pm**

**Sat. Feb. 21** المشتركون بحسنات السبت

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

**Feb. 8 \$ 1122.00**

**SICKNESS:** We pray for the sick in our Parish. God grant them a speedy recovery. Persons unable to attend Mass, please contact your pastor for Holy Communion.

**THANK YOU NOTE:** Thanks to all who were involved in organizing the Valentine's Party yesterday. May God bless you all!

**Meditative Prayer...**

Lord, you traded the glory of divinity for the pain of humanity. Thank you, Jesus, for giving us a model to console us. Help me remember that anything I might suffer, you have already suffered. From that knowledge, help me draw strength. Amen.

**Meditation**

The gospels present us with a paradox: We lose what we strive to keep, and we gain what we freely give away! Jesus' parable of the rich man and Lazarus dramatizes what can happen when we neglect to share what we have with others, especially the poor and weak. The rich man was not condemned for his wealth, but for his neglect of the poor. In the end, he himself became a hopeless beggar, beseeching Abraham for relief from the underworld.

**Blessed are those who trust in the Lord.**

The name Lazarus means "God is my help." Despite a life of suffering, Lazarus kept his hope in God. In the end, he received a treasure that had been stored up for him in heaven. St. Augustine once said that we are all beggars in need of God's grace. "You abound in temporal possessions, but you need eternal things....What you do with those who beg from you is what God will do with [you]....Fill your empty neighbor...so that your emptiness may be filled."

Real charity is not just giving our leftovers to the needy. Real charity involves sacrificial giving out of a selfless love for Jesus. Mother Teresa loved to tell this story: "Some time ago in our children's home, we didn't have sugar for the children. A little boy, four years old heard, 'Mother Teresa has no sugar for the children.' He went home and told his parents, 'I will not eat sugar for three days. I will give my sugar to Mother Teresa.' He was so small, he could scarcely pronounce even my name, and yet he taught me how to love with great love. It was not how much he gave, but that he gave with great love."

This is how God wants us to give. Everything we have is his gift – our lives, health, talents, and possessions. How we invest these gifts now will determine what kind of future we will have. Let's allow the Holy Spirit to change our hearts and show us the way to happiness as we generously share our gifts and resources.

*Lord, soften my heart that I may love feely and give generously to those in need. Let me show others mercy the way you have shown me mercy.*

—THE WORD AMONG US

# Sunday Readings

## 1Thessalonians 5:1-11

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But as to the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When people say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as travail comes upon a woman with child, and there will be no escape. But you are not in darkness, brethren, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all sons of light and sons of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. But, since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we wake or sleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

## Luke 16: 19-31

"There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, '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. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

يا إِخْوَتِي، أَمَّا الْأَزْمَنَةُ وَالْأَوْقَاتُ، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةَ، فَلَا حَاجَةَ بِكُمْ أَنْ يُكْتَبَ إِلَيْكُمْ فِي شَأْنِهَا؛ لِأَنَّكُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ جَيِّدًا أَنَّ يَوْمَ الرَّبِّ يَأْتِي كَالسَّارِقِ لَيْلًا. فَحِينَ يَقُولُونَ: سَلَامٌ وَأَمْنٌ! حِينَنَدُ يَدَهُمُ الْهَلَاكُ دَهْمَ الْمَخَاضِ لِلْحَبْلِ، وَلَا يُفْلَتُونَ. أَمَّا أَنْتُمْ، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةَ، فَلَسْتُمْ فِي ظِلْمَةٍ لِيُفَاجِئَكُمْ ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمَ كَالسَّارِقِ. فَأَنْتُمْ كُلُّكُمْ أَبْنَاءُ النُّورِ، وَأَبْنَاءُ النَّهَارِ؛ وَلَسْنَا أَبْنَاءَ اللَّيْلِ وَلَا أَبْنَاءَ الظُّلْمَةِ. إِذَا فَلَا نَنُمُ كَسَائِرِ النَّاسِ، بَلْ لِنَسْهَرُ وَنَصُحْ؛ لِأَنَّ الَّذِينَ يَنَامُونَ فِي اللَّيْلِ يَنَامُونَ، وَالَّذِينَ يَسْكُرُونَ فِي اللَّيْلِ يَسْكُرُونَ. أَمَّا نَحْنُ أَبْنَاءُ النَّهَارِ، فَتَنْصَحْ لِبِئْسِ دَرَجَةِ الْإِيمَانِ وَالْمَحَبَّةِ، وَوَأَضَعِينَ خُوذةَ رَجَاءِ الْخَلَاصِ. فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَمْ يَجْعَلْنَا لِلْغَضَبِ، بَلْ لِإِحْرَازِ الْخَلَاصِ بِرَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، الَّذِي مَاتَ مِنْ أَجْلِنَا، لِنَحْيَا مَعَهُ سَاهِرِينَ كَمَا نَامِينَ. فَذَلِكَ شَجَعُوا بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا، وَلِيُبَيِّنَ الْوَاحِدُ الْآخَرَ، كَمَا أَنْتُمْ فَاعِلُونَ.

لوقا ١٦ : ١٩-٣١

"كَانَ رَجُلٌ غَنِيٌّ يَلْبَسُ الْأَرْجَوَانَ وَالْكَتَانَ النَّاعِمِ، وَيَتَنَعَّمُ كُلَّ يَوْمٍ بِأَفْخَرِ الْوَلَائِمِ. وَكَانَ رَجُلٌ مَسْكِينٌ اسْمُهُ لِعَازَرُ مَطْرُوحًا عِنْدَ بَابِهِ، تَكْسُوهُ الْقُرُوحُ. وَكَانَ يَشْتَهِي أَنْ يَشْبَعَ مِنَ الْفَتَاتِ الْمَتَسَافِطِ مِنْ مَائِدَةِ الْغَنِيِّ، غَيْرَ أَنْ الْكِلَابَ كَانَتْ تَأْتِي فَتَلْحَسُ قُرُوحَهُ. وَمَاتَ الْمَسْكِينُ فَحَمَلَتْهُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ إِلَى حِضْنِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ. ثُمَّ مَاتَ الْغَنِيُّ وَدُفِنَ. وَرَفَعَ الْغَنِيُّ عَيْنَيْهِ، وَهُوَ فِي السَّجِيمِ يُقَاسِي الْعَذَابَ، فَرَأَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ مِنْ بَعِيدٍ، وَلِعَازَرَ فِي حِضْنِهِ. فَنادَى وَقَالَ: يَا أَيْتَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، إِرْحَمْنِي وَأَرْسِلْ لِعَازَرَ لِيَبِيلَ طَرَفِ إِصْبَعِهِ بِمَاءٍ وَيُرِدَّ لِسَانِي، لِأَنِّي مُتَوَجِّعٌ فِي هَذَا اللَّهْيَبِ. فَقَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ: يَا ابْنِي، تَذَكَّرْ أَنَّكَ نَلِيتَ خَيْرَاتِكَ فِي حَيَاتِكَ، وَلِعَازَرُ نَالَ الْبَلَايَا. وَالآنَ هُوَ يَتَعَزَّى هُنَا، وَأَنْتَ تَتَوَجِّعُ. وَمَعَ هَذَا كُلِّهِ، فَإِنَّ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمْ هُوَّةٌ عَظِيمَةٌ ثَابِتَةٌ، حَتَّى إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُرِيدُونَ أَنْ يَجْتَازُوا مِنْ هُنَا إِلَيْكُمْ لَا يَسْتَطِيعُونَ، وَلَا مِنْ هُنَا أَنْ يَغْبُرُوا إِلَيْنَا. فَقَالَ الْغَنِيُّ: أَسْأَلُكَ إِذَا، يَا أَيْتَ، أَنْ تُرْسِلَ لِعَازَرَ إِلَى بَيْتِ أَبِي، فَإِنَّ لِي خَمْسَةَ إِخْوَةَ، لِيَشْهَدَ لَهُمْ، كَيْ لَا يَأْتُوا هُمْ أَيْضًا إِلَى مَكَانِ الْعَذَابِ هَذَا. فَقَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ: عِنْدَهُمْ مُوسَى وَالْأَنْبِيَاءُ، فَلْيَسْمَعُوا لَهُمْ. فَقَالَ: لَا، يَا أَيْتَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، وَلَكِنْ إِذَا مَضَى إِلَيْهِمْ وَاحِدٌ مِنَ الْأَمْوَاتِ يَتُوبُونَ. فَقَالَ لَهُ إِبْرَاهِيمُ: إِنْ كَانُوا لَا يَسْمَعُونَ لِمُوسَى وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ، فَإِنَّهُمْ، وَلَوْ قَامَ وَاحِدٌ مِنَ الْأَمْوَاتِ لَنْ يَقْتِنَعُوا!".

Next Sunday

John 2: 1-11 Romans 14: 14-23