

26th Sunday In Ordinary Time Sept. 25,2016

So who is the Rich Man today?

Every priest who proclaims this Gospel IS dressed in fine linens and will feast sumptuously IF he is in th USA, and so will you!

And who and where is Lazarus today?

□ ...at the Homeless Shelter in downtown Phoenix.

...in the battered streets of war devastated Syria.

...and he may be even closer in single moms struggling to put food on the table, or widowed and abandoned elders surviving thanks to meals on wheels....

"Woe to the complacent in Zion!" wails Amos in today's FirstReading

Thanks to the Consumer Protection Agency the President of Wells Fargo Bank was hailed before Congress this week, and Elizabeth Warren, a modern □ Amos castigated him for his complete lack of ethics.

"You should resign!"

We are entering into a critical juncture in American History.

We cannot be complacent or "Woe to us!"

Who as president will care at all about Lazarus in our midst?

Who as president will be like the complacent rich man?

Who as president will care about the handicapped, the migrant, the refugee, the least of our brothers and sisters?

These are questions every Christian who really ponders today's readings must ask.

And so we pray:

Come Holy Spirit,

enlighten the undecided.

Stir up the complacent,

Inform the ignorant,

so that no curse will come upon our land.

Rather send you light,

to those who dwell in the dark.

Amen