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**Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque  
Prayer to the Sacred Heart:**

Lord Jesus, let my heart never rest until it finds You, who are its Center, its Love, and its Happiness. By the wound in Your heart, pardon the sins that I have committed, whether out of malice or evil desires. Place my weak heart in your own Divine Heart, continually under Your protection and guidance, so that I may persevere in doing good and in fleeing evil until my last breath.  
Amen.



# Lectio Divina: The Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31)

## Introduction

*Brother Knights, the Lord sets before us Lazarus and the rich man. Grant us, O God, the grace to hear Moses and the prophets, to see the poor at our gate, and to be converted in mind and heart. Form in us the virtues that guide our lives and actions, so that we walk in charity, unity, and fraternity.*

## Meditation (Reading and Reflection)

*The passage (Luke 16:19-31) will be read. As you reflect, attend to the word or phrase the Lord presses upon your heart.*

- **Summary:** Jesus contrasts a self-satisfied rich man and the afflicted Lazarus. After death their conditions are reversed, and Abraham teaches that the Scriptures already summon us to conversion.

## Silently consider:

- **Who is the Lazarus at my gate** today in my family, parish, workplace, or neighborhood?
- **Where have comfort and routine** dulled my compassion or readiness to share?
- **What chasm** is forming through habits of indifference, distraction, or self focus?
- **How am I listening to Moses and the prophets** through Scripture, the Church's teaching, and the cry of the poor?
- **Which single phrase from this Gospel** most calls me to conversion or consoles me as a Knight?

*(Silent reflection)*

## Contemplation

*Choose a brief phrase from the Gospel, for example, "a poor man named Lazarus," "a great chasm is established," or "Let them listen to them." Receive it, repeat it gently, and rest before the Lord, allowing Him to shape your heart in mercy and obedience.*

*(Shared silence)*

## Call to Action (Prayer and Action)

*How will this Word shape your actions this week?*

- **Pray:** Ask for a merciful heart and openness to God's word. Remember the poor by name in daily prayer.
- **Act:** Adopt a Knight's mindset: attentive to grace, humble in service, steadfast in charity; serve quietly where you are; give from what you have without seeking notice; keep prayer with your work; review your week before the Lord; with a Brother Knight set one concrete step in charity and fulfill it.

## A Moment of Grace

*Jesus, Word made flesh, open our ears to Moses and the prophets and open our eyes to the poor at our gate. Break the habits that build a chasm in our hearts. Grant us conversion of mind and heart. Make us generous in charity, steadfast in unity, and joyful in fraternity. Amen.*

*Vivat Jesus.*



# Our Shared Lectio Divina Journey

*“Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.” – 1 Samuel 3:9*

Our reflection will be guided by three readings of the same sacred text, voiced by three volunteers. Each reading invites us to listen more deeply to the living Word of God. After each reading, we will pause for a brief period of silent reflection before any sharing. Sharing is optional; you may choose to pass if you wish.

## **After the First Reading: A Word or Phrase**

We will each share one word or a short phrase from the Scripture that stood out. There is no need to explain the choice. This step allows the text to speak first and helps us hear what the Holy Spirit is highlighting for each brother, giving us a shared foundation for prayer.

## **After the Second Reading: A Personal Connection**

We will reflect on how that word or phrase meets our life right now. How does this Scripture speak to your present circumstances? What memory, challenge, clarity, or encouragement does it bring to mind for you, personally and as a Knight?

## **After the Third Reading: A Call to Action**

We will listen for an invitation from the Lord. In light of this passage and our reflection, what is the Holy Spirit calling you, or us as a council, to do, to strengthen, or to change? Let us share these movements of heart and mind with fraternal openness, strengthening our common life.

May this time of prayerful listening draw us closer to Christ and to one another, renewing us for our shared mission.



# ✠ Lectio Divina ✠

## "Building on the Rock of Faith"

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke 16:19-31

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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.'"

# As We Depart

*Lord Jesus,*

Merciful Savior, we thank you for the Word we have pondered. As we depart, open our eyes to the Lazarus at our door; as Knights, strengthen us for works of mercy in Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

Give us hearts that listen to Moses and the prophets, and grant true repentance that bears fruit.

Spare us from the great chasm of indifference, and bring us, by your mercy, to rest at Abraham's side. Amen.

*Amen.*



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St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil, and strengthen us in the mission of the Knights of Columbus to live in charity, to defend the truth, to stand firm in unity, and to serve with fraternity. May God rebuke the enemy, we humbly pray, and do you, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls and the discouragement of Catholic men. Through your intercession, protect our families, our parishes, and our councils, that we may bear faithful witness to Christ and His Church, always proclaiming  
Vivat Jesus. Amen.





## Lazarus at the Gate

The Lord warns that a great chasm begins at a closed door; let us see the Lazarus at our threshold, listen to Moses and the prophets, and choose mercy today so that we may rest at Abraham's side.



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