

# Sunday 26th (C) in Ordinary Time

**Gospel text (Lk 16,19-31): Jesus said to the Pharisees, «Once there was a rich man who dressed in purple and fine linen and feasted every day. At his gate lay Lazarus, a poor man covered with sores, who longed to eat just the scraps falling from the rich man's table. Even dogs used to come and lick his sores (...).».**

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## ***Solidarity: to wake the “accustomed heart” up***

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Today, there are some landscapes we end up getting used to see and hear. The big risk of getting accustomed is indifference: we are not surprised anymore by anything; nothing can give us a shake or question us... Something similar may happen to us in relation with the sad landscape that sticks out harder and harder in our streets (people of all ages begging or stirring the garbage, sleeping in the street corners...) and in our world (terrorism, war...).

After our getting accustomed comes indifference: we can't care less about their lives, their history or their future. However, this is the landscape around us and we, like it or not, are part of it.

\_This accustomed heart of ours is waken up and rescued from the evil of indifference by the Church's invitation to fasting: fasting that springs out of love and that takes us to a higher love. The fasting that God wants is not “turning our back to our brethren”. Fasting from the standpoint of solidarity! Today we can only fast toiling to stop others from fasting.