

## NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 14C)

### The Lord Is Surely Coming to Give You His Kingdom



**Background:** Imagine having a conversation with God. Yes, we do that through prayer, and God does answer our prayers as best seems fit. But how about an actual conversation? What would He say? What would you say? In today's lessons, we get first-hand knowledge of what might be said. God says set your minds on heavenly things. Be careful of amassing earthly treasure; Rather, establish heavenly treasures that will never wear out. How do we do that? Bible study and devotions in our daily life is a good start. Regular worship and use of the Sacraments are very helpful.. Using this Biblical knowledge to live sanctified lives is also important as

we are to Let our light shine before **Leonardo Da Vinci** *God tells childless Abraham that his seed will more than the stars* men, so others will see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven. Finally, we want to do what God says. When Abraham spoke with the Lord, He trusted and believed His word and **"God credited it to him for righteousness"**.

**The Lessons: Genesis 15:1–6, Hebrews 11:1–16, & Luke 12:22–34 (35–40)** The Lord Himself was Abraham's shield and great reward. For "the word of the LORD came to him" and sustained the patriarch's faith in the face of death (Gen. 15:4). By divine grace, Abraham "believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness" (Gen. 15:6), on account of the holy Seed, Christ Jesus. To that one old man, the Lord granted "descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore" (Heb. 11:12). The Lord is likewise faithful to you. It is His glad desire "to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32). Therefore, "do not be anxious about your life," but instead "seek his kingdom" (Luke 12:22, 31). Set your heart on that treasure. "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning ... for the Son of Man is coming" (Luke 12:35, 40).