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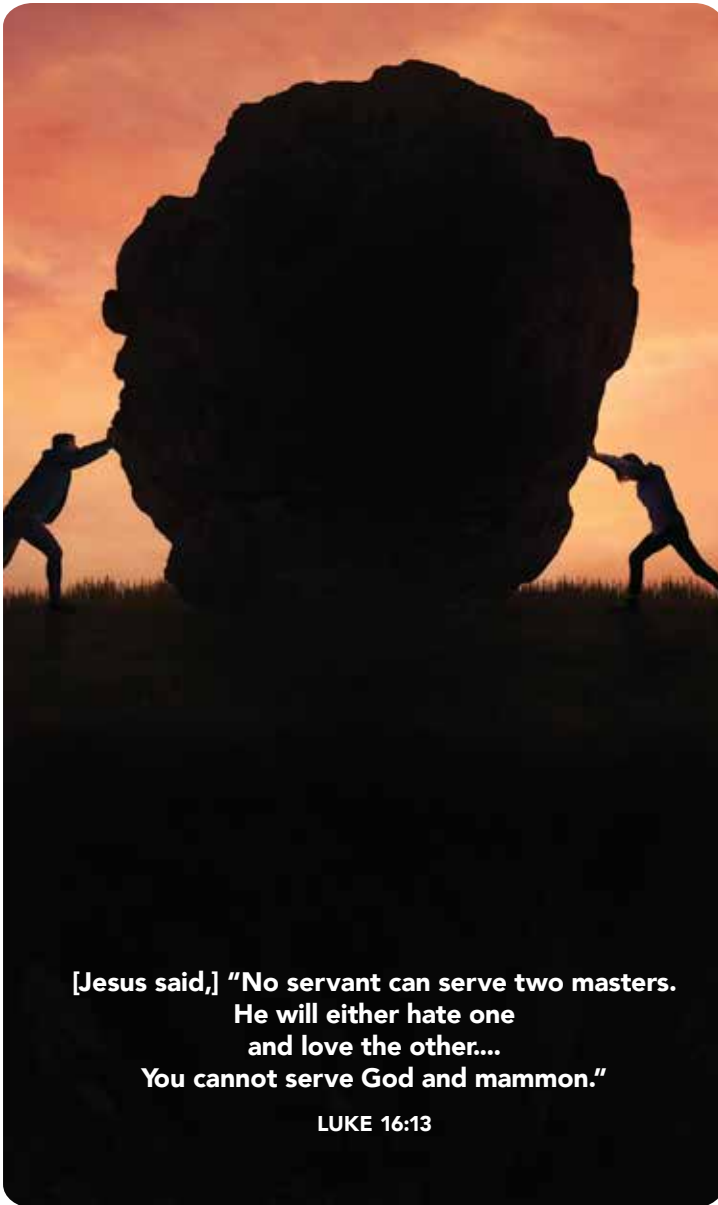
September 18, 2022

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Am 8:4-7

1 Tm 2:1-8

Lk 16:1-13



God or Mammon?

Jesus tells a story that might sound confusing to us because it reflects economic practices of his time, not ours. His original audience likely recognized the situation as one that was familiar to them. In the story, an employee fails to oversee and enhance the material holdings of his employer. However, when it came to getting what he could for himself from the employer's assets, he shows remarkable ability. One might say: Good for him! Even the employer thought the employee's actions showed resourcefulness.

Jesus does not applaud the specifics of the man's behavior, acceptable or not, as the case may have been. Rather, he notes that the man used whatever was available to him to ensure his own comfort in the future. Jesus then states that the ingenuity of such a man is more noteworthy than that of children of light. What a condemnation!

Jesus goes on to condemn mammon. Just what is that? It is too easy to say that mammon is money, though money is part of it. A good definition is "the greedy pursuit of gain." This could be any kind of gain over others when we make that gain the primary value in our lives. The story shows that the employee was amazingly industrious in his pursuit. In comparison, the children of light (you and me?) too often fail to demonstrate comparable industry in pursuing the true wealth of which Jesus spoke. Once again, a choice is placed before us: God or mammon?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ✳ *What is the driving pursuit in your life? Is it worthy of you?*
- ✳ *How committed are you to religious pursuits?*



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Baptisms: by appointment 3 weeks in advance

Weddings: by appointment 6 months in advance



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We welcome our parishioners and visitors who have come to St. Michael's to worship this weekend. May you be blessed by your presence here today.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS...

MINISTRIES

SEPTEMBER 17/18th TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Lector: Laura DeFrias EM: Karen Marsh
10:00AM Lector: Jesse Almeida EM: Maura Almeida
Collection: Karen Marsh

SEPTEMBER 24/25th TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Lector: Alberta Cannonier EM: **Volunteer Needed**
10:00AM Lector: LaVerne Lau EM: Joyce Lee
Collection: The DeFrias

MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER 17/18th TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Adelina & Jose DeFrias ++
Mary & Benjamin Botelho ++
10:00AM Macio Lightbourne

SEPTEMBER 24/25th TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Veronica & Herman Tucker ++
Martin Cusak + (8th Anniversary)
10:00AM LaVerne Lau (Birthday)

You are welcome to attend Morning Masses at
St. Theresa's - 7:30^{AM} Mon.—Fri. | St. Anthony's - 8:00^{AM} Tues.—Fri.
St. Patrick's - 8:00^{AM} Mon.—Fri.

ST. THERESA'S Masses are live streamed via the
Diocesan Website and their Facebook Page



STEWARDSHIP

Collection:
\$2300/week or \$9200/month in the collection
is needed to break even each month.

ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS FOR YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTION

are welcomed. Consider making a weekly,
monthly or quarterly transaction.

**When making your online transaction, be sure to include
your name and "collection" as your memo
on your banking transaction."**

**ST. MICHAEL'S uses your regular collection contributions
to support the day-to-day operations of our Parish.**

**Thank you to those parishioners who continue to
answer our call for stewardship to St. Michael's.**

Online donations can be made to St. Michael's Church's
BNTB Account # 2000 6060 081824 100.

The Bishop's Corner



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

Greeting the participants gathered at the Vatican for the Third International Congress on Catechesis, organized by the Dicastery for Evangelization, Pope Francis stressed the very important role catechists play in the Church, calling them "a sign of the Church's responsibility to so many people; children, young people and adults who wish to make a journey of faith."

He encouraged catechists to never get tired of their ministry, to avoid a "school lecture" type catechesis, and to strive to offer a "living experience of the faith that each of us wishes to pass on to the new generations." At this time, offering catechesis is challenging work, he admitted, since it involves finding the best ways to communicate the faith to different age groups and walks of life.

*"Being a catechist is not a title; it is an attitude of abiding with him, and it lasts a lifetime! It means abiding in the Lord's presence and letting ourselves be led by him."
~Pope Francis*

The key, he noted, is the interpersonal encounter that "opens the heart" to hear the Gospel and accept the invitation to live and grow in Christian life. The Pope underscored the purpose of catechesis, describing it as a "privileged stage of evangelization" where one encounters Jesus Christ and allows Him to grow in our lives.

In conclusion, Pope Francis reminded the catechists that they are "called to make visible and tangible the person of Jesus Christ, who loves each one of you" guiding our lives and helping us discern our moral actions. "Never turn away from this source of love, for it is the condition for being happy and full of joy always and in spite of everything. This is the new life that sprang up in us on the day of Baptism and that we have the responsibility to share with everyone so that it can grow in each person and bear fruit."

Have a peaceful Sunday and a productive week!

+ We: *Wesley*
Bishop Wes

WORD FROM Pope Francis



In these times when social concerns are so important, I cannot fail to mention the Servant of God Dorothy Day, who founded the Catholic Worker Movement. Her social activism, her passion for justice and for the cause of the oppressed, were inspired by the Gospel, her faith, and the example of the saints.

ADDRESS TO JOINT SESSION OF US CONGRESS, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015



SUNDAY READINGS – Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

COLLECT

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbor, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING – Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land!

“When will the new moon be over,” you ask, “that we may sell our grain, and the sabbath, that we may display the wheat?”

We will diminish the ephah, add to the shekel, and fix our scales for cheating!

We will buy the lowly for silver, and the poor for a pair of sandals; even the refuse of the wheat we will sell!”

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Never will I forget a thing they have done!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Psalm 113:1-2, 4-8

R. Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor.

or R. Alleluia.

Praise, you servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord. Blessed be the name of the Lord both now and forever. *(R)*

High above all nations is the Lord; above the heavens is his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who is enthroned on high and looks upon the heavens and the earth below? *(R)*

He raises up the lowly from the dust; from the dunghill he lifts up the poor to seat them with princes, with the princes of his own people. *(R)*

SECOND READING – 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Beloved: First of all, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity. This is good and pleasing to God our savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth.

For there is one God. There is also one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as ransom for all.

This was the testimony at the proper time. For this I was appointed preacher and apostle—I am speaking the truth, I am not lying—, teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

It is my wish, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. *Cf. 2 Cor 8:9*

Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL – Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to his disciples, “A rich man had a steward who was reported to him for squandering his property. He summoned him and said, ‘What is this I hear about you? Prepare a full account of your stewardship, because you can no longer be my steward.’ The steward said to himself, ‘What shall I do, now that my master is taking the position of steward away from me? I am not strong enough to dig and I am ashamed to beg. I know what I shall do so that, when I am removed from the stewardship, they may welcome me into their homes.’ He called in his master’s debtors one by one. To the first he said, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He replied, ‘One hundred measures of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Here is your promissory note. Sit down and quickly write one for fifty.’ Then to another the steward said, ‘And you, how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘One hundred kors of wheat.’ The steward said to him, ‘Here is your promissory note; write one for eighty.’ And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently.

“For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth? If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours? No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon.”



A farewell coffee Social was held for **Deacon David** and his wife **Cathryn** who leave this weekend to return to Kent, England. It was a wonderful celebration and we thank all who prepared the refreshments and attended to say goodbye.

We wish you both all the very best as you start a new chapter.

God bless you and your family today and always.





Celebration of Mass Ministries

We are in need of Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers at our two Masses. Saturday, Vigil Mass 5:00pm and 10am Sunday Mornings. Please consider returning to Mass and participating in proclaiming the Good News as well as distributing the Eucharist. Your participation is important to our parish community.

Please confirm your availability for the next three months - September, October and November to allow me to prepare the roster for each Mass. *Many thanks, Karen*

RCIA & BIBLE STUDY

Each Tuesday in the Sacristy or the Crying Room (air conditioned) depending upon the heat

- 10:30 am Ongoing RCIA
- 4:00 pm EMMAUS BIBLE STUDY - focusing upon the upcoming Biblical Sunday Mass readings.

Dear Padre,

A friend sent me a copy of *The Catholic Worker* newspaper. It was founded by one of his heroes, Dorothy Day. What can you tell me about her?

Dorothy Day was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1897. She finished high school at age sixteen and joined the Socialist Party in 1914 as a college student. She converted to Catholicism in 1927.

During the Great Depression, Dorothy's commitment to the poor deepened. In 1932 she met Peter Maurin, with whom she founded the Catholic Worker Movement. In 1933 she created *The Catholic Worker* newspaper, through which she proclaimed the rights of workers to dignity and to fair and honest treatment by industry and government, landlords, and neighbors. Her pro-labor and anti-war beliefs caused her to be labeled a Communist, but she was never a member of the Communist Party.

Dorothy's concern for social justice grew—among other things, she worked with Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers. She was orthodox, pious, and had a deep sense of Catholic morality.

She died in 1980. In 2000, St. John Paul II granted the Archdiocese of New York permission to open a cause for Dorothy Day's sainthood. That cause was endorsed in 2012 by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, who called her "a saint for our time." In December 2021, Servant of God Dorothy Day's cause advanced from the Archdiocese of New York to the Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of the Saints.



Fr. Rick Potts, CSSR Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

AROUND THE DIOCESE

ST. PATRICK'S welcomes everyone each Wednesday morning at 10:00am to recite the Holy Rosary.

HOLY ROSARY Each Thursday evening at 7:30pm. Please join us for the Holy Rosary recited in five (5) languages, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Eucharist.

LECTIO DIVINA, each Monday at 7pm. Contact Franz Wohlmuth via email: gwohlmuth@logic.bm. Each week, Franz will send you the Zoom link and the Sunday readings for you to have available for the Monday meeting led by Bishop Wes.

12:10PM MASS at the Cathedral each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, celebrated by Bishop Wes.

ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP Hours of operation are Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10am to 2pm. Thanks in advance for your support.



The CCD programme will take on a different format this year.

It will be directed more to the weekly Sunday readings.

We require a teacher and at least two assistants, for FHC instruction.

CCD will be unable to begin in October without volunteer catechists.

Please contact Patricia Carreiro at

pcarreiro1976@gmail.com or by cell 737 1047.

Many thanks in advance for your service to our Parish community.



For the second year, SVDP has registered as a recipient charity with the Butterfield Bermuda Championship, which will be held this year at the Port Royal Golf Course from 24th to 30th October.

We welcome your support for this event as well as for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

THERE ARE A COUPLE OF WAYS TO DO THIS AND HAVE FUN AT THE SAME TIME.

1. Sign up to be a volunteer at the event: For each volunteer that chooses SVDP as their charity, we will receive \$200.
2. Make a donation through the Birdies for Charity program: For every donation made, SVDP will receive 100% of your donation, plus an additional 10%.

To volunteer or make a donation, please visit:
butterfieldbdachampionship.com.

For more information, please contact
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Thank you, as always, for your continued support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.