

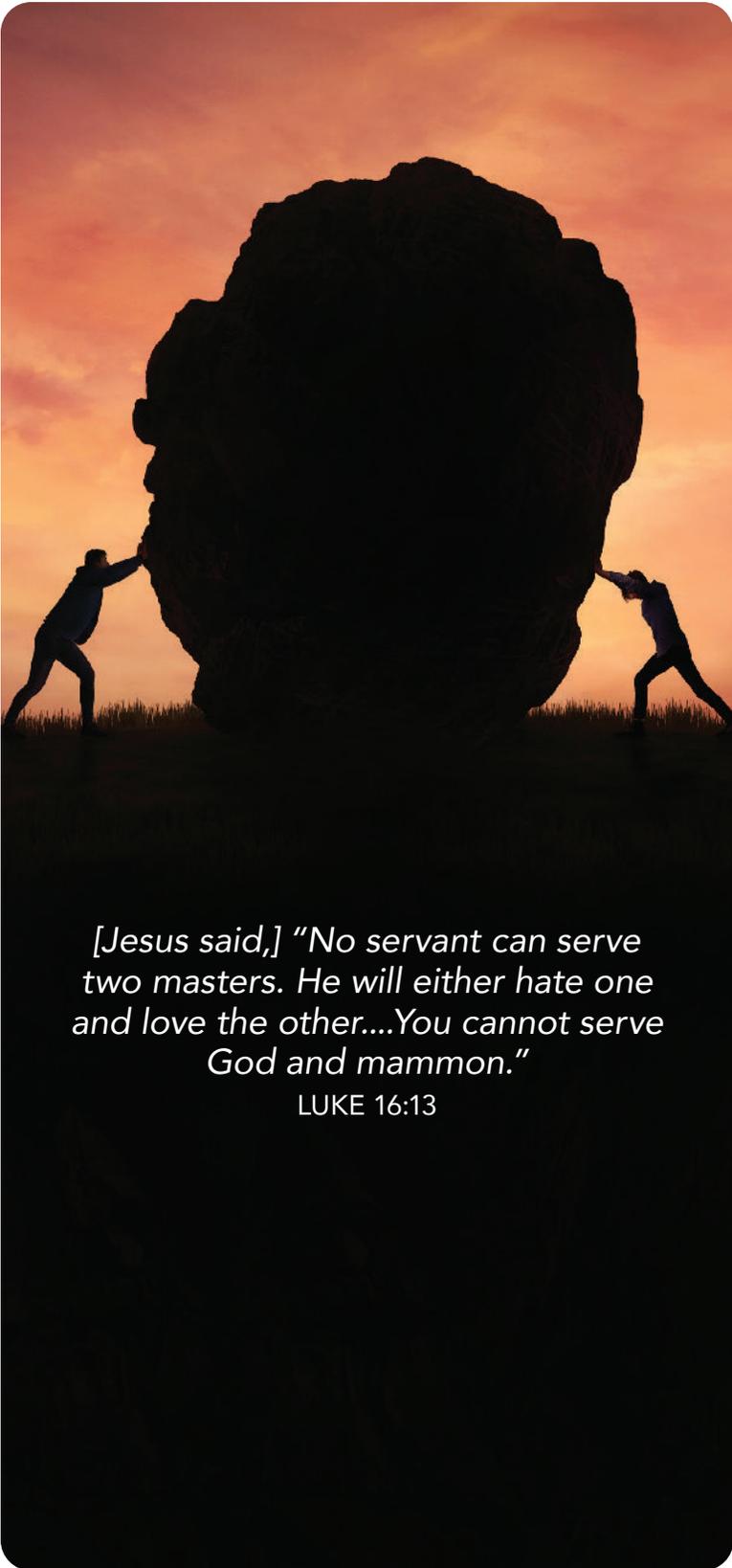
God or Mammon?

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



[Jesus said,] "No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other....You cannot serve God and mammon."

LUKE 16:13

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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Tuesdays & Saturdays 8:00 PM in the Hall

Mass Schedule at St. Anthony's

Sat	Sept 17	6:00 pm	Jaime De Viveiros Furtado+
		8:00 pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word (Hall)
Sun	Sept 18	11:15 am	
		1:00 pm	Baptism (Monserrat)
		3:00 pm	Spanish Mass
Tues	Sept 20	8:15 am	
		8:00 pm	NCW Eucharistic Celeb. (Hall)
Wed	Sept 21	8:15 am	
Thu	Sept 22	8:15 am	
Fri.	Sept 23	8:15 am	
Sat.	Sept 24	6:00 pm	
		8:00 pm	NCW Eucharistic Celeb. (Hall)
Sun	Sept 25	11:15 am	

Liturgical Ministries – The books for the lectors for the new liturgical year are available and can be picked up at the sacristy anytime. Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church.

BULLETIN for September 17 and September 18, 2022

Weekly Collections at St. Anthony's

Sept. 3/ Sept 4 \$ 1,453.00
Sept 10/Sept 11 \$ 1,265.00

Online payments can be made directly into the Bank account of St. Anthony's – Butterfield Bank – BD \$ Current A/c – 20006060061567100 and US \$ Current A/c - 20006840061567100.

Please make sure to indicate what the donation is for in the memo field when making the payment i.e., Gen collection; Maintenance; Mission Sunday, etc. Multiple payments can be made for those times that you are away or on vacation. Please note that we are charged \$20 for US checks drawn on a US Bank.

Pastor's Note

Dear friends,

The Gospel of this Sunday can be misunderstood in several ways. However, we need to focus on the ultimate message that the Evangelist (and Jesus) wants us to receive. This message is articulated in two points:

1. A call to deal with the spiritual and eternal realities of the Gospel with faith, with the same smartness, the same zeal, and the same sagacity as we deal with the things of this world. When we deal with money and job-related issues, especially in a situation of stress (the administrator in the parable is under the stress of losing his job), we become industrious and shrewd. We put all our resources into creating the opportunity of getting another job. The point of Jesus is that when we have to deal with things of the spirit, with eternal reality, often we do not follow the same approach. Making the priority of attending mass, listening to the word of God or going to confession, making a priority to forgive, to reconcile with people with who may have an issue with us, making a priority of evangelizing, spreading the good news is not always at the top of our lists and absorbing the best of our mental and, at times, physical energy. While we are very industrious and skilled with money or job-related issues, we may be procrastinators and lazy with spiritual matters.
2. The servant, in order to reach his goal, was willing to lose his revenue, his profit. While salvation is given for free, yet there is a cost. Jesus tells us that we need to be ready to lose temporal gains in order to embrace the eternal good. Money is given to us as administrators. However, this is in the sense that the best use we can make of our money is not to

build up a good bank account, have a good insurance and buy a nice house for retirement, but to do works of mercy, acts of love, and not only to our friends and family. This is what it means "to make friends with dishonest riches," as well as to strengthen our relationship with God. It may be to pay for a retreat or a babysitter when we need to attend meetings that are beneficial to our spiritual life. It is about being ready to lose in the material world in order to invest in spiritual goods. It is about, with the words of Jesus himself, making a treasure in heaven.

In the end, the call to give account of our administration has already been issued with the death and resurrection of the Lord, who sent his servant, the Church. on the mission of evangelization to call us to give account of our administration. We are already on borrowed time. Blessed are those who see it and believe it. So, the shrewd attitude of the Administrator is the right attitude to deal with our eternal destiny. Then we can find somebody in heaven to receive us when the moment comes. God bless you all. Fr. Attilio

Altar Servers Needed: Training for new altar servers will be on Sundays September 18 and 25 from 10:30 to 11:15 AM at St. Anthony's Church for both Churches. This is an immense value for the children to be able to serve at the altar and we invite parents not to miss this opportunity. We encourage children, who have already received their first Holy Communion, to participate and learn how to serve God at the altar. We would like to thank Annette Boyle for refreshing all our altar server robes by laundering them and sewing them where needed.

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.
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!
Bishop Wes

"Let Us Pray"

If you need a prayer to be said for you, a friend, a family member or for a special need, please send an email to:
letuspraybda@gmail.com

The email address is reviewed daily by the
Associate members of the Sisters of Charity in Bermuda,
and your prayer will be acted on once received.
You don't have to give a reason, the name or the sender's name,
just that a prayer is required.

Remember: A prayer is sometimes all that's needed!
Give it a try!

Bingo for Seniors: Once again we will resume bingo for seniors in the church hall on Friday October 14 from 1 pm to 4 pm. Sign-up sheets for donations have been placed in the back of the church. Kindly submit your donations in the box provided on or before October 7. Thank you.

Parish Council Members: If you have any comments or queries, you can contact any of the following Parish Council members: Father Attilio, Patricia Rodrigues (Chairperson), Anna Daniel, Marie Stone, Denis Thornhill, Stephen Todd, Alice Astwood-Smith, Annette Boyle, and Joe Fagundo. A list of their names will soon be placed in the back of the church.

CCD PROGRAM: On Friday October 21 at 6:30 pm we will restart the full CCD program. For CCD registration please email Anna Daniel at stanthonycdd@yahoo.com or call her at 236-2438 and leave a message.

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.

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A 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



Calendar

Monday
SEPTEMBER 19
Weekday
Prv 3:27–34
Lk 8:16–18

Tuesday
SEPTEMBER 20
Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön,
Priest, and Paul Chông
Ha-sang, and Companions,
Martyrs
Prv 21:1–6, 10–13
Lk 8:19–21

Wednesday
SEPTEMBER 21
St. Matthew,
Apostle and Evangelist
Eph 4:1–7, 11–13
Mt 9:9–13

Thursday
SEPTEMBER 22
Weekday
Eccl 1:2–11
Lk 9:7–9

Friday
SEPTEMBER 23
St. Pius of Pietrelcina,
Priest
Eccl 3:1–11
Lk 9:18–22

Saturday
SEPTEMBER 24
Weekday
Eccl 11:9–12:8
Lk 9:43b–45

Sunday
SEPTEMBER 25
Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Am 6:1a, 4–7
1 Tm 6:11–16
Lk 16:19–31

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