

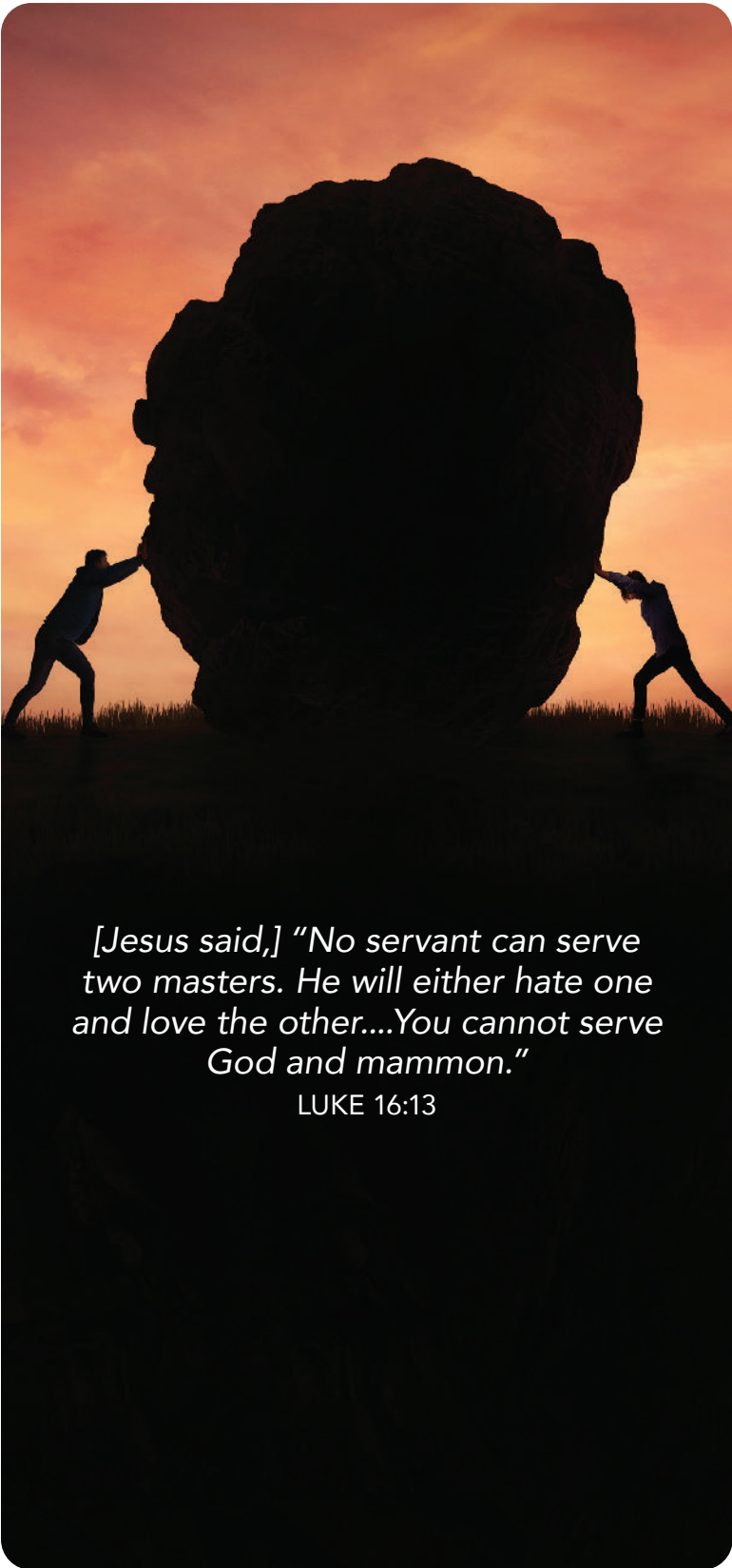
God or Mammon?

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?*



St. Joseph's Church

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It is the oldest standing Roman Catholic Church on the island.

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Mass Schedule

Saturday afternoon at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Anthony's – Saturday at 5:00 p.m., or by appointment

St. Joseph's – Sunday morning 8:30 a.m. “ “

St. Anthony's Mass times: Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday morning at 11:15 a.m.

BAPTISMS by appointment – one month in advance

WEDDINGS by appointment – one year in advance (approx.)

Pastoral & Finance Council Meeting – 26th September (TBC)

Coffee Social after Mass – 2nd October 2022 (Team 3)

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Entrance:	Sing to The Mountains	#580
Offertory:	Only This I Want	#732
Communion:	Let Us Break Bread Together	#800
Recessional:	Sent Forth by God's Blessing	#740

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- 25th September 2022

Proclaimer of God's Word
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Mass Intentions:

Sunday, 18th September

***Kelvin Domondon**

Saturday – 10th September
Regular
Maintenance

Attendance Collection

8 \$70.00
55.00

Sunday – 11th September
Regular
Maintenance

43 \$174.00
119.00
\$418.00

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BIRTHDAYS

Xiamara Maddox
Raquel Leavy

18th September
20th September

ANNIVERSARIES

Aidan & Marisa Stones

22nd September

May God, our loving heavenly Father, grant you many
more special days.

Prayers: Please keep our sick and shut-ins in your
prayers, especially Mary Maybury and Ilene Bremar.

Friday – 21st October – Family Buffet Supper:

Appetizer: Pumpkin Soup; Entrée: Chicken,
BBQ Pork, Potato Salad, Portuguese Chouriço & Potatoes,
Stir Fry Vegetables and Peas & Rice. Desserts: Assorted.
Take-out available

Tickets: \$30 (Adults) \$15 (Children) – available after Mass.

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PASTOR'S NOTE:

Dear friends,

The Gospel of this Sunday can be misunderstood in
several ways.

What we need to focus, however, is the ultimate
message that the Evangelist (and Jesus) wants us to
receive, and this message is articulated in two points:

A call to deal with the spiritual and eternal realities, with
the Gospel, and with faith with the same smartness, the
same zeal, 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), he becomes industrious and shrewd, he puts all his resources into creating the opportunity of

1. 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 time 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 that 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 it is doing 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, as 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 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 forward with the death and resurrection of the Lord, who sent his servants, the Church in the mission of evangelization, to call us to give account of our administration. We are already on a 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, so that we can find somebody in heaven to receive us when the moment comes.

God bless you all,
Fr. Attilio

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

REMEMBRANCE:



*Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II,
21st April 1926 – 8th September 2022.*



*State Funeral – Monday, 19th September 2022
starting at 7:00 a.m. (Bermuda time)*

One Last Time: GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

*May she rest in the loving arms of
Our Heavenly Father*

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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