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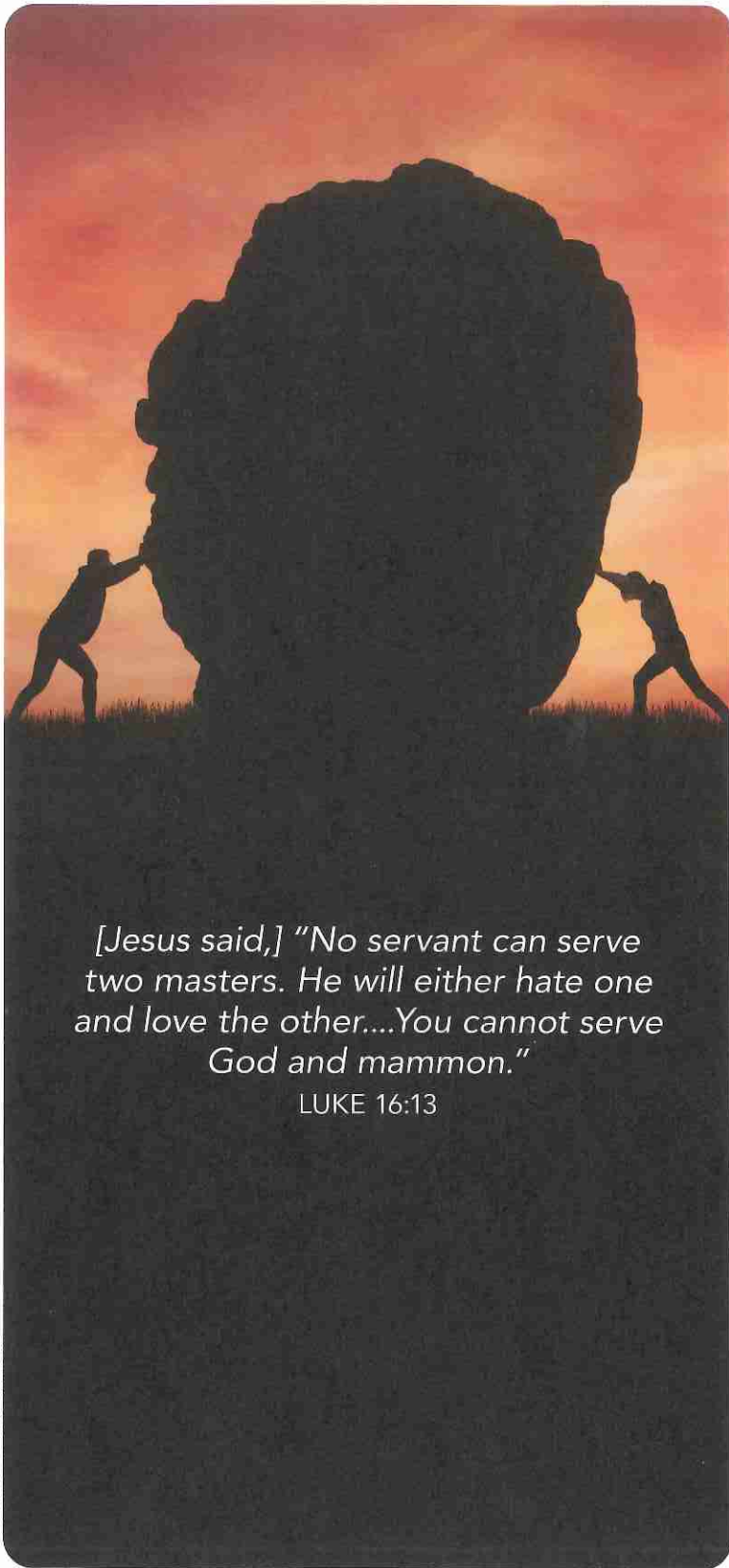
September 18, 2022

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Am 8:4-7

1 Tm 2:1-8

Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13



[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

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?

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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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REFLECTIONS

The Struggle For Spiritual Maturity

One of the common "sins" that people bring to the Sacrament of Reconciliation is negative emotion - anger, fear, resentment and the like. First of all, it is important to remember that emotions, in themselves, are not sins. They are just that - emotions or feelings. Feelings can be both negative and positive and everyone experiences them throughout life, depending in great measure on our circumstances.

Although emotions are not sins in themselves, they are clearly signs that something needs attention in our lives. Sometimes we call this our conscience which, if we consider honestly, is one of God's greatest gifts. God doesn't punish us through our recalling of sins and negative emotions. Rather, God invites us into reconciliation and restoration of right relationship. The invitation is always to go deeper, to ascertain what it is that God is inviting us to understand that needs attention, that needs healing. Sin, of course, happens when one acts out of such negative emotions in ways that bring harm to self and to others. In acting out in such negative ways, we contribute to the chaos that all too often plagues our lives. There is the reality of sin itself, and then, often worse, the isolation of losing contact with the divine love of God which lies at the very center of each of us. We can become trapped by these negative emotions such that we lose our way spiritually.

Indeed, in such circumstances, it is that deeper center within self which we must fathom in order to deal with both the sin and negative emotions. Challenged to reflect inwardly, we find God there to guide us, to assist us through the grace of the Holy Spirit to identify whatever it is that triggers the negative emotions we experience in our lives. Facing them is never easy, but is the essential first step in seeking inner peace. Confidently, even if hesitantly, we can approach God with the assurance that we will be accepted, forgiven, redeemed, and graced for further discipleship. Put aside fear, and trust in God's love, realizing that there is no end to what God can accomplish within us if we are willing to entrust ourselves to his divine mercy.

From Father Ken



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We are now in the 25th week in Ordinary Time. I hope all of you are enjoying the reprieve from the hot weather. I pray the summer heat is behind us and we are one day closer to fall. Please note the changes in the Mass schedule for this week:

Sept. 17th Saturday	No 9:00AM Mass
Sept. 17th Saturday	5:00PM Vigil (Father Quinlan)
Sept. 18th Sunday	10:00AM Mass (Father Quinlan)
Sept. 19th Monday	No Mass
Sept. 20th Tuesday	9:00AM Mass (Father Bob)
Sept. 21st Wednesday	No Mass Adoration 9:00AM – 6:00PM
Sept. 22nd Thursday	No Mass
Sept. 23rd Friday	9:00AM Mass & Confessions (Father Bob)
Sept. 24th Saturday	No 9:00AM Mass
Sept. 24th Saturday	5:00 Vigil Mass (To Be Announced)
Sept. 25th Sunday	10:00AM Mass (Father Bob)

It is an honor to have the Rev. Father James Quinlan with us this weekend from Cross Catholic Outreach. Please prayerfully consider supporting this vital missionary outreach.

Deacon Valentine's first public Mass is today. Pray for his priesthood and the Catholics in Nigeria.

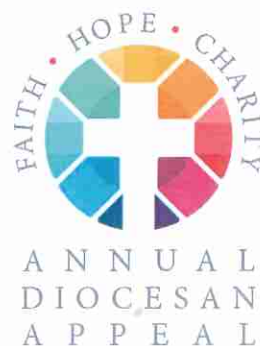
We have several events coming up during the first part of October: Blessing of the Pets, the Transistus Service, and others. More details will be given in next week's bulletin.

Bishop Olson asks that we remind you to make your pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal, "**A Call To Gratitude**", if you have not already done so. Please send in your envelopes as soon as possible.

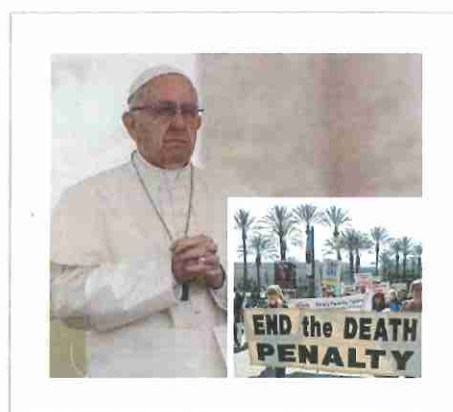
In closing, this week's reflections, Pope Francis ask us to continue our prayers during the remainder of September for the Abolition of the death penalty, which attacks the "**Dignity of The Human Person**". May such practices be legally abolished in every country throughout the world.

Christ's will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.

*God Give You Peace,
Mike Pierson*



[Send in your contribution soon](#)



Pray for the Abolition of the Death Penalty

Mass Intentions

Sept. 18, 2022	<u>Intentions of All SFV Catholic Chapel Parishioners</u>
Sept. 19, 2022	NO MASS
Sept. 20, 2022	<u>Repose of the Soul of Ralph Messina</u> By Jo Messina
Sept. 21, 2022	NO MASS
Sept. 22, 2022	NO MASS
Sept. 23, 2022	<u>Repose of the Soul Virginia Mendez</u> By SFV Catholic Chapel
Sept. 24, 2022	NO MASS (9AM)
Sept. 24, 2022	<u>The Health of Bill & Georgia Miller</u> & in Celebration of Their 65th <u>Wedding Anniversary</u> by the Miller Family

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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