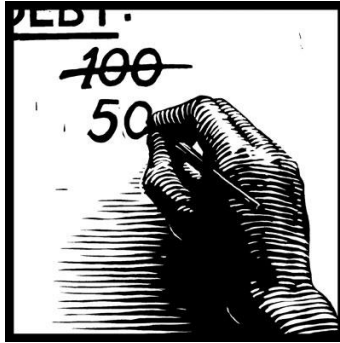


September 22, 2019

Ordinary Time

Twenty-fifth Sunday



God or Mammon What Is Your Choice?

The parable of the dishonest steward challenges us, Jesus' disciples to show as much intelligence in the use of wealth as the steward did in his own interests. Choosing to serve his own financial needs rather than the Master's, made him a dishonest servant. We cannot serve both the Master of the household (God) and our own personal interests (mammon).

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, September 28

4:30 p.m. Gary Greive

Sunday, September 29

8:00 a.m. Henry Joe Henke, Jr.

Special Intention – Marcella Vana Henke

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy

Next weekend is *The Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 146

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31



Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Preston Hutson.

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in thanksgiving to God.



St. Mary's Restoration Endowment Fund Maintaining & Preserving Maticka Praha



We thank the following for their recent contribution:

In Memory of Margarita Garcia - \$20
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* *In Memory of Anton Rejcek - \$20*
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* Your restoration is beautiful. Anton's dad helped build the original church.

DIOCESAN ROSARY CONGRESS OCTOBER 7 – 13, 2019

Holy Hour With Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
Tuesday, October 8, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.



Bishop Cahill has announced a Diocesan Rosary Congress throughout the Diocese of Victoria.

The Diocesan Rosary Congress (October 7-13, 2019) is a time of intense prayer before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament using the Holy Rosary to pray in reparation for the recent scandals in the Church and imploring God's mercy on our country. The theme for this period of prayer comes from St. John Paul II, – Pope: *To contemplate the face of Christ with Mary*.

The Congress will open with a Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory, Victoria at 6:00 p.m.

Our parish will participate in the Congress by having a Holy Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the recitation of the Holy Rosary and Benediction on Tuesday, October 8th, 6:00-7:00 p.m. All societies and parishioners are encouraged to join in the celebration.

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REFLECTION

Making A Fundamental Option For The Kingdom

Today we hear a parable that has puzzled many people – the *Parable of the Dishonest Steward*. By telling this parable to his disciples Jesus makes it clear to those who decide to be his followers that discipleship is not a part-time job. The disciple's whole life revolves around the decision to be another Christ.

Being a parable it comes in the middle of a conversation. The lesson of a parable comes from a single comparison between the person (the audience) to whom Jesus is talking and someone in the story. In this case the disciples of Jesus are the audience. They are compared to the dishonest steward. Like the dishonest steward, the disciples too are stewards of property, not owners, because everything belongs to God, the Master. They are also in a temporary situation like the steward. The disciples should keep in mind that the way they act in their present situation will affect the circumstances in which they find themselves in their next situation. The Master commends the dishonest steward not for acting dishonestly, but for acting prudently. All of his actions were motivated by the fact that he realized his present situation was temporary. He immediately deals with the most pressing concern; securing his future. Ditch digger? Never! Beggar? What a horrible disgrace that would be for a man like him! His fertile imagination suggests an acceptable solution. If a dishonest steward can prudently plan for his future, surely, Jesus' disciples can do the same.

The parable challenges us to make a drastic decision for the coming Kingdom of God proclaimed by Jesus before it is too late.

VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS



The Catholic custom of lighting candles is rooted in Church teaching that Christ is the Light of the World. Candles serve as an outward sign of the light of faith burning in our hearts. They are our silent sentinels lifting up our prayer intentions to the Lord.

Remember to pray for the following intentions:

For Peace

For Health

For Family Unity

For All My Family

For Marriages & Families

For Sick Family & Friends

For Jacqueline W. – My Friend

Pray for Anna Chronis & Her Baby

Pray for Bob O., Gene S. & Cliff J.

For Diane K. To Be Healed From Her Cancer

For My Great Granddaughter – Heart Problems

For My Husband & I to Be Able to Have Children

For Johnnie K. & Dorothy K. – Health & Protection

Prayers For My Brother – Pastor of Patillo Baptist Church

Votive candle intentions to be continued

ORIENTATION

Stewarts of One Another

We live our lives on the horns of a dilemma. We have the right to use and enjoy the marvels of our world, but we cannot do this free of responsibility to one another and to the world itself. The men in today's readings are not condemned because of their economic privilege but because they used it to their own advantage. As Christians we are not merely children of this world; we are children of light. Paul's admonition to pray for our civic leaders reminds us that we do indeed live in the real world, but we are called to live there according to standards worthy of our calling. We are more than insatiable consumers. Our value is not found in the measure of our possessions. It is in the quality of our relationships, in particular with our relationships with our deprived sisters and brothers.

We are not called to disown the world. It is impossible for us to do that because of our total dependence on it. But we are called to live in it gently, using what we need and sharing what we can.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



September 23 – Larry Prause
September 24 – Dolores Labay
September 26 – Ronnie Masek
 – David Saucedo
September 28 – Spence Lesikar

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



Sept. 23 – Doris & Jerome Kalina
Sept. 26 – Congratulations Sarah & Harvey Berckenhoff
 on your 10th Wedding Anniversary

C.C.D. NEWS

C.C.D. Begins Today

Sister Church, Moulton Says Thank You

On behalf of the parishioners of St. Joseph's, Moulton, I thank all those who supported the Picnic in various ways: bought raffle tickets, donated to the Meat Fund and other funds, donated items for the auction and Country Store, came out and bought plates. Others came to help work. I am very grateful to you.

We do not have firm numbers yet but I will let you know as soon as they are released. Again, thank you for your support.