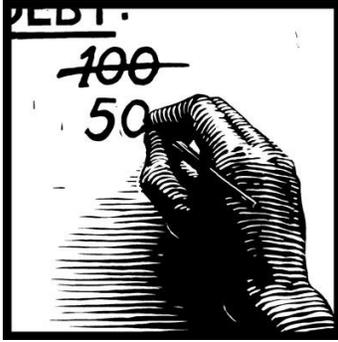


September 18, 2016  
**Ordinary Time**  
 Twenty-fifth Sunday



**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 24  
 4:30 p.m. Lala – Tousek Family  
 Sunday, September 25  
 8:00 a.m. Henry Migl

**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:** 146  
**Second Reading:** 1Timothy 6:11-16  
**Gospel:** Luke 16:19-31

**APPRECIATION  
 DINNER**

**Picnic Appreciation Dinner**  
**Next Sunday, September 25**  
 Lunch served at Noon.  
 Desserts Welcome.

**2016 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL**

2016 Assessment .....	\$7,618.00
Contributions So Far .....	\$4,225.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed .....	\$3,393.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

*Deloris Smolik  
 Jeanette & Carl Henke*  
 Consider at making a contribution.

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



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

*In Memory of Elizabeth Nelson  
 Betty Patalik - \$50*  
*In Memory of Barta, Pavlicek & Giptner Families  
 Carol & Randal Barta - \$100*

To make a tax deductible donation towards *St. Mary's Restoration Endowment Fund Maintaining & Preserving Maticka Praha* contact Fr. Gabriel at 361-596-4674.

**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 Venezuela*
- For My Mother*
- For My Family*
- For Family / Job*
- Prayers For Josh*
- For Dayton & School*
- For Kristin Sczepanik*
- For Recovery of Tina M.*
- For Paul Alhert (Deceased)*
- In Memory of Lisa Wheeler*
- For Mamie & Lupe Velasquez*
- For James H. Carey (Deceased)*
- For The Health of My Mother Zela*
- For Safety & Protection of Bryce & Nolan*
- For Dorothy Migl – May She Rest In Peace*
- For My Granddaughter Hannah to Find Her Way*
- For My Cancer Healing & Prayers For Children*
- For My Daughter's In Vitro (Praying For A Baby)*
- For David, Justin and Kely: That They May Find God and Come Back to the Church*

Prayer List to be continued.

## 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.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



September 19 – Judy Lev  
September 24 – Dolores Labay

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



September 23 – Congratulations Doris & Jerome Kalina  
on your 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

## MOULTON CHURCH PICNIC

Today, September 18  
K.C. Hall, Moulton

Open Air Mass 10:00 a.m. at the City Park



### FRIED CHICKEN & STEW DINNER

**\$9.00 Per Plate**

Begins at 10:30 a.m.

Drive-thru plates-to-go and meat-to-go available.

Train Ride, Ball Throw  
Fish Pond, Ring Toss

Hamburgers, Sno-cones  
Popcorn, and more...

Cake Walk, Plant Walk  
Country Store

### AUCTION

1:00 p.m.

Livestock, quilts, hand-made Items

### DRAWING

Grand Prize

\$5,000.00 Gift Certificate

St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Moulton, Texas

Picnic Always Third Sunday of September

***Come out and support your sister Parish.***

## 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.

## 2017 AT HOME WITH THE WORD

To foster full, conscious, and active participation in the Sunday Liturgy all parishioners are encouraged to prepare for the celebration. To help prepare *At Home With The Word* is ordered for all those who sign up for the booklet.



### 2017 At Home With The Word

Yes, I use the booklet. Order me a copy.

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