

MASS INTENTIONS
Sat, Sep 20.....Special Intention
Sun, Sep 21.....For the people
Tue, Sep 23.....+Victoria “Tori” Felsher
Wed, Sep 24.....+Tommy Hand
Thu, Sep 25.....+Ursula Skrmetti
Fri, Sep 26.....+Adam & +Ethel Kozlowski

IN OUR PARISH

CCD Registration is now open. The CCD program is designed for children in public schools grades k-5. We invite all children who are seeking to learn more about their faith and/or receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, and First Holy Communion. There is a \$25 registration fee per child. Grab a form in the vestibule.

LIFETEEN Registration is now open. The LifeTeen program is designed for teens in public AND Catholic schools grades 6-12. We invite all teens from our east Biloxi parishes. There is a \$25 registration per teen. Grab a form in the vestibule.

OCIA begins Sep 30! If you or someone you know is interested in gaining a deeper understanding of our faith please grab a registration form in the vestibule or online.



THE FLOWER INTENTIONS
ARE FOR THE BELOVED
ST MICHAEL PARISHIONERS

PREVIOUS WEEK’S COLLECTION BASKETS
Sep 13 & 14.....\$7145
UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS
Sep 20 & 21.....Catholic School Subsidy
Sep 27 & 28.....Loaves & Fishes

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Mon Sep 22 Ezra 1:1-6, Ps 126:1 - 6, Lk 8:16-18
Tue Sep 23 Ezra 6:7-8,12b, 14-20, Ps 122:1-2, 3-5, Lk 8:19-21
Wed Sep 24 Ezra 9:5-9, Tob 13:2, 3-4, 7-8, Lk 9:1-6
Thu Sep 25 Hag 1:1-8, Ps 149:1-9, Lk 9:7-9
Fri Sep 26 Hag 2:1-9, Ps 43: 1-4, Lk 9:18-22
Sat Sep 27 Zech 2:5-9, 14-15, Jer 31:10-13, Lk 9:43-45
Sun Sep 28 Am 6:1,4-7, Ps 146:7-10, 1 Tm 6:11-16, Lk 16:19-31

MINISTRIES: God is calling YOU. Can you answer the call? We are in need of Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Greeters, and Altar Society members. Prayerfully consider God’s calling to serve your St. Michael Family. Call 228.435.5578

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY The SVDP provides a food pantry each Wednesday from 10—11 am. We value your time and your donations! Your continued support helps to ensure SVdP is able to provide support for those in need.

STELLA MARIS EXPLORERS homeschool ministry serving catholic children grades PK3-12th with a Thursday morning program in the FLC. If you're interested in dropping in for a club meeting or to get more information, please visit our website (StellaMarisExplorers.com).

OCIA The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is an invitation for adults to explore their interests, or to enhance their knowledge in the Roman Catholic Church. The O.C.I.A. lays out a process in which men and women are guided and cared for as they awaken in faith and are gradually introduced to the Catholic way of life. We will begin OCIA classes again in the Fall. Participants will meet weekly for nine months in the Family Life Center. If you are interested, please contact Deacon Wescovich at 228-860-1575.

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM HURRICANES

Father, may all the elements of nature obey Your command. Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear of Your power into praise of Your goodness. Grant this, through Our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday's Readings

First Reading
Amos 8:4-7
Unfair business practices and injustice to the poor will be judged by God.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 113: 1-2,4-6,7-8
Praise be to God, who raises up the poor.

Second Reading
1 Timothy 2:1-8
Paul tells Timothy that prayer for those in authority is pleasing to God because God wills the salvation of all.

Gospel Reading
Luke 16:1-13
Jesus tells a parable about a dishonest steward who is commended for his prudence; one cannot serve both God and money.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel sounds puzzling to contemporary readers, but it can be made less so by considering the economic system which stands behind the parable. A steward is dismissed because he is squandering his master's property. He is called dishonest because he is not serving the interests of the rich man, his employer. In response the steward, in an attempt to ensure favor for himself among the rich man's debtors, brokers repayment of the rich man's loans by foregoing the interest and fees that had been levied to line the steward's pockets. It is this action, in which the steward puts aside his greed and takes the longer perspective in order to enhance his security, which is commended by the rich man.

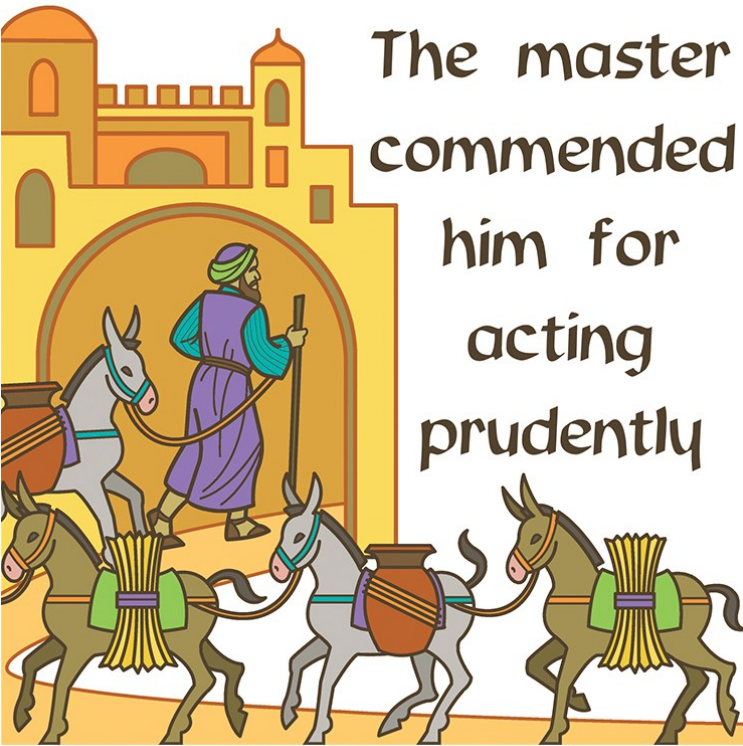
The passage concludes with three morals for the listeners. The first exhorts the listener to be prudent about the use of wealth. Like the steward in the parable, those who would follow Jesus must put transitory affairs in proper perspective. Christians should handle the affairs of temporal life with an eye toward eternal life.

The second concerns trustworthiness. Those who can be trusted in small things can also be trusted in great things. If Christians handle money and other passing things responsibly, then they can also be trusted with the affairs of the Kingdom of God.

Finally, Jesus tells his listeners that no one can serve two masters simultaneously. God must be put ahead of money.

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O Lord, we thank you for the goodness of the earth, for the beauty of the dawn, and for the glory of the nightfall. You give us the land and all within it, as a glimpse of Your heart, holy and forever loving. You compel us to take courage, no matter the difficulty. You place servants before us – men and women whom You entrust to safeguard against human calamity. These heralds of blessing shield the most vulnerable, offer solace for the parched, and carry the brokenhearted. They sacrifice their own lives to yield our living. We thank you, O Lord, for those who bring forth Your Spirit in our midst. May we who fix our hope in God be filled with all joy and peace in believing.



The master commended him for acting prudently

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NO SERVANT CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS; FOR EITHER HE WILL HATE THE ONE AND LOVE THE OTHER, OR ELSE HE WILL BE DEVOTED TO ONE AND DESPISE THE OTHER. YOU CANNOT SERVE GOD AND WEALTH.”

LUKE 16:13