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25TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

Reading I: Amos 8, 4-7;

Responsorial Psalm: 112, 1-2. 4-6. 7-8.

Reading II: 1 Timothy 2, 1-8.

Gospel: Luke 16, 1-13 (or 10-13).

Revised Roman Missal: 991

Gospel Summary

At first it would seem that this Gospel passage praises dishonesty, but in fact, it gives credit for a clever and quick response. There was a man who managed the land for his master. What his misdeeds were is not quite clear, but something had gone wrong in their relationship and the manager was about to be fired. Not physically able to dig ditches and too proud to beg, the manager worried about how he would live. In a quick response, he went to all the people who owed his master produce and had them change their bills to reflect a lesser amount. In this way the people who saved money would welcome the manager into their homes once he had been fired. The master wasn't rewarding the manager for his dishonesty, but for his cleverness and quick thinking. The point Jesus wanted to make with this parable was to let the crowd know that they should be wise in their use of the world's goods, because if they are used selfishly, they will fail us. However, if we share our resources with others, true wealth will await us in the Kingdom. The final point of Jesus' words was that we cannot serve two masters, God and money.

Reflection for Families

Children learn at a young age that "buying friends" is a possibility. Even we adults use our resources to entertain friends. How often do we do things with our friends that we think will build our relationships by spending money either on food, entertainment, or gifts? The point of this Gospel is to help us remember that the most important way we can use our resources is in the service of others. From time to time, as we see our children selecting elaborate birthday gifts for a friend, or wanting to include friends in an expensive form of entertainment, we may need to remind them and ourselves of the message in today's Gospel.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Think about the next opportunity each member will have for selecting a gift. It might be for a relative or friend's birthday or Christmas in a few months. Spend some time and energy thinking about a gift that would have special meaning for that friend and begin now to prepare it. Perhaps you could make a collage or scrapbook of your friendship, write a poem, or reflection that speaks from your heart about how much the person means to you. Take the money you would normally have spent on the gift and apply it toward helping someone who is in need.

Discussion Starters:

1. The greatest trust someone has shown in me is . . .
2. I tend to serve two masters when I . . .
3. One of the ways I use my resources to serve God is by . . .

“ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS”

50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

Tickets to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of SJC are at \$35 each or a table of 10 at \$350. It will be held at the V Plaza Hotel Grand ballroom on Sunday, 16th October at 11.00 a.m. Proceeds go towards the Tunggulian Cemetery Fund.

ANNIVERSARY SHIRTS

Smaller-sized shirts (Size: XXS—L) are still available. If you wish to get a larger size, please contact the parish office to place your order.



◆ SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection for the upkeep of the Church and its surroundings. Thank you for your generosity and support.

◆ BREAKFAST SALE

Our monthly breakfast sale is on today after the 9.00 a.m Mass. Everyone is invited to this community building event.

◆ SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Please take note that Sunday School classes resume today, 18th September.

◆ OCTOBER MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The Rosary will be recited daily at 6.00 p.m in the Church. Families or groups of individuals are invited to lead the Rosary. A roster has been setup near the entrance of the Church, please fill in your names if you wish to lead.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINES OF FRANCE

Rev Fr. Arin Sugit will be leading a pilgrimage to the shrines of France next year in May (10-24 May). If you wish to join, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

CONFESSIONS

Half-an-hour before Sunday Mass or by appointment.

DEVOTIONS

Holy Hour—Every Wednesday after the 5.30 p.m. daily Mass.

2-Hour Eucharistic Adoration—Every FIRST Friday of the month, after the 5.30pm daily Mass.

NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP—Every Saturday after the 5:30pm daily Mass.

INFANT BAPTISM

Every third week of the month. Please register at the Parish Office during office hours.

DAY	MASS & OTHER EVENTS	READINGS	TIME
Monday 19	25TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	Prov 3, 27-34; Lk 8, 16-18.	5:30PM
Tuesday 20	25TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	Prov 21, 1-6. 10-13; Lk 8, 19-21.	5:30PM
Wednesday 21	ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST (FEAST) <i>HOLY HOUR</i>	Eph 4, 1-7. 11-13; Mt 9, 9-13.	5:30PM
Thursday 22	25TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	Eccl 1, 2-11; Lk 9, 7-9.	5:30PM
Friday 23	25TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	Eccl 3, 1-11; Lk 9, 18-22.	12:15PM
Saturday 24	25TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME <i>NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP</i>	Eccl 11, 9—12, 8; Lk 9, 43b-45.	5:30PM
Sunday 25	26TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Am 6, 1a. 4-7; 1 Tim 6, 11-16. Lk 16, 19-31.	9:00AM 6:00PM