

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Sunday, September 22, 2019

Readings: 1) Amos 8:4-7 2) 1 Timothy 2:1-8 3) Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Sunday Liturgy

The Focus for today's Mass is: Jesus instructs us to serve only one master.

Many things compete for our attention on a daily basis. Some of the things we do, we do in light of our faith and in the service of God; other things may draw us away from both. Jesus exhorts us to pay attention to our actions and our motives, for we cannot serve both God and the things of this world.

From the prophet Amos comes a warning to the people of the Northern Kingdom of Israel that God sees those who take advantage of or mistreat the poor and needy, and he will not *forget a thing they have done*. In Paul's Letter to Timothy, he asks for prayers for those in authority – that they be pleasing to the Lord. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the dishonest steward, and says that a person must be trustworthy in matters big and small. For no one can *serve both God and mammon*.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

With confidence and trust,
let us bring our prayers and petitions before our heavenly Father.

For the Church, the bride of Christ,
may she be glorified in her service to God, and grow in holiness each day
We Pray to the Lord.

For government officials throughout the world, may God call them into deeper conversion
to his ways as they strive to represent the people they serve.
We Pray to the Lord.

For all those who are sick in mind, body and spirit,
may they sense God's compassion in the loving hands of their caregivers.
We Pray to the Lord.

For our loved ones who have died,
may they be welcomed into God's heavenly kingdom.
We Pray to the Lord.

For our community of faith,
may God alone be our guide in this world, blessing us in our service to him.
We Pray to the Lord.

For our own personal intentions..... (long pause)
We Pray to the Lord.

PRIEST:

Father, we entrust our prayers to you in the holy name of your son, Jesus Christ.