

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 18, 2022

Praise the Lord,
who lifts up the poor.



Masses For The Week

Sun 18 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

08:00 am +Alfredo Ramirez (Margarita Inocencio)
+Alfonso Ramirez (Margarita Inocencio)
+Arturo Ramirez (Margarita Inocencio)

Thr 22 Weekday

12:05 pm +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandy Leyendecker)
+Alice Grinnan Foard (Mary Finley)
+Sharon Ann Arndt Pomar (Mary Finley)

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"Make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth." What are we to make of this puzzling phrase? Jesus teaches us to have a proper disposition to temporal wealth. We must not seek from wealth a happiness it is not able to provide, nor make use of it for illicit gain—like those who cannot wait for the chance to "buy the lowly for silver and the poor for a pair of sandals." Perhaps the first time those merchants "fixed their scales for cheating" it seemed to them like a very small matter. But "the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones." Fortunately, the one Master, Jesus Christ, "gave himself as ransom for all." With hands lifted up in holy prayer, we become those trustworthy people to whom God entrusts great things. By using wealth properly, as a means for the necessary goods of life and for works of charity, we act as prudent stewards and prepare for an eternal dwelling.

The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning in Memory of
+Genaro Aldaco (Magdalena Aldaco)

Good News!

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Am 8:4-7; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Jesus tells a story that might sound confusing to us because it reflects economic practices of his time, not ours. His original audience likely recognized the situation as one that was familiar to them. In the story, an employee fails to oversee and enhance the material holdings of his employer. However, when it came to getting what he could for himself from the employer's assets, he shows remarkable ability. One might say: Good for him! Even the employer thought the employee's actions showed resourcefulness.

Jesus does not applaud the specifics of the man's behavior, acceptable or not, as the case may have been. Rather, he notes that the man used whatever was available to him to ensure his own comfort in the future. Jesus then states that the ingenuity of such a man is more noteworthy than that of children of light. What a condemnation!

Jesus goes on to condemn mammon. Just what is that? It is too easy to say that mammon is money, though money is part of it. A good definition is "the greedy pursuit of gain." This could be any kind of gain over others when we make that gain the primary value in our lives. The story shows that the employee was amazingly industrious in his pursuit. In comparison, the children of light (you and me?) too often fail to demonstrate comparable industry in pursuing the true wealth of which Jesus spoke. Once again, a choice is placed before us: God or mammon?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Olga Gonzalez, Cristina Zarate, Mina Aldaco, Mario Garcia, Ramona Alaniz, Diana Reese, Edna Flores, Ana Maria Finley, Margarita Inocencio, Lucia Rodriguez, and Maria Teresa Cassiano.



The AARP Foundation Senior Community Service Program is currently offering a paid training opportunity in Encinal, Texas, for

individuals 55 years and older who are unemployed and have low-to-no income. For more information, please contact Michelle Marie Romani, Project Director, at (956) 269-1501. Se habla español.



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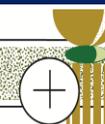
FRIENDLY REMINDER CONCERNING CHURCH AND MASS ETIQUETTE

Our church—the main body of worship space—is very sacred and proper respect should be observed. Silence before and during Mass should be shown. Cellular phones and audio pagers are not proper items to bring to Mass. Since Mass is a solemn celebration and the highest form of community worship for Catholics, proper attire should also be worn. Tank tops, shorts, halters and other inappropriate dress are not acceptable. Your continued cooperation in these matters is greatly appreciated.



Christ became poor so that by his poverty we might become rich

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Last Sunday's Collection

Envelopes: \$1,245.00
Loose: \$27.00
Children's Envelopes: \$7.00

Total Sunday Collection: \$1,279.00

Total Expenses Last Week: \$1,689.35

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Dear Padre

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A friend sent me a copy of The Catholic Worker newspaper. It was founded by one of his heroes, Dorothy Day. What can you tell me about her?

Dorothy Day was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1897. She finished high school at age sixteen and joined the Socialist Party in 1914 as a college student. She converted to Catholicism in 1927.

During the Great Depression, Dorothy's commitment to the poor deepened. In 1932 she met Peter Maurin, with whom she founded the Catholic Worker Movement. In 1933 she created *The Catholic Worker* newspaper, through which she proclaimed the rights of workers to dignity and to fair and honest treatment by industry and government, landlords, and neighbors. Her prolabor and antiwar beliefs caused her to be labeled a Communist, but she was never a member of the Communist Party.

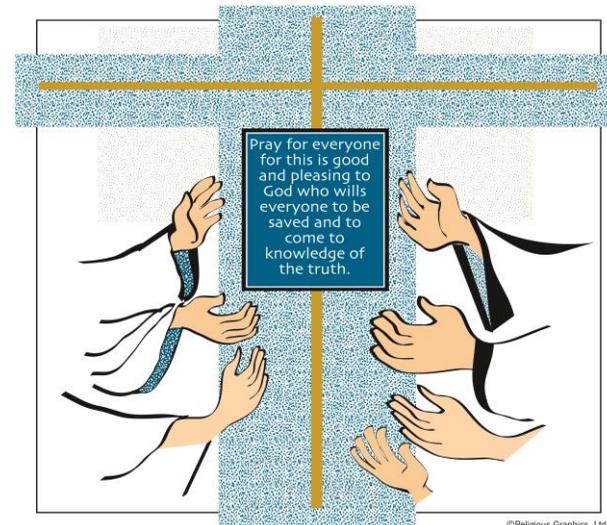
Dorothy's concern for social justice grew—among other things, she worked with Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers. She was orthodox, pious, and had a deep sense of Catholic morality.

She died in 1980. In 2000, St. John Paul II granted the Archdiocese of New York permission to open a cause for Dorothy Day's sainthood. That cause was endorsed in 2012 by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, who called her "a saint for our time." In December 2021, Servant of God Dorothy Day's cause advanced from the Archdiocese of New York to the Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of the Saints.

Fr. Rick Potts, CSSR

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