

September 18, 2022



From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Of all the Gospels of the year, the Gospel this Sunday is one of the most puzzling. With the old translation we used to refer to it as the parable of the unjust steward, but with the new translation I suppose that we would think of it as the parable of the devious manager. In either case, we are shocked to think that Jesus could praise such a man.

It is true that the manager was irresponsible in his care of his employer's property. The Gospel says that he dissipated the rich man's possessions., which implies that he mishandled his affairs, probably for his own profit. When he received notice that he was going to be fined, he struck upon a plan to win favor with his employer's debtors. He called each one and reduced their debt. This action which is the heart of the parable, did not constitute another act of

dishonesty, as we may be led to believe. The debt owed included the manager's commission, and what he apparently was doing was giving up that commission



which belonged to him. Even today, some promissory notes are written not in the amount of the principal, but with the interest and commission totaled in. In other words, what the manager did was to give up his commission as a favor to the debtors, so that when he was fired, they would befriend him. And so, the employer gave the manager credit, not for being dishonest, but for showing initiative.

It was from the enterprise and initiative of the manger that Jesus drew his lesson. The manager not only had the good sense to realize that his future was in jeopardy, but he also decided to get some insurance for that future. He did a great favor for the debtors so that they would have to return the favor. As the manger himself said, "Here is a way to make sure that people will take me into their homes when I am let go."

It is really a shame that we do not work harder at our own eternal security. Jesus says that we are to use this world's goods to gain a lasting reception in heaven. Money is not an end in itself. Money is supposed to be used to support one's family, to help the poor, to spread religion. Frankly, money is a great danger. We can make our whole lives an effort to build up wealth, and forget about the needs of others who are worse off than we. This was the kind of thoughtless greed condemned by the prophet Amos in the First Reading. Money can even make us forget about God and think that we can do without him. Even for those who are poor, money can be a problem, because we can easily be trapped into thinking about little else than getting more money.

We live in a society that canonizes the wealthy and forgets about eternal life. As Christians we must member that our true wealth, our lasting wealth, is in heaven. That is the kind of wealth which no one, not even someone like the devious manager, can steal from us.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	September 20	11:00AM
	No Mass	_
Wed.	September 21	11:00AM
	No Mass	
Thur.	September 22	11:00PM
	No Mass	
Fri.	September 23	11:00AM
	No Mass	
Sat.	September 24	4:30PM
John Heuser Sr. †, Kenny † and John III †		Jensen Family
Sun.	September 18	9:00AM
Anne & Caesar Airo	ldi†	Your children
Port Costa		11:00AM
People of the Parish		
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Sunday Collection - September 11th

St. Rose, Crockett	\$1539
Priests Retirement	\$482
St. Patrick Mission	\$295
Priests Retirement	\$100

Thank you again to all who support our Parish



Faith Formation

Our Faith Formation program started September 18th! Registration forms are available in the office.

CCD: and preparation for First Holy Communion every other Sunday at 10:15 AM (must be in 1st grade).

CONFIRMATION: This is a two-year formation program. Classes will be every other Sunday at 10:15AM and one weekday a month with Father Leo.

R.C.I.A. for those wanting to become Catholics. It is a two- year formation program for adults. Weekly meeting. Please contact Father Leo.

Reminder



Father Leo will be on a retreat next week, so there will be no weekday masses for the whole week. Mass will resume on Saturday, with normally

scheduled Vigil Mass.







OCTOBER 2, 2022 8-11am at the Boy Scout Hall

Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage & Beverage
Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Tickets are available from Crockett Lions.

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