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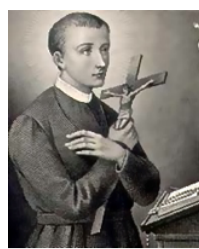
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## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - September 17/18, 2022

**Entrance Antiphon:** I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to Me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

### First Reading - Amos 8:4-7

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat. Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

**Responsorial Psalm:** Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

### Second Reading - 1 Timothy 2:1-8

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone - petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving - and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and - I am telling the truth and no lie - a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Jesus Christ was rich but He became poor, to make you rich out of His poverty. *Alleluia!*

### Gospel Reading - Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes." Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty." "The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light. 'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? 'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

**Communion Antiphon:** You have laid down Your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping Your statutes.

**Questions or comments in regards to the Way of the Gospel or Parish Mission initiative are welcomed and we ask that you please email these to [jacqui.giuliano@cam.org.au](mailto:jacqui.giuliano@cam.org.au). Thank you.**

## PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

### March for the Babies 2022

**40 Days for Life:** Join other Christians for 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. We will be keeping vigil near a Melbourne abortion facility from 28<sup>th</sup> September to 6<sup>th</sup> November. Those who can't be present may like to pray from home or in church. To register your hours and for more information visit [www.40daysforlife.com/en/melbourne](http://www.40daysforlife.com/en/melbourne) or speak to Andrew Vaccaro at [avaccaro@internode.on.net](mailto:avaccaro@internode.on.net) or 0404 390 824. Come along on 28<sup>th</sup> September together with pro-life speakers at Fitzroy Gardens, Cnr. Clarendon St. & Wellington Pde., East Melbourne, 2pm-3pm .

### SACRED HEART GIRLS' COLLEGE OAKLEIGH - 65<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY REUNION

Sacred Heart Girls' College Oakleigh, is celebrating 65 years since our foundation. All former students and staff of the College are warmly invited to join us for afternoon tea and a tour on Sunday, 16 October between 2pm and 4.30pm. To book your place, please go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/CCLMD>.

### Junior Legion of Mary

The Junior Legion of Mary will re-commence in our Parish on Monday, 3rd October at 4:30pm. We ask you to please email the Parish office at [dandenongnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:dandenongnorth@cam.org.au) or please call 9792 4422 to register your child's details. We look forward to welcoming you then.

Altar Server Training has concluded for this term. Training will resume on Thursday, 6th October, at 5:30pm in the Church. Please contact the Parish office should you have any further enquiries.

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend "Live Your Best Life in Love"

This experience gives you the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living. The weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. Please check our website for more details. 22-23 October, 2022 at St. John Bosco, Niddrie (Book early to avoid disappointment) Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676, [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)

### God and Beer on Wednesday the 21st of September.

Professor Jay Bhattacharya, of Stanford University in the USA, is visiting Melbourne. He is one of the world's leading public health experts and is a co-author of the [Great Barrington Declaration](#), a pandemic response plan which most countries of the world have now adopted. The topic will be "A Christian Response to the Pandemic." Date: Wednesday 21st September, Time: 6.30pm. Venue: The Notting Hill Hotel, 260-262 Ferntree Gully Rd, Notting Hill. Cost: \$20 entry (does not include food or drinks). Meals are available for purchase. Tickets: [drjayinoz.com](http://drjayinoz.com)

### The Call of Guadalupe Musical Production - 24-27 November at Chelsea Town Hall

Celebrating life, love and hope, The Call of Guadalupe Musical is an entertaining, uplifting Christian Musical. It includes the participation of many talented children & artists. Shows on: 24th November @ 7pm: Preview show \$15 flat rate/person & 25th - 26th November @ 7pm & Sunday 27th November @ 1pm. Adults \$20 Children under 18 & concession: \$15. Enter via Longbeach RSL, 4 Thames Promenade, Chelsea. Book before 26 October and receive a complimentary (non alcoholic) drink & snack. Booking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/camrl>. For more info: [cogtheatre.org](http://cogtheatre.org) or email [chelsea@cam.org.au](mailto:chelsea@cam.org.au).

### Prudent Stewards: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The steward in today's Gospel confronts the reality that he can't go on living the way he has been. He is under judgment. He must give account for what he has done.

The exploiters of the poor in today's First Reading are also about to be pulled down, to be thrust from their stations (see Isaiah 22:19). Servants of mammon, or money, they're so in love with wealth that they reduce the poor to objects; they despise the new moons and sabbaths – the observances and holy days of God (see Leviticus 23:24; Exodus 20:8).

Their only hope is to follow the steward's path. He is no model of repentance. But he makes a prudent calculation – to use his last hours in charge of his master's property to show mercy to others, to relieve their debts.

He is a child of this world, driven by a purely selfish motive – to make friends and be welcomed into the homes of his master's debtors. Yet his prudence is commended as an example to us, the children of light (see 1 Thessalonians 5:5; Ephesians 5:8). We too must realise, as the steward does, that what we have is not honestly ours, but in truth belongs to another, our Master. All the mammon in the world could not have paid the debt we owe our Master. So He paid it for us. He gave His life as a ransom for all, as we hear in today's Epistle.

God wants everyone to be saved, even kings and princes, even the lovers of money (see Luke 16:14). But we cannot serve two Masters. By His grace, we should choose to be, as we sing in today's Psalm, "servants of the Lord."

We serve Him by using what He has entrusted us with to give alms, to lift the lowly from the dust and dunghills of this world. By this we will gain what is ours and be welcomed into eternal dwellings, the many mansions of the Father's house (see John 14:2).

## MASS and INTENTIONS

### September 17, (Vigil) - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm Yolanda D'Souza (*Birthday Remembrance*)  
and Raymond Pereira (*Anniversary of Death*)  
7:00pm Maronite Mass

### Sunday, September 18 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Mariangela Stranges & Diamante Ricci  
(*Birthday Remembrance & Anniversaries*)  
Mass 10:30am Mavis De Silva (*Anniversary of Death*)  
and Grenville Collins (*Recently Deceased*)  
3:30pm Mass - French Community  
Mass 5:30pm For Angelo & Francesca (*Remembrance*)

### Monday, September 19

Mass 9:15am Saturmina de Jesus & Jeronimo Belo (*Rememb.*)

### Tuesday, September 20

#### Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-Gōn, Paul Chōng Ha-Sang & Companions

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving for blessings

### Wednesday, September 21 - Saint Matthew

Mass 9:15am Maria Cardamone (*Birthday Remembrance*)

### Thursday, September 22

Mass 9:15am Hyacinth Ludwick (*Anniversary of Death*)  
and Daisy Hart (*Anniversary of Death*)  
and Fitzroy & Edna DeKauwe (*Remembrance*)

### Friday, September 23 - Saint Pius of Pietrelcina

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving in honour of the Holy Family

### Saturday, September 24

Mass 9:15am Fr William Van Kooy (*Remembrance*)

### September 24, (Vigil) - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 5:30pm For the Soul of Jerry Rodrigues  
7:00pm Maronite Mass

### Sunday, September 25 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Wilhemina Afonso & Olivio Afonso  
(*Remembrance*)  
Mass 10:30am Denis Lobo (*Anniversary of Death*)  
and Grenville Collins (*Recently Deceased*)  
*Baptism Welcome Rite*  
Mass 5:30pm Ivanka Gunewardene (*Anniversary of Death*)

#### Masses at St. Gerard's

##### Maronite Mass

Every Saturday at 7:00pm

##### Tamil Mass

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 3.30pm

##### French Mass

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. Rosary at 2.45pm and  
Mass at 3.30pm.

#### Confession Times

Confession is heard  
Tuesday to Saturday  
from 8:20am to  
8:50am and after  
Mass on Saturday  
until 10:30am.

#### Please remember to pray for...

**Our sick:** Fr. Brendan Lane, Brian Edwards, Peter Shaw-Dennis, Allan Welsh, Peter D'Silva, Carl De Rozario, Doreen Oliver, Kathleen James, Marie Blandin de Chalain, Clita Martinelli, Lalitha Kurup, Sarkis Dib, Alessandro Zaia, David Giacotto, Mila, Steven Dickson, Sarah Cleary, Monica Kelly, Anne Moorthy, Mayelin Do Santos, Krzysztof Borkowski, Jessie Sequeira, Reed Crawl, Patricia Slattery, Sandy Hayman, Anna Bardella, Giovanna & Giuseppe Campasso, Maria Perez, Marie Teycheney, Rita Kaczkowski, Flavia Petrucci, Josie Surace, Julia, Claris Sebastianpillai, Gertrude Baldsing, Pina Lidonnici, Dolly Azzopardi, Annie Gatt, Caterina Giammarino, Denzil Considine, Katie Kronfeld, Leon

**The recently deceased:** Alfred Severino, Juanita Anthony, Victor Jayamaha, Jeyandhi Christopher, Marie Laurence Rosette, Filomena Giuliani, Grenville Collins

#### Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Denzil Bocks, Anthony Hopwood, Maria Cardamone, Joseph Monsurate, Olive Anthony, Yvonne Rozario

#### Church Cleaning

##### **Saturday, 24 September**

Moses Family, Vincent, Mary &  
Rebecca

##### **Saturday, 1 October**

Gonsalves Family, M. Ferdinands  
& L. Harper

#### Reading Roster

##### Saturday, September 24 - Vigil

5:30pm C. Fernando

##### Sunday, September 25

8:30am G. Van Hees

10:30am S. Moses

5:30pm B. Edwards

##### Saturday, October 1 - Vigil

5:30pm J. D'Souza

##### Sunday, October 2

8:30am I. Mulipola

10:30am M. Naidoo

5:30pm A. Miranda

## Daily Antiphons - Monday, September 19, to Saturday, September 24, 2022 (Year C)

### Monday of the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time - September 19

**Entrance Antiphon:** I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to Me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Whoever does justice shall live on the Lord's holy mountain.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Let your light shine before all, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** You have laid down Your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping Your statutes.

### Tuesday of the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time - September 20 - Saints Andrew Kim Tae-Gōn,

#### Paul Chōng Ha-Sang & Companions

**Entrance Antiphon:** The blood of the holy Martyrs was poured out for Christ upon the earth; therefore they have gained everlasting rewards.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Guide me, Lord, in the way of Your commands.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before My heavenly Father, says the Lord.

### Wednesday of the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time - September 21 - Saint Matthew

**Entrance Antiphon:** Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them and teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you, says the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Their message goes out through all the earth.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* You are God: we praise You; You are the Lord: we acclaim You; the glorious company of apostles praise You. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** I did not come to call the just, but sinners, says the Lord.

### Thursday of the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time - September 22

**Entrance Antiphon:** I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to Me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**Responsorial Psalm:** In every age, O Lord, You have been our refuge.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through Me. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** You have laid down Your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping Your statutes.

### Friday of the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time - September 23 - Saint Pius of Pietrelcina

**Entrance Antiphon:** Your priests, O Lord, shall be clothed with justice; Your holy ones shall ring out their joy.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* The Son of Man came to serve and to give His life as a ransom for all. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** Blessed is the servant whom the Lord finds watching when He comes. Amen I say to you: He will put that servant in charge of all His property.

### Saturday of the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time - September 24

**Entrance Antiphon:** I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to Me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**Responsorial Psalm:** In every age, O Lord, You have been our refuge.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through His gospel. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** You have laid down Your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping Your statutes.