

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Compartmentalization or consistency? In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells a strange story of a sneaky, savvy steward that raises questions about our personal virtue. "How much do you owe? Here is your promissory note, write one for eighty." This parable isn't advice for money management. Historically, there were many positions that acted on behalf of their masters regarding money, like customs agents, household stewards, and tax collectors. Often these workers over-charged and skimmed off the top.

Usurious practices like this were not in line with the traditional Jewish understanding of money lending, which strictly forbade them from taking interest or making a profit off of their own people. As the steward reduced the debt, he was likely writing out the amount he originally intended to take for himself. Before the steward can be commended, he needs to right the wrong done.

"The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones." This parable contains an important self-check. We have a great many things we're responsible for that seem to have nothing to do with the kingdom of God. How do we interact in those spaces? Are we trustworthy in our dealings at work and at home? Are we honest and faithful to our commitments to family and friends? Are we honest with our money and prudent with how we spend our time?

Jesus calls his disciples to consistency. How often do we expect that we can be one person one place, yet shrug off that persona in a new situation? "No servant can serve two masters." These week, take stock of your life. All of your life. Are you living the Gospel values wherever you go?

Sun. Collection: Sept. 14/15, 2019 \$2,941.00.

Forgiven and Set Free

A Post-Abortion Bible Study program for women who have had an abortion and are seeking a spiritual healing from this experience. This weekly program is facilitated by women and takes place in a small setting from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm for 10 weeks beginning Mon., Sept. 30, 2019 ending Dec. 2, 2019. Please call 347-702-2352 for more information. Calls are confidential. There is no fee.

25° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

La enseñanza de estas lecturas cae como anillo al dedo para el modo de vivir de la sociedad actual. La vida diaria es una lucha constante de tener bienes, lujos, y vivir cómodamente. El deseo de poseer muchas veces hace que el humano se ilusione pensando que se quedará aquí en el mundo para siempre. En contraste, los deseos de Jesús en su tiempo y en él nuestro nos ofrecen una riqueza admirable de cómo se sirve a Dios y no a los bienes y dinero. "Ningún siervo puede servir a dos patrones, porque necesariamente odiara a uno y amara al otro o bien será fiel a uno y despreciara al otro. Ustedes no pueden servir al mismo tiempo a Dios y al dinero." (Lucas 16:13).

¿A quién somos fieles? ¿Por qué Jesús les dijo esto a sus discípulos? No cabe la menor duda; solamente sirviendo a Dios podremos estar seguros para la vida eterna. Sin embargo, este tema puede traer grandes divisiones en la familia. Por ejemplo, el ahorro para el futuro de la educación de sus hijos es algo que se debe de prever. Entonces, ¿Hacia dónde dirigirse en esta circunstancia? Sencillamente se debe tener decisiones prudentes, y ahora es el momento, si aún no se ha hecho, de poner a Dios como centro de la vida de la familia. Jesús lo dice claro, no se pueden servir al mismo tiempo a Dios y al dinero. A través de las dificultades de la vida, la invitación es la misma. ¿A quién sirvo? ¿Quién me quita el tiempo y hace que me olvide de Dios? Recordemos que la fidelidad se adquiere al estar cerca de Dios.

**Letter to a Suffering Church
by Bishop Robert Barron**

Dear Faithful of Divine Mercy Parish,
Recently we distributed free copies of "Letter to a Suffering Church" by Auxiliary Bishop Robert Barron of Los Angeles in both English and Spanish. We still have extra copies on our vestibule tables. This mini-book surveys the landscape of the church today and the crisis of faith created by the sexual abuse within the church. Many ask themselves today why should I remain a Catholic? Let us remember that Jesus promised that the gates of hell would not prevail over his church and that he would be with us until the end of the age. I hope this book—which is short and easy to read—will be a help to fortify your faith and help you to remain Catholic during these most difficult and confusing times. **Fr. Tom**

A Message from Fr. Tom

Our Gospel gives us the parable of the dishonest steward. The basic message—we can all appreciate—but the details may be disorienting. The parable is not to excuse bad moral conduct. Rather we are encouraged to be just, prudent with the goods of this world, and well prepared to meet God and give a personal account of our lives.

“The children of the light are less prudent in dealing with their generation than the children of this world.” We must examine ourselves and the urgency with which we live out the Christian message. Some thoughts to consider:

- Our belief in eternal life is not pie in the sky and then you die. The Christian belief in eternal life is a challenge as much as it is a consolation. It is a reality that one must both anticipate and participate. Our time on this earth is a time of testing—a proving ground for what we profess with our lips.
- The Gospel message is a wake-up call for us to examine ourselves. The human and religious are more connected than we think. Therefore, we need to be wise in the use of the goods of this world.

Catechist and Volunteer in Divine Mercy Parish is Seeking an Apartment

Violet Anthony has been worshiping with us here in Divine Mercy Parish for the past year. She was a close friend and resident of St. Clare House which Angela Scannapieco directed. St. Clare will be closing soon and Violet is looking for an apartment to rent in our neighborhood. Please keep her in mind if you know of something available.

Thinking of becoming a Catholic?

Thinking of being confirmed?

If you or someone you know is thinking of this, then the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the right step for you to take. The RCIA is a process that consists of a combination of participating at Sunday Mass and instructions on the teachings and customs of the Roman Catholic Church.

RCIA is also for baptized Catholics who have not received both First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

The sessions meet weekly. If you are seriously thinking of entering this program call the Parish Office.

Honoring St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Procession with Bishop DiMarzio on Sunday, October 6th, 2019

As you may know, the City of New York held a competition to recognize notable women who contributed to the life of our city. Although St. Frances Cabrini received the most votes in this competition—she was denied the recognition of a public statue. As Catholics, we should be upset by this dismissal of a great woman of faith who did so much for the poor and orphaned of this city. Let us participate in a procession honoring this great Catholic woman and saint:

When: Sunday, October 6th, 2019

Where: Mother Cabrini Park, 41 President St.,
Brooklyn, NY 11231

Time: 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

End Location: 4:00 pm - Mass Sacred Hearts—
St. Stephen

We will process through the streets of Carroll Gardens to the Church of Sacred Hearts—St. Stephen for a Mass at 4 pm. Light refreshments and entertainment will follow the Mass.

Please call the Rectory office by Monday, September 30th to indicate your desire to go. If sufficient numbers commit, DMP will charter a bus. Please sign up to attend. **Fr. Tom**

Divine Mercy Parish & Various Knights of Columbus Groups

Present: **A Viewing of Outcasts**

*A Film about the Franciscan Friars
Of the Renewal*

Friday - September 27, 2019 at 7:00 pm

In St. Francis Auditorium

Tickets can be purchased at the Parish Office, price \$10.00 (at the door \$12.00).

Queen of the Rosary Catholic Academy Brooklyn Bingo Night

Friday, October 4, 2019 at 7:00 pm

St. Francis of Paola Auditorium

Price: \$10.00. Includes; one card, snack, coffee & dessert. Plus... Extra cards and raffles will be sold.

Purchase tickets at QRCA School (11 Catherine Street) or call Annette Marino 646-361-8467 by 9/27. No tickets sold at the door. Doors will open at 6:30 pm.

Children under 16 NOT permitted.

Prizes to be won!!!

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Gifts of Love—Emergency Food Pantry
At Divine Mercy Parish**

“For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome...” (Matt 25:35-36)

“Let us be concerned for each other, to stir a response in love and good works” (Hebrews 10:24)

Specific items needed: **Coffee & Tea**
Food Pantry Coordinators and Volunteers

**St. Francis of Paola Church
Memorial Gifts – September 22, 2019**

BREAD & WINE

Dorothy & Charles Ciorciari by Annette Marino

ALTAR CANDLES

Intentions of Theresa Kukura

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BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES

Gloria Garavuso by Ray & Carmela Vomero

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
PROGRAM**

Registration for Religious Education has begun.

The office at 206 Skillman Avenue is open every day from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm.

If you need to schedule an appointment for a different time please call the Faith Formation office at 347-521-0068.

Invitation to Become a Catechist

For the pastoral activity of the Church, the cooperation of a great many people is needed. This cooperation is provided by those who devote themselves to catechesis. If you would like to impart to others, enlightened by God’s Word, the teaching of the Church as a catechist, please contact Wanda Marty, Director of Faith Formation at 347-521-0068.

Confirmation Commissioning

Sunday, September 29, 2019 **Confirmation Commissioning** at St. Cecilia at the 9:30 am Mass. **ALL** candidates to receive Confirmation in 2020 **MUST** attend.

**Mass Intentions for the Week
St. Francis of Paola Church**

Saturday, September 21, 2019

5:00pm Michael Loguercio by Family

Sunday, September 22, 2019

8:00am Helen & Tom De Santo by Cousins Rita & Lynne

11:30am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

Monday, September 23, 2019

7:45am Saint Padre Pio by Maria Sepe

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

7:45am Patricia Sanfilippo (Happy Birthday in Heaven) by Phyllis Salvato

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

7:45am Grace & Pat Salino by Daughter

Thursday, September 26, 2019

7:45am Scarlett Rose Rodriguez by Sal & Diane

Friday, September 27, 2019

7:45am Cono Babino by wife Nicolina Babino

Saturday, September 28, 2019

7:45am Louis Anolfo (Happy Birthday) by Anolfo Family

5:00pm John & Tina Colasanti by John & Dorothy Colasanti

Sunday, September 29, 2019

8:00am Giuseppe D’Arrigo by Mr. & Mrs. Francesco D’Arrigo & Family

11:30am St. Theresa Guild

**Queen of the Rosary Catholic Academy
Fourth Annual Benefit Dinner**

*Honoring Sr. Joan Losson, O.P., Sue Ann Roye
Marian Mingo (formerly Hernandez)*

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

6 – 10 pm

Giando on the Water

\$125.00 per Person

**For Tickets, Commemorative Journal
Submissions & Further Information:**

QOTRDinner.eventbrite.com– website

QOTRDinner@gmail.com– email

718-388-7992 - phone

SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Nicholas Church

Sunday, September 22, 2019

10:30am Open Intention

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

7:00pm Joe Bavuso by Sciangula Family

Sunday, September 29, 2019

10:30am Anthony Biondo by Theresa & Eddie Baker

Pray For the Sick:

Jacqueline Meneel, Nancy & Vincent Gonzalez, Valarie Bruno, Michael Dick, Felicia Tulumello, Michael Vayda, Tom Napolitano, Marlana Ferone Washack, Onelia Velez

Pray For the Recently Deceased:

Joseph Bavuso, Ann Romano, William J. Gerdes, Jackie Elsasser

Calling All Vendors

Only \$25.00 per table

For questions or to reserve your table at our Flea Market call Rina at 646-584-3340 or Ivette at 917-446-9581. *(Please make check payable to Divine Mercy Parish).*

The Flea Market: will take place on Sunday, October 20th, in Msgr. Vetro Hall, 26 Olive Street between Powers and Devoe Sts., from 10 am to 4 pm.

Divine Mercy Youth Choir

Our youth choir will sing at every 11:30 am Sunday Mass, beginning on September 22nd, with rehearsals taking place 30 minutes prior each Sunday.

Additional commitments include the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass and the 11:30 am Mass on Easter Sunday.

Permission slips can be obtained in the Religious Education Office and online at divinemercy-brooklyn.org/music.

The choir is open to all students ages 7 to 13.

Although many of our members participate in our Religious Ed Program, it is not a requirement for being in the choir. Please feel free to speak with our music director, Justin Fields, with any questions you may have.

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Cecilia Church

Sunday, September 22, 2019

9:30am For the Unborn

7:00pm Open Intention

Monday, September 23, 2019

8:30am Gelski Family

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

8:30am McCauley Family

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

8:30am Tony Pastina

Thursday, September 26, 2019

8:30am Maurice T. Kinsella

Friday, September 27, 2019

8:30am Anthony Diaz

Saturday, September 28, 2019

8:30am Terence Mc Kinney by Angela & Ralph Federico

Sunday, September 29, 2019

9:30am Jo & Ed Collins

Eamon & Ray McGinn

Marlana Ferone-Washack (Get Well)

7:00pm For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

St. Theresa Triduum

Wednesday, 9/25

Thursday, 9/26

Friday, 9/27

St. Francis of Paola Church – 7:15 pm

Living Rosary & Novena

Are all invited to join the Rosary Society for the Living Rosary & Novena outside St. Cecilia's Church on all Monday's in October 7, 14, 21 & 28.

Rosary Triduum

Monday, October 7, St. Cecilia Church 7 pm

Tuesday, October 8, St. Cecilia Church 7 pm

Wednesday, October 9, St. Cecilia Church 7 pm

Refreshments will follow Triduum on Wednesday in St. Cecilia's auditorium.

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RECENT PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

Divine Mercy Parish is deeply grateful to Captain Williams Glynn and representatives of the 94th Precinct who took the time to speak at a few concerning public safety issues. The old adage applies—If you see something, say something. Following is some information about reporting criminal or suspicious activity.

Call 911—Emergencies

Call 311—Quality of Life Issues

P.O. Andrea Haro

Office: (718) 383-3879

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Andrea.Haro@nypd.org

Also note that a local community meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month with local police to receive your input at 155 Milton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11222 at 7pm

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