

Being a Good Steward



Jesus tells the story of a steward who looked after a rich man's wealth. When he was about to lose his job, he quickly made friends by letting the rich man's debtors pay less than what they owed. Then when he couldn't work anymore these friends would look after him.

What Jesus is telling us through this parable is that we should use the money and things we have on earth to make friends with God and the saints so that they will be happy to take us into Heaven when we die and have nothing left.

How can you make friends with God using your money? First of all, God wants us to be good stewards. That means spending money when it is good or necessary, and not foolishly. We can also please God by giving money to the Church and the poor. He wants us to show that we can do well looking after small things like money so that He can trust us with bigger jobs.



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DISHONEST	SERVE	WASTING	HATE	ACCOUNT
MONEY	RICH	DEBTORS	MANAGER	TRUST
PROPERTY	MASTER	PEOPLE	LOVE	WEALTH

SAINT'S FUN FACTS

by mario d. macari

SAINTE PADRE PIO SEZ:
"DON'T LET TEMPTATIONS FRIGHTEN YOU. THEY ARE THE TRIALS OF THOSE SOULS WHOM GOD WANTS TO PUT TO THE TEST WHEN HE SEES THEM STRONG ENOUGH TO SUSTAIN THE BATTLE, WEAVING WITH THEIR OWN HANDS THE CROWN OF GLORY. UP TO NOW YOUR LIFE HAS BEEN THAT OF AN INFANT, NOW THE LORD WANTS TO TREAT YOU AS AN ADULT. AND AS THE TRIALS OF ADULT LIFE ARE MUCH GREATER THAN THOSE OF AN INFANT, THIS IS WHY YOU FIND YOURSELF RATHER DISORGANIZED IN THE BEGINNING. BUT THE SOUL WILL ACQUIRE ITS CALM, AND THE CALM WILL NOT DELAY IN COMING. BE PATIENT A WHILE LONGER AND *EVERYTHING WILL WORK OUT WELL!*" (LETTERS III, P 630).



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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 21ST SEPTEMBER 2025 - YEAR C

Prudent Stewards.

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 the First Reading are also about to be pulled down, to be thrust from their stations. 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.

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. We too must realize, 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. 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 .

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CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday
9.00 - 10.00 a.m
&
by appointment

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Am.8:4-7
Second Reading
1Tim.2:1-8
Gospel
Lk.16:1-13
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MASS TIMES

Gros Islet
Morning Prayers:
Mon -Fri
5:45 a.m.
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MONDAY
6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.
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TUESDAY
6:00 a.m.
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WEDNESDAY
6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.
G/Riviere: 6:00 p.m.
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THURSDAY
6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.
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FRIDAY
6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.
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SATURDAY
6:30 a.m./6:00 p. m.
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SUNDAY
Gros Islet/G. Riviere
7:30 a.m.
Gros Islet/Monchy
10:00 a.m.
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HOLIDAY
Variable

St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist - Feast Day September 21st

St. Matthew was one of the twelve apostles of Jesus and one of the four Evangelists. Christian tradition has always identified him with Levi, mentioned in Mark 2:14 and Luke 5:27. Matthew is thought to have been the name that Christ gave to Levi at his calling. Matthew was a tax collector at Capernaum, which is traditionally designated as the place of his birth. Tax collectors were despised in the ancient world, especially among the Jews at the time of Christ, who saw the imposition of taxes as a mark of their occupation by the Romans. Jesus’ contemporaries were surprised to see the Christ with a “traitor,” but Jesus explained that he had come “not to call the just, but sinners.” Matthew was the first to put down in writing Jesus’ teachings and the account of His life. His Gospel was written in Aramaic, the language that Jesus Himself spoke. Matthew’s Gospel is given pride of place in the canon of the New Testament, and was written to convince Jewish readers that their anticipated Messiah had come in the person of Jesus. After Christ's Death, Resurrection, and Ascension, Matthew is said to have preached the Gospel to the Hebrews for as many as fifteen years (during which time he wrote his Gospel) before heading east to continue his efforts at evangelization. His audiences may have included the Jewish enclave in Ethiopia. By tradition, Matthew, like all of the apostles with the exception of St. John the Evangelist, was martyred, but accounts of his martyrdom vary widely. All place it somewhere in the East, but, as the Catholic Encyclopedia notes, "it is not known whether he was burned, stoned, or beheaded." Because of the uncertainty surrounding Matthew's martyrdom, his feast day is not consistent in the Western and Eastern Churches. In the West, his feast is celebrated on September 21; in the East, on November 16. Traditional iconography often shows St. Matthew with a money sack and account books to signify his old life as a tax collector, and an angel above or behind him, to signify his new life as a messenger of Christ. He is the patron saint of accountants, bankers, bookkeepers, customs officers, money managers, stock brokers and tax collectors.

“(Jesus) said to (Matthew), ‘Follow me.’ And he got up and followed Him.” Matt.9:9

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Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Marie Joseph
Anne Marie Felicien

DECEASED

Andre Delice
Adams Alexis
Peter Norville
Martha Mason
Ryhim Serville
Edelma Geoffrey

WEEKDAY READINGS

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MONDAY
Ezr.1:1-6
Lk.8:16-18

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TUESDAY
Ezr.6:7-8,12,14-20
Lk.8:19-21

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WEDNESDAY
Ezr.9:5-9
Lk.9:1-6

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THURSDAY
Hag.1:1-8
Lk.9:7-9

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FRIDAY
Hag.1:15-2:9
Lk.9:18-22

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SATURDAY
Zec.2:5-9,14-15
Lk.9:43-45

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MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C		
Sat Sep 20 - 6:00 p.m.	THE LORD IS EXALTED OVER ALL THE NATIONS, HIS GLORY ABOVE THE HEAVENS. - PSALM 113:4	B'day: Joyceline Joseph Thks: Destang family Guid & Protec: DeMario Lendor
Sun Sep 21 -7:30 a.m. <i>St. Matthew, Apostle</i>		Eucharistic Service
10:00 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		Thks: Lorde family B'day: Maura Bernard, Sheena Cherry St. Joseph: Stanley Kyle Morand
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Sep 22- 6:00 a.m	Fr. Cecil Goodman Rev. Thomas Alexander	Dc'd: Catherine & Adams Alexis
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Rosa & Antoine Glace Irene & Joseph Destang
Tue Sep 23 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) Priest</i>	Fr. Linus Clovis Sr. Adinase Mumba	Thks: Red Dot, Bernadette Pamphile
Wed Sep 24 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Vincent Arulanandam Rev. Girard Glace Sr. Mary Muskosa	B'day: Ellen Regis Healing: Valene Belrose Leonard Prospere
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Nadia McLean Thks: Laverne Walker
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioner
Thu Sep 25 - 6:00 a.m	Fr. Konrad Mair Fr. Kenneth Haakyav Fr. Henry Nmor	Dc'd: Andrew Winston Gaetan
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Jerome Cazaubon
Fri Sep 26 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Nathalbert Husbands Sr. Stephania Banda	Holy Souls in Purgatory
12:30 p.m.		St. Michael: Parker & Edward families
Sat Sep 27 - 6:30 a.m. <i>St. Vincent de Paul, Priest</i>	Fr. Kevin Murray Rev. Gabriel Geoffrey	Thks: Mikaela Elliott