

# 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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### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Baptisms are usually celebrated on the fourth Sunday of every month. Please contact the Parish Office at least **6 weeks** before the date.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Couples must contact the Parish Office to arrange at least **6 months** before the desired date.

### MASS INTENTIONS:

Intentions must be booked at least by the Wednesday, one week before the desired date.

## Word Search Puzzle

K E L C E K I X I Z A R S C C  
 P R K V Y W Q G F W Q O T G H  
 R A R W L A R W E A L T H C Q  
 V E U E J E C E G T K A I N P  
 S M O R G X O C S S K R K D X  
 F G M A C E R E O F M S F R D  
 C H N A L E N V V U D R H V D  
 A A I P S O M Q M P N Z U O E  
 M W O J H T G M O G D T P V B  
 S E V S T Z E E N A U F O R T  
 P J I M F Q P R E K V L E S O  
 B D A N P L Y O Y C K T U U R  
 H K D V O R M U C D A R X F S  
 Y P R O P E R T Y H T L Z N U  
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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

**S**AINTE 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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### 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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St. Joseph the Worker Parish  
Gros Islet, Grande Riviere & Monchy

### 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



## MASS TIMES

### Gros Islet

Morning Prayers:  
Mon -Fri  
5:45 a.m.



### MONDAY

6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.



### TUESDAY

6:00 a.m.



### WEDNESDAY

6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.  
G/Riviere: 6:00 p.m.



### THURSDAY

6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.



### FRIDAY

6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.



### SATURDAY

6:30 a.m./6:00 p.m.



### SUNDAY

Gros Islet/G. Riviere  
7:30 a.m.

### Gros Islet/Monchy

10:00 a.m.



### 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*

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday  
& Friday: 9:00am to 2:00p.m.  
Closed Tuesdays, Weekends & Holidays**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**THE SICK**

Patsy Crafton  
Iris Macauldy  
Marie Joseph  
Anne Marie Felicien

**DECEASED**

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

**WEEKDAY READINGS**



**MONDAY**

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



**TUESDAY**

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



**WEDNESDAY**

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



**THURSDAY**

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



**FRIDAY**

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



**SATURDAY**

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



**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**

**B'day:** Joyceline Joseph  
**Thks:** Destang family  
**Guid & Protec:** DeMario Lendor

**Sun Sep 21 - 7:30 a.m.**

*St. Matthew, Apostle*

**OVER ALL THE NATIONS,**

**Eucharistic Service**

**10:00 a.m.**

**HIS GLORY ABOVE THE**

**Eucharistic Service**

**Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.**

**HEAVENS.**

**Thks:** Lorde family  
**B'day:** Maura Bernard, Sheena Cherry  
**St. Joseph:** Stanley Kyle Morand

**Monchy - 10:00 a.m.**

**- PSALM 113:4**

**MISSA PRO POPULO**

**WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Mon Sep 22- 6:00 a.m**

Fr. Cecil Goodman  
Rev. Thomas Alexander

**De'd:** Catherine & Adams Alexis

**12:30 p.m.**

**De'd:** Rosa & Antoine Glace  
Irene & Joseph Destang

**Tue Sep 23 - 6:00 a.m.**

*St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)  
Priest*

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

**De'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.**

*St. Vincent de Paul, Priest*

Fr. Kevin Murray  
Rev. Gabriel Geoffrey

**Thks:** Mikaela Elliott