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TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME "C"—SEP. 21ST 2025 "REWRITING THE SCRIPT"

Today's Gospel sounds puzzling to contemporary readers, but it can be made less so by considering the economic system which stands behind the parable. A steward is dismissed because he is squandering his master's property. He is called dishonest because he is not serving the interests of the rich man, his employer. In response the steward, in an attempt to ensure favor for himself among the rich man's debtors, brokers repayment of the rich man's loans by foregoing the interest and fees that had been levied to line the steward's pockets. It is this action, in which the steward puts aside his greed and takes the longer perspective in order to enhance his security, which is commended by the rich man.

The passage concludes with three morals for the listeners. The first exhorts the listener to be prudent about the use of wealth. Like the steward in the parable, those who would follow Jesus must put transitory affairs in proper perspective. Christians should handle the affairs of temporal life with an eye toward eternal life.

The second concerns trustworthiness. Those who can be trusted in small things can also be trusted in great things. If Christians handle money and other passing things responsibly, then they can also be trusted with the affairs of the Kingdom of God.

Finally, Jesus tells his listeners that no one can serve two masters simultaneously. God must be put ahead of money.

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XXV DOMINGO ORDINARIO 'C' "REESCRIBIENDO EL RECIBO"

El Evangelio de hoy suena desconcertante para los lectores contemporáneos, pero se puede hacer menos si se considera el sistema económico que se encuentra detrás de la parábola. Un administrador es despedido porque está despilfarrando la propiedad de su amo. Se le llama deshonesto porque no está sirviendo a los intereses del rico, su empleador. En respuesta, el administrador, en un intento de asegurarse el favor de los deudores del hombre rico, negocia el pago de los préstamos del hombre rico renunciando a los intereses y cargos que se habían cobrado para llenar los bolsillos del administrador. Es esta acción, en la que el administrador deja de lado su codicia y toma la perspectiva más amplia para aumentar su seguridad de él, lo que es recomendado por el hombre rico.

El pasaje concluye con tres moralejas para los oyentes. El primero exhorta al oyente a ser cauteloso con el uso de la riqueza. Como el administrador de la parábola, los que quieren seguir a Jesús deben poner los asuntos transitorios en la perspectiva adecuada. Los cristianos deben manejar los asuntos de la vida temporal con miras a la vida eterna.

El segundo se refiere a la confiabilidad. Aquellos en quienes se puede confiar en las cosas pequeñas también se puede confiar en las cosas grandes. Si los cristianos manejan el dinero y otras cosas pasajeras con responsabilidad, entonces también se les puede confiar los asuntos del Reino de Dios.

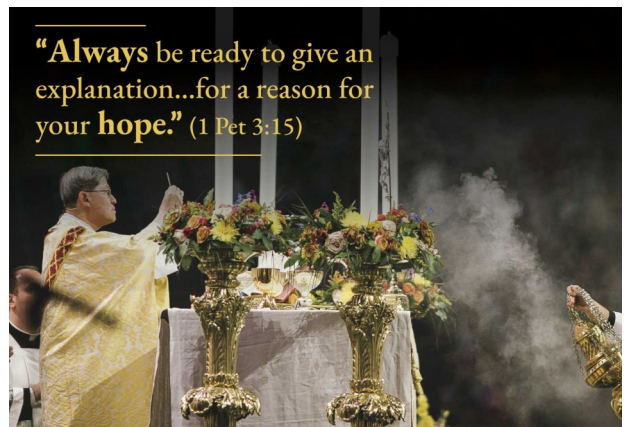
Finalmente, Jesús les dice a sus oyentes que nadie puede servir a dos señores al mismo tiempo. Dios debe ser puesto por delante del dinero.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY "ALWAYS BE READY TO GIVE AN EXPLANATION... FOR A REASON FOR YOUR HOPE" 1 PET 3:15

The 2025 theme encourages us to be prepared to share the basis of our faith, the Lord, and the hope he provides. In the same manner Saint Peter encouraged the believers of his time, the Scripture reminds us, the sharing should be done with gentleness and respect.

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing faith and being a witness to the Gospel. This year, the Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday on September 21, 2025. Those in the parish community who have been designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry.

We give thanks for some parishioners who have stepped in to this role in our parish community: **(1st and 2nd year) Holy Communion:** Hellen Russo; Supply teacher: Marylind Morhadino. **1st Year Confirmation:** Antonia Borling. **2nd Year Confirmation:** Daryl Lyon. **Rite of Christian Initiation:** Derwin Borling.



MASS INTENTIONS

September 20th — 28th 2025

Sat. Sep. 20th Vigil 4:30: + Linda Calciano
Sun. Sep. 21st 9:00: - Int. Josh Garcia
11:00: + Bill Griffin

Wed. Sep. 24th 12:00: + Fr. Scott McCarthy
Thurs. Sep. 25th 12:00: + David Gomez
Fri. Sep. 26th 12:00: + Health of Lisa Helzer

Sat. Sep. 27th 4:30: **People of the Parish**
7:00 pm: **Misas in Cachagua:** (1880 Cachagua Rd. # 6.)
+ Meliton Blanco, + Jim Window.

Por la salud: - Carmen Resendiz.

Sun. Sep. 28th 9:00: +Margaret Cabral
11:00: **People of the Parish**

MAY THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL
DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD,
REST IN PEACE. AMEN

WEEKLY COLLECTION

SEP. 13TH & 14TH \$2,635.87

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR
PARISH COMMUNITY

EVENT CALENDAR

Sun. Sep. 21st 2025 **Catechetical Sunday.** Commissioning of Catechists

Sun. Sep. 28th **First Day of Catechism Classes.** 1st and 2nd Communion Classes after 9 am Mass; 1st and 2nd Confirmation after 11 am Mass

Sat. Sep. 27th 8:00 pm **Platica de Como Rezar el Rosario.**
(Despues de la Misa)

Sat. Oct. 4th. **Blessing of Pets. 1:00 pm.** (St. Francis Garden)

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST'S DESK...



Dear Parishioners and Friends of Our
Lady of Mount Carmel Parish,

This weekend's Gospel includes one of the more challenging sayings of Jesus: "I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings."

It's a hard saying and one that invites us to reflect deeply.

I hope to see you this weekend as we come together to meditate on what Jesus is truly saying to each of us.


Shalom! Fr. Jhonnatan.

WE CONGRATULATE AND PRAY FOR BISHOP DANIEL E. GARCIA

As he has been installed the sixth Bishop of Austin in Texas. The Installation was presided by His Excellency Most Reverend Joe S. Vásquez, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston, in the presence of His Eminence Christophe Cardinal Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States. We pray for Bishop Danny and a fruitful ministry in his home Diocese.




We also pray for whom God is calling to be our next bishop in our Diocese of Monterey, that he may respond with generous and faithful obedience, and be prepared to lead us with wisdom and compassion.



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SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Wednesday — Friday, 12 noon

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil at 4:30 PM

Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 AM in English,

Spanish Mass: 2nd Sunday of the Month

1:00 pm in the Church.

4th Saturday of the month at 7:00pm in Cachagua.

Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:30 PM and by appointment

Office Hours

Wednesday — Friday:

1:00 pm—3:00 pm.

Sundays: 10:00 am—11:00 am.

"At the heart of silence is prayer. At the heart of prayer is faith. At the heart of faith is life. At the heart of life is service." St. Teresa of Avila

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