

Prudent Stewards: Scott Hahn Reflects on the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13



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, 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, 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, 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 realize, as the steward does, that what we have is not honestly ours, but what 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, 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, be welcomed into eternal dwellings, the many mansions of the Father's house (see John 14:2).

ANNOUNCED MASSES
September 17th – September 25th, 2016

Sat. Sept. 17th 4:30 p.m.	Saint Robert Bellarmine Susanne Rousseau – RIP – by the family
Sun. Sept. 18th 9:00 a.m.	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Virgilio Perreira & Joao J. De Ponte – RIP – by Maria
11:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Borges Family – RIP – by Nelson & Teresa
Mon. Sept. 19th	NO MASS
Tues. Sept. 20th 7:00 p.m.	Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Perpetual Help – by Betty
Wed. Sept. 21st 9:00 a.m.	SAINT MATTHEW Elaine van de Bennet O'Leary – RIP – by E. & M. Wojciechowski
Thurs. Sept. 22nd 9:00 a.m.	Weekday Father Clarence Laplante – RIP – by Ron and Carolyn
Fri. Sept. 23rd 9:00 a.m.	Saint Pius of Pietrelcina Dante and Colton – Birthday Blessings – by their Aunts
Sat. Sept. 24th 4:30 p.m.	Weekday Desiderio Manzo Manzanal – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
Sun. Sept. 25th 9:00 a.m.	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Andy Mackney – RIP – by William Moran
11:00 a.m.	Bruna Alesi – RIP – by her parents

Called Home To The Father

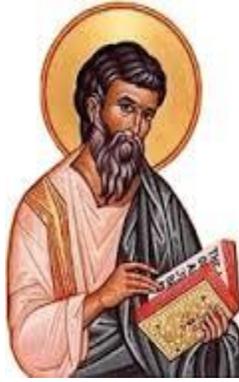
*Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Charles Pennefather**. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

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SAINT MATTHEW



The apostle Matthew has two names in the Gospels: Matthew and Levi. Since only the name Matthew is entered in any scriptural mention of the 12 apostles, it is commonly held that his name was Levi until Jesus called him to be a disciple, then he was called Matthew which means 'gift of God' in Aramaic.

Mark and Luke record that Levi, the son of Alphaeus, was sitting in the tax office when the Lord called him. A Jewish tax collector for the Romans, Matthew would have been considered impure and socially unacceptable by the Jewish community.

After Pentecost, Matthew worked in a church made up mostly of Jews who believed that Jesus was the Saviour. The Gospel bearing his name was composed around AD 85 and was written for Jewish-Christians. In it, Jesus is shown as the fulfillment of god's Old Testament promises of a Messiah. Notice how often Matthew says, "As it is written," or "This is the one of whom the prophet spoke," or "All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet."

Tradition holds that after the Resurrection, Matthew preached in Ethiopia, where he was martyred. He is a patron saint of customs officers and accountants.

HOLY HOUR



Every Friday, following the 9am mass, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for one hour of Holy Adoration, Rosary, silent prayer, and Chaplet of Divine Mercy, concluding with Divine Praises and Benediction. Come and spend some time with the Lord.

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