

Prudent Stewards: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: Amos 8:4–7 | Psalm 113:1–2, 4–6, 7–8
Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1–8 | Gospel: 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. He 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, to be 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; they 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 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 (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 and be welcomed into eternal dwellings, the many mansions of the Father's house (see John 14:2).

ANNOUNCED MASSES
September 21st – 29th, 2019

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sept. 21st	Sunday Vigil Bruna Alesi – RIP – by her parents
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sept. 22nd	Twenty- Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Teresita Guidote – RIP – by the Filipino - Canadian Community of the South Shore <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Sept. 23rd	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Sept. 24th	Blessed Emile Tavernier-Gamelin Stanley Tait – RIP – by Linda Piper
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Sept. 25th	Saints Cosmas and Damian For Souls in Purgatory – by Phil
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Sept. 26th	Saints John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues & Companions Anne Alice – RIP – by Julia and family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Sept. 27th	Saint Vincent de Paul Gehan and Sandra – Wedding Blessings – by Sinamma and Uncle
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sept. 28th	Sunday Vigil Feliks Rewers – RIP – by Wanda
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sept. 29th	Twenty- Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Adrian de Souza – RIP – by the family <i>Pro Populo</i>

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

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SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL and RAPHAEL: September 29

Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are three of the seven archangels who stand before God and are venerated in both Jewish and Christian traditions. While once dedicated solely to Michael (Michaelmas), this date now commemorates all three.

Michael ('Who is like the Lord'), considered the special protector of Israel (Dan 12.1) and of the Church, is known as the 'captain of the heavenly host' (Rev 12:7-9).

Gabriel ('God is mighty') foretold the coming of the Messiah to the prophet Daniel (Dan 9). Luke records the appearances of this 'angel of the Lord' to Zechariah and to Mary of Nazareth (Luke 1).

Raphael ('God heals') identifies himself as one of the angels who bring prayers before God (Tobit 12). He is associated with the healing pool in Jerusalem (John 5).

BE MY DISCIPLES

Be My Disciples will RE-START on Sunday, September 15th, immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL: OPEN HOUSE

Loyola High School will be hosting an Open House for all prospective students on Saturday, September 28th, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. If you are interested in a Catholic education for your son, come and meet the students, teachers and administrators who make up the Loyola family. Tour our school, learn about our sports teams, explore the labs, Fine Arts and Robotics facilities. Financial Aid is available to students who qualify. To learn more, please visit www.loyola.ca/admissions.

THE SACRED HEART SCHOOL OF MONTREAL: OPEN HOUSE

Visit The Sacred Heart School of Montreal's Open House and find out what students at Montreal's only all girls English Catholic high school love most about being Sacred Heart girls! Saturday, September 28 from 12:30 pm to 4 pm and Tuesday, October 1 from 4 pm to 7 pm. 3635 Atwater Avenue. Due to construction on our campus, we will be offering valet parking. For information: 514-937-2845 or www.sacredheart.qc.ca

HOLY HOUR

Silent adoration every Tuesday evening, following the 7:00pm mass (from 7:30pm to 8:30pm) Also, Adoration every Friday, following the 9:00am mass (from 9:30am to 10:30am). Come and spend some time with the Lord!

"Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Eucharist will obtain a more abundant measure of grace." -St.Alphonsus Ligouri

THE FOOD BANK "OASIS"

Please remember to bring non-perishable food and leave them in the bins at the doors of the church...Thank you.