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Our Liturgy theme is Be Trustworthy

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a single stalk of wheat. The background is a vast field of golden wheat under bright, warm light, creating a soft, hazy atmosphere. The hand is positioned on the right side of the frame, with the fingers wrapped around the stem of the wheat.

**ONE WHO IS
FAITHFUL**
IN A VERY LITTLE IS ALSO FAITHFUL IN MUCH,
**AND ONE WHO IS
DISHONEST**
IN A VERY LITTLE IS ALSO DISHONEST IN MUCH.

LUKE 16:10

Peace be with you
And with your spirit



We light our candle to remind us of
Christ's presence with us as we gather
+In the name of the Father ...



Father, in my life I see,
you are God who walks with me.
You hold my life in your hands:
close beside you I will stand.
I give all my life to you:
help me, Father, to be true.

Jesus in my life I see

You are God who walks with me,
You hold my life in your hands,
Close beside you I will stand,
I give all my life to you,
Help me, Jesus, to be tru---ue.

Spirit in my life I see

You are God who walks with me,
You hold my life in your hands,
Close beside you I will stand,
I give all my life to you,
Help me, Spirit, to be tru---ue.

Opening Prayer

Generous God, in you we have all we need. Help us to put you first in all that we do and to trust that you will care for us always.
Amen

Today, we hear about a dishonest manager and about how we cannot love God and money equally. God must come first in our lives.

Jesus says that if we can be trusted with small things, then we can be trusted with bigger, more important things.

Lord Jesus, you are there for us always, even when we stray. For the times we have turned our back on you: Lord, have mercy

LORD HAVE MERCY

Christ Jesus, time and again you teach us how to live in a way that brings light and life to the world. For the times we have ignored your words: Christ, have mercy.

CHRIST HAVE MERCY

Lord Jesus, you show us the way to forgive others. For the times we have not forgiven others: Lord, have mercy.

LORD HAVE MERCY



ALLELUIA



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A reading from the Gospel according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord



Jesus said to his disciples, "There was once a rich man who had a servant who managed his property. The rich man was told that the manager was wasting his master's money, so he called him in and said, 'What is this I hear about you? Hand in a complete account of your handling of my property, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' The servant said to himself, 'My master is going to dismiss me from my job. What shall I do? I am not strong enough to dig ditches, and I am ashamed to beg. Now I know what I will do! Then when my job is gone, I shall have friends who will welcome me in their homes.'

So he called in all the people who were in debt to his master. He asked the first one, 'How much do you owe my master?' '100 barrels of olive oil,' he answered. 'Here is your account,' the manager told him; 'sit down and write fifty.' Then he asked another one, 'And you—how much do you owe?' 'A thousand sacks of wheat,' he answered. 'Here is your account,' the manager told him; 'write 800.' As a result the master of this dishonest manager praised him for doing such a shrewd thing; because the people of this world are much more shrewd in handling their affairs than the people who belong to the light."

And Jesus went on to say, "And so I tell you: make friends for yourselves with worldly wealth, so that when it gives out, you will be welcomed in the eternal home. Whoever is faithful in small matters will be faithful in large ones; whoever is dishonest in small matters will be dishonest in large ones. If, then, you have not been faithful in handling worldly wealth, how can you be trusted with true wealth? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to someone else, who will give you what belongs to you?"

"No servant can be the slave of two masters; such a servant will hate one and love the other or will be loyal to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Time to reflect on God's words for us
today.



What do you remember from today's reading?



The manager in this story's job was to look after a rich man's property and money.

Why was the rich man cross with his manager?

The rich man was cross because the manager was not careful with his money. He spent too much of it. And so the rich man told the manager he could no longer have a job.

There are many rich people in the world and there are even more people who have very little.

Do you think it is fair that some of us are rich and have lots of nice things and some of us are poor and do not have clean water, a house to live in, a school to go to, clothes to wear or books to read from and learn?

Another word that is sometimes used instead of manager is steward. We are all stewards of this world, but also of each other. We are called to look after both people and the earth, wisely and fairly.

In today's gospel, Jesus says that if we can't be trusted in small things, we won't be trusted with bigger things.

What small things are important to you and why?

What big things are important to you and why?

How can you be careful with all of them?

Jesus says we can't serve both God and money in our lives. God must come first. Then other people. Then money and the things we own last. He also says that we should be generous with the money that we do have and use it to look after others. In this way, we will be welcomed into heaven by God.

When you think about what's important to you, which comes first? God? Your friends and family, including our brothers and sisters around the world? Or your toys and clothes and other things?

How will you make sure that you put God and other people before your possessions in the coming week? What will you do to show that you serve God in your life?

The response is: Hear our prayer.

Jesus asked us to put God first so in God's name we pray together...

We pray for world leaders: that they may care for their people and for what is right more than for money and power. May they rule wisely and justly. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for our brothers and sisters in every country: that we may share what we have with one another, so that all people may have enough to live well. Lord in your mercy...

We pray for our parish, family and friends: that we may share what we have fairly and always remember what is truly important. Lord in your mercy...



We pray for one another. We ask that we may make God's love known in the world to our families and to each other. Be the change you want to see.

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

We ask Mother Mary to join us in our prayers, as we say together:

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,
Blessed art thou among women and blessed is
the fruit of thy womb Jesus.**

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners
now and at the hour of our death. Amen**

Closing prayer

God of plenty, we thank you for all that you have given us. Help us to remember what is really important in our lives and to be generous in all that we do.

Amen.

This week, let us show our faith in action by:

- Sharing our time to make someone's life easier
- Volunteering to run errands or do an extra job at home
- Showing that we can be trusted with smaller things as well as big things like friendships and relationships

THANKS BE TO GOD



Our faith in action



Last week, we were focusing on the Gospel Value of **Forgiveness** and the Virtue of **Temperance**. We celebrated those children who had shown them through their actions and choices.

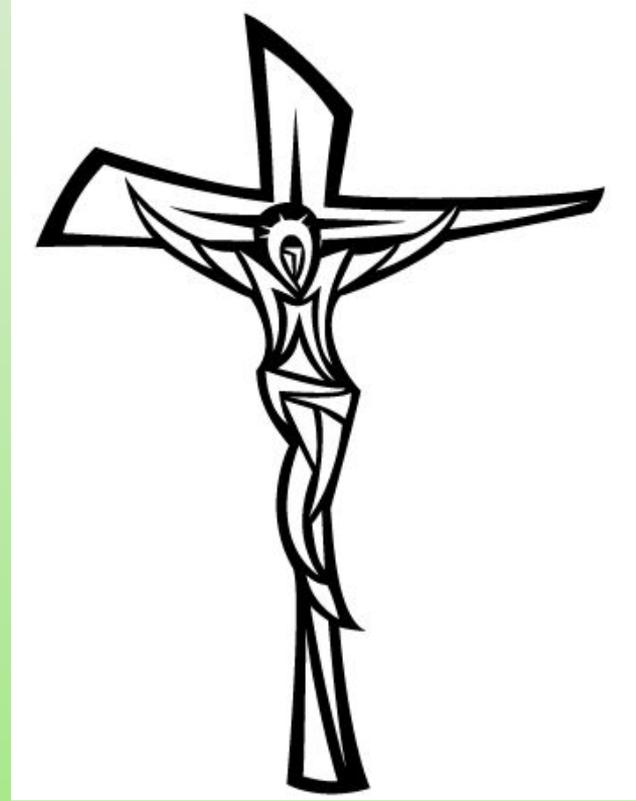
This week, let us show the Gospel Value of **Justice**.



Our Virtue this week is **Prudence**.



In the name of the Father,
And of the Son,
And of the Holy Spirit
Amen



**NO ONE CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS. EITHER YOU WILL
HATE THE ONE AND LOVE THE OTHER, OR YOU WILL BE
DEVOTED TO THE ONE AND DESPISE THE OTHER**

Luke 16: 13

