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Sunday, October 6, 2019
11:00 a.m.

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CHAPEL SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses:
Sat. Vigil 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM, 7:00 PM en español;
Sunday 8:00 AM, 9:15 AM, 10:30 AM, 11:45 AM, 1:15 PM en español;
4:00 PM, 5:30 PM

Weekday Masses:
Mon. - Fri. 8:00 AM, 12:05 PM, 4:45 PM;
Saturday 9:00 AM, 12 PM

Confessions:
Mon. - Fri. 11:15 -11:50 AM, 12:45 - 4:15 PM;
Saturday 9:45 - 11:45 AM, 12:45 - 3:30 PM

Devotions:
Tuesday after Mass: Memoria, 5:30 p.m. Vespers;
Thursday after Mass: St. Jude;
Monday -Friday after 4:45 p.m. Mass: Rosary

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
Mon. - Fri. 8:30 -11:45 AM, 1:00-4:30 PM;
Saturday 9:30 - 11:30 AM, 12:30 - 3:30 PM;
Sunday 2:30-3:30 PM

Gift Shop Hours:
Monday — Friday
10:00 AM - 5:30 PM; Sat. 9:30 AM - 6:45 PM*;
Sun. 8:45 AM - 5:30 PM* (*Closed during Sunday and Saturday Vigil Masses)

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It might be the most surprising of parables and difficult to understand at first glance. The job of the steward was to take care of the house and business of some wealthy land owner. This steward was caught squandering the property so the owner told him he was going to lose his job. The steward said to himself, “What shall I do, now that my master is taking the position of steward away from me? I am not strong enough to dig and I am ashamed to beg. I know what I shall do so that, when I am removed from the stewardship, they may welcome me into their homes.” And he falsifies invoices so the people who owe his boss have their debts slashed so he makes friends who will take care of him.

How do we think the owner will react? Well he does not react as we expect. The master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently! Instead of becoming angry, he admires his cleverness. Nobody would react like this. This what makes Jesus’ stories unique. They catch our attention. We are all stewards. How are you using the goods entrusted to you? Material goods and spiritual goods.

“For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.”

As we have heard before, we must not become too attached to things. As St. Gregory said, “Don’t let your possessions possess you.” Give it away. Jesus gives advice: “I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.”

What is He saying? How am I to make friends with dishonest wealth so as to be welcomed into eternity? The Fathers of the Church, the first Gospel commentators, say that when one is generous with the poor you make friends who will help you get into Heaven. That is what we can learn from the dishonest steward. We are not supposed to imitate his dishonesty but his prudence. He planned his future. We ask ourselves if we use the things of this world to gain eternal life.

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Imagine if we worked at our personal sanctity and salvation like politicians scheme to get elected or businessmen to make money or athletes to win. Strive to enter the narrow gate…

The first reading from the prophet Amos warns us that God gets angry with those who ignore the poor. The wealthy say, “We will fix our scales for cheating, and the poor for a pair of sandals.” The Lord has sworn, “Never will I forget a thing they have done!” The exploiter thinks money is more important than love of God or love of the poor.

Today’s Psalm reflects the theme: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor. He raises up the lowly from the dust; from the dunghill he lifts up the poor to seat them with princes, with the princes of his own people. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

The Gospel acclamation reminds us that we are poor and see how He has treated us. Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, He became poor, so that by His poverty you might become rich. The Second Person of the Blessed Trinity became a weak little Baby. He became a poor Carpenter condemned to death. He became a piece of Bread to be consumed, to make you rich, in Grace, to give you a heavenly Home. Let us imitate Him. St. John Chrysostom said; “The wealthy help the poor by alms, the poor help the rich by praying for their salvation”. True wealth is not what we keep but what we share. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.
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