

The Parable of the Unjust Steward Explained

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.

-Loyola Press, Sunday Connection

Sacraments

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):
Saturdays 3:00 PM and by appointment.

BAPTISMS: To arrange and prepare for the celebration of Baptism, please call the Pastor to schedule an appointment. Baptisms are usually celebrated on Sunday afternoon.

FUNERAL: Please call the parish as soon as possible to make arrangements for the Mass of Christian Burial.

VISITING THE SICK: If you or a family member are sick or in the hospital, please call the parish so that a pastoral visit can be arranged. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick may be celebrated in the parish before hospitalization. Please call also to arrange for a Eucharistic minister to bring Communion to the sick. If you would like to request prayers for someone who is sick, please call the parish so that the name may be placed in the bulletin.

MARRIAGES: Preparation must begin at least six months prior to the wedding. **Please** make arrangements with the parish before scheduling the reception.

ANNULMENTS/CONVALIDATION: Please arrange a meeting with the Pastor to begin the process of celebrating your marriage in the Church.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Catholics who would like to be registered as parishioners of Immaculate Conception and receive stewardship envelopes should call the parish secretary or fill out a form in the vestibule of the church.

RCIA: Adults who desire to explore the possibility of becoming a member of the Catholic Church should contact the RCIA (Rite for the Christian Initiation of Adults) team. Preparation usually begins in September and Baptism or Reception is celebrated at the next Easter Vigil.

TUITION ASSISTANCE: Some financial aid for tuition assistance to Catholic schools is available to registered members of the parish. This is a one time grant of no more than \$1,000.00 to needy families to assist them during a time of financial crisis. Eligible families should write a letter to the Pastor who will evaluate the request with the Financial

To Whom Do We Go	
Rosary Call.....	617-769-8305
Child Protection Coord: Andrea Toles.....	(504)491-6556
Eucharistic Ministers: Beulah Decuir.....	(225)229-6076
Gospel Choir/Adult: Daphne Alex.....	(225)936-4051
Gospel Choir/Youth: Tara Winder	(225)428-5981
Hall Rental:	(225)775-7067
Ministry Council/Chair: Georgia Jenkins.....	(225)775-5824
Pantry/Food and Vouchers:	(225)774-3661
Sacristan: Rogers Jackson, Jr.	(225)362-0907
Traditional Choir: Deadra James Mackie.....	(225)772-3401
Usher's Coordinator: Walter Ennis.....	(504)427-6459

A Prayer for
Clarity

"When we don't know how to navigate
unchartered waters, give us your strength.
When we are at a crossroads, guide us with
your wisdom."

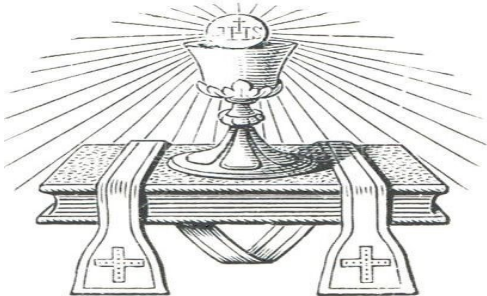
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THE SHREWD STEWARD CONFUSION: EVEN “LUKE” DIDN’T GET IT

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MLK/SU CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER:
Joyce Johnson - Wilfred Johnson(225) 775-8691



Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM
Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
Weekday Masses: MLK Chapel
Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 12:10 PM
Holy Day Masses:
Vigil Mass: 7:00 PM and 12:10 PM



THANK YOU TO FAMILIES FOR PSR REGISTRATION AND ATTENDANCE

Our thanks to all the families who have registered their children and youth for PSR and have begun attending. You may still register and bring children to classes. We urge all families to make attendance at Sunday Mass a part of your child’s religious formation. It is either **MASS AND CLASS** or **CLASS AND MASS**. If you must choose between the two, choose Mass.

WOULD YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW LIKE TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

If you or someone you know would like to find out more information about becoming Catholic, please have them call Father Clark or Cathy Glover (225-772-6099). There is no commitment. You may come just to explore the possibility. Candidates usually are baptized, confirmed, and receive the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Those already baptized, make a profession of faith, are confirmed and receive the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil or another Sunday.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

If you or someone you know who is 18 years or over, was baptized Catholic, and received their First Holy Communion, but did not have the opportunity to celebrate Confirmation, you or they may celebrate the Sacrament either at the Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday, 2026 or at our parish celebration. Please see Father Clark for more information.

KEEP UP WITH YOUR VACCINATIONS

No matter what the government says, Covid, the flu, and RSV are still around. Make plans to get your vaccinations. If you are sixty-five or over, or are at high risk, you need a prescription from your primary care doctor and an appointment at a pharmacy. If you are not in one of the categories, it is still unclear how and when the vaccines are available. It is best to contact your primary care physician to get the up-to-date information.

UPCOMING ELECTIONS –GET OUT AND VOTE

There are two elections scheduled for this Fall:

Early Voting: September 27 through October 4
Election Day: October 11, 2025 *(Primary for District Judge 19th Judicial Court, ES1, Div 0)*

Early Voting: November 1 through November 8
Election Day: November 15, 2025 *(thriveBR, Redistribution of funds to fill budget gaps)*

“Stay sharp and informed—local elections are coming up!”

SU HOMECOMING SCHEDULE OF MASSES

The SU Homecoming Parade will take place on Sunday, October 12 at 1:00 PM. We will have our regular Mass schedule that weekend: 4:00 PM (Vigil), 8:00 AM, and 10:30 AM. If you park in the church lot for the 10:30 AM Mass, you may keep that parking space if you plan to attend the parade.
On Saturday, October 18, the day of the Homecoming Game, **we will not have the 4:00 PM Vigil Mass**. The Knights will be selling parking places to support their scholarship fund and to manage parking on our property.
There are no changes for the Jackson State game on September 27. We will monitor the parking lot so that there are parking spaces for those attending the 4:00 PM Vigil Mass.



DANIELLE	CUNNINGHAM	9/21
DAVID	DARTEZ	9/21
LARRY	EAGLIN	9/21
ASHLEY	MARTIN	9/21
RANDI	THOMAS	9/21
REMIKA	BOWIE	9/22
RONALD	JOHNSON	9/22
MARIE	MYLES	9/22
GINA	CLARK	9/22
SELENA	GRANT	9/22
KINGSLEY	AIFESEHI	9/23
RANDY	BOURGEOIS	9/23
VERONICA	DOMINGO	9/23
NINA	GRAY	9/23
JELANI	KING	9/23
NKOLE	KING	9/23
KAREN	SIMMS	9/23
WANDA	WALKER	9/23
RASHAAD	WELLS	9/23
TARA	WINDER	9/23
DWAYNE	BANKS, JR.	9/24
HARLEY	LEWIS	9/24
FRAN	SHELMIRE	9/24
JASMINE	GRIFFIN	9/25
SHERROD	HUTCHIN	9/25
ANGELA	LOMBARD	9/25
FAITH	PATIN	9/25
AUTUMN	STATION	9/25
DONNA	WILLIAMS	9/25
WARREN	BELEZAIRE	9/26
TROYLAN	BREAUX, JR.	9/26
DRUSILLA	CLARK	9/26
AUNRAE	NAVARRE	9/26
BENITA	NWOKOLO	9/27
CHERYL	HALL	9/27
ASHLYN	FLEURY	9/27

CONGRATULATIONS TO KALLI AND JAMIAH

Congratulations to Kalli Gregory and Jamiah Byrd who will celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday, October 4, at Immaculate Conception Church. Please pray for them as they approach their wedding day. May the Lord bless them with peace and joy as the day approaches and with a marriage full of blessing and love.

SAVE THE DATE
PARISH PICNIC ON OCTOBER 26

We will celebrate our annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, October 26 after the 10:30 AM Mass until 3:00 PM. Please plan to join us for good food, music, games, raffles, and dancing! Pray for good weather!

Mass Readings
September 21-28

Sunday
The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 8: 4-7
1 Timothy 2: 1-8
Luke 16: 1-13

Monday
Ezra 1: 1-6
Luke 8: 16-18

Tuesday
Ezra 6: 7-8, 12, 14-20
Luke 8: 19-21

Wednesday
Ezra: 9: 5-9
Luke 9: 1-6

Thursday
Haggai 1: 1-8
Luke 9: 7-9

Friday
Haggai 2: 1-9
Luke 9: 18-22

Saturday
Zechariah 2: 5-9, 14-15
Luke 9: 43-45

Sunday
The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 6: 1, 4-7
1 Timothy 6: 11-16
Luke 16: 19-31

WHAT’S THAT SMELL?
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE LISTENING
SESSION
ON SEPTEMBER 30

Earthworks.org hosts listening sessions throughout the EBR parish about environmental issues in our community.

There will be a listening session on Tuesday, September 30 at 6:00 PM at the Jewel Newman Community Center. Dinner will be served. The first ten attendees will receive a prize. Children are welcome!