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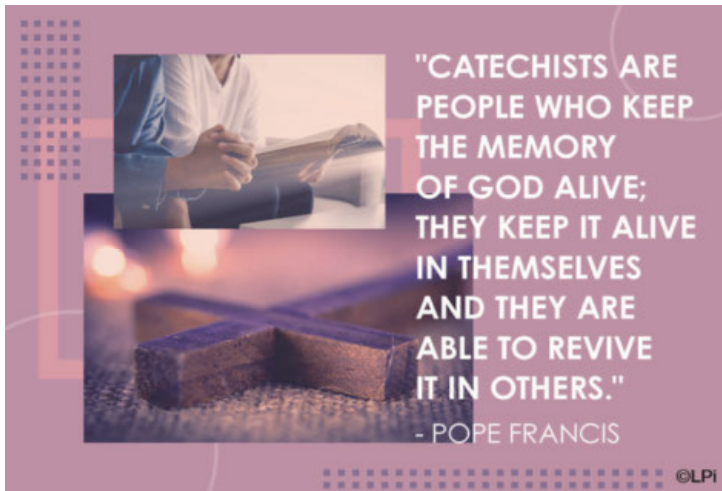
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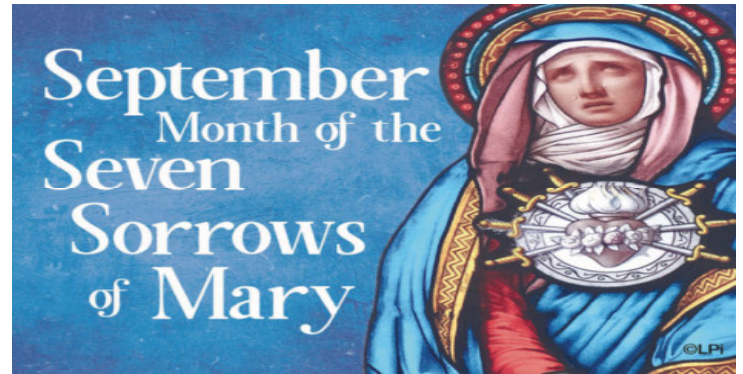
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SEPTEMBER 11 7:00 A.M. 69

SEPTEMBER 11 9:30 A.M. 98

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### FIRST READING

Hear this, you who trample upon the  
needy  
and destroy the poor of the land!  
(Am 8:4)



### PSALM

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.  
(Ps 113)  
Or Alleluia.



### SECOND READING

This is good and pleasing to God our  
savior,  
who wills everyone to be saved  
and to come to knowledge of the truth.  
(1 Tm 2:3-4)



### GOSPEL

"No servant can serve two masters.  
He will either hate one and love the  
other,  
or be devoted to one and despise the  
other.  
You cannot serve both God and  
mammon." (Lk 16:13)

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## WORSHIP & MEDITATION



### GOSPEL MEDITATION

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"You cannot serve both God and mammon." Merriam-Webster defines mammon as material wealth or possessions, especially having a debasing influence. While God does not take issue with our need to use money for the business of our lives, there can be a problem with the attitudes we bring to it. We can easily become so preoccupied and obsessed with money that it becomes the real "god" we worship. Do we serve mammon instead of God? In their book, *Wealth, Riches and Money*, Craig Hill and Earl Pitts outline symptoms of mammon's influence in our lives. Some of these are worry and anxiety over money, money mismanagement, fear over "never having enough," an "I can't afford it" mentality, impulse buying, stinginess, greed, debt, and discontent.

Many of the things on that list can consume us to the point that we are distracted from what we really need to be doing. Many people spend an inordinate amount of time worrying about money and it becomes the source of their worst fears. If we are honest with ourselves, we need to admit that we place far more emphasis on our material securities than we ought. In fact, we have actually convinced ourselves that we cannot live without it. Are we that certain about the presence of God? Many of the world's problems, especially those involving inequity and injustice, result from conflicts about money. Many equate money with happiness. Those successful in accumulating large amounts of it quickly realize just how wrong they are.

"Your ultimate allegiance is not to the government, not to the state, not to nation, not to any man-made institution. The Christian owes his ultimate allegiance to God, and if any earthly institution conflicts with God's will it is your Christian duty to take a stand against it. You must never allow the transitory evanescent demands of man-made institutions to take precedence over the eternal demands of the Almighty God (Martin Luther King, Jr.)." This is the point Jesus is trying to make. Unfortunately, when we look around our man-made kingdoms are far more prevalent than God's kingdom. When we start seeing greater evidence of justice, equity, dignity, respect, opportunity, gentleness, holiness, solidarity, honesty, simplicity, care for creation, and a decrease in ambition, then we will know that God's kingdom is being served. We will be doing what we are supposed to do.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

**Food for Thought****"My wife is a Christian!"**

Richard said. "She lets me live my life. She does not talk to me about anything biblical. She does not curse me. She respects me as her husband and always asks for permission to use the car and other things when going to church. She keeps washing my clothes. She has never thrown away any beer in the fridge because she is a Christian. She has never refused me intimacy because I was drunk. That woman is a Christian." His friends stopped laughing. "You mean this?" Daniel asked, "I think she claims she is Christian because you have not tested her faith. She is pretending." "No. No. No. She does not pretend. She lives the life of a Christian," Richard defended. "What if we test her faith? To see if she is the real deal?" Andrew deadpanned, "I would not treat my wife that way. She is a good woman. She respects me, and I would not go that extra mile," Richard said, adding: "Right now, I am ashamed even to bring beer into the fridge again." "I knew you were lying to us," John said, laughing mockingly. "Okay, guys, we can test her," Richard resignedly agreed. "But I can assure you we will not break her."

**STAGE ONE OF THE TEST:**

The tests began. From entering the house with his friends with soiled shoes to eating all relish meant for the whole day, to drinking beer in the living room and leaving it very messy, Richard's wife never complained. She never showed a sad face. She was always glad. In her heart, she always sang the song "MUST JESUS BEAR THE CROSS ALONE, AND ALL THE WORLD GO FREE."

**STAGE TWO**

It was a Saturday night, and Richard came home with his friends at 11:30 PM. Though his wife was asleep, he woke her up and demanded she cooks some steak for him and his three friends. His wife never complained. She did that, and when she was done, she told her husband and his friends to go and eat. However, Richard took the plates and threw them down, shouting that the food was undercooked and that she had to cook again. His wife came to him graciously, kneeled, and said: "I am sorry, honey. I never meant to embarrass you in the presence of your friends. I am sorry the food was undercooked. I will prepare you another meal." It was Andrew who started crying. Then Daniel and John joined him. They threw themselves to the floor crying, their hands raised in surrender. Richard, her husband, also came apart uncontrollably. "I want to serve the God you serve. Take me to Him," John said, tears flowing freely down his cheeks. Andrew said the same thing and did the rest. They accepted Christ that day.

Sometimes God deliberately places us in situations so we can win souls for him. For women and men who can pray for hours and sometimes speak in tongues and yet rain abuses on their husbands and wives at the slightest provocation, please learn. Our nagging and bad attitudes often kill the peach and love we desire in our homes. Just be a true Christian in your heart, and then His Peace will reign over you.



## PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

*“Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen*

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*September 24*—Rev. Herbert Bennerfield

*September 25*—Rev. Lloyd F. Benoit

*“For every high priest taken from among men is appointed on behalf of men in things pertaining to God, in order to offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins.” (Hb. 5:1)*



### Baptism Requirements for St. Francis of Assisi

Parents or guardian requesting Baptism must pick up a copy of the Baptism Requirements from the office.

All information must be turned in by the week before Baptism.



**Do I have to go to Confession before receiving Holy Communion like everyone did years ago when I was a child?**

If you are conscious of having committed a mortal sin, then, yes, you must first go to receive Jesus’ forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance and be restored by Him to loving communion before you can come to receive Him in Holy Communion.

The reason why young children must receive the Sacrament of Penance before first Holy Communion is to ensure that they have cleaned their inner “temples” to receive the greatest Guest of all.

The same principal applies to all of us. If one has not committed any serious sins since his or her last good confession, then it is not necessary to confess before receiving the Holy Eucharist.

## WEEKLY PRAYER

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

**Sunday:** Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

**Monday:** Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 8:16-18

**Tuesday:** Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

**Thursday:** Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc/Lk 9:7-9

**Friday:** Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday:** Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45

**Next Sunday:** Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

**Sunday:** 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

**Monday:** St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

**Tuesday:** Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

**Wednesday:** St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

**Friday:** St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

**Next Sunday:** 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Migration Week

### LIVE THE LITURGY

#### Inspiration for the week

Human beings are often very clever when managing money and making a profit. Sometimes, we place so much of our sense of security in money that we lower ourselves to deceit and fraud. Our need to produce a profit can easily lead to economic injustice and exploitation. Money is necessary to conduct the business of our lives. However, it cannot become the god we serve. Being smart, savvy, and creative with financial wealth can be good. Being smart, savvy, and creative with living out our relationship with God is even better. Our hearts have to find a home somewhere. Jesus reminds us of a choice we must make: God or mammon. We need to be cautious about “selling our souls” to what cannot fully satisfy us and falling into the traps of lust, gluttony, pride, and greed. Instead, we can better direct our efforts and our talents to the management of God’s kingdom, which in the end is the only thing that matters. Any ideas on how we can use the talents and skills God gave us to make for a better world?

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