

## 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

Amos 8:4-7  
Ps 113:1-2, 4-8  
1 Timothy 2:1-8  
Luke 16:1-13

### Monday September 19

Revelation 3:27-34  
Ps 15:2-5  
Luke 8:16-18

### Tuesday September 20

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Revelation 21:1-6, 10-13  
Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44  
Luke 8:19-21

### Wednesday September 21

**St. Matthew**

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13  
Ps 19:2-5  
Matthew 9:9-13

### Thursday September 22

Ecclesiastes 1:2-11  
Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc  
Luke 9:7-9

### Friday September 23

**St. Pio of Pietrelcina**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11  
Ps 144:1b-4  
Luke 9:18-22

### Saturday September 24

Ecclesiastes 11:9 12:8  
Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17  
Luke 9:43b-45

Poverty, as exemplified by many Saints, is not the only path of holiness. This Sunday's Gospel reading tells us how a person can be affluent and holy at the same time -- as exemplified by other Saints.

If we recognize that our possessions are gifts from God that are meant to enhance his kingdom, we are holy. But if we cling to money and material wealth as if they are meant only for our own benefit, we've divided ourselves from God, because God's Word emphasizes the importance of distributing to others a generous portion of everything we receive.

When acquiring wealth is a higher priority than distributing what we already have, God is not our master. This is true not only with material goods, but with everything else that is good, too.

We are all richly blessed one way or another: How readily

to do use your riches for the benefit of others?

The "dishonest wealth" of which Jesus speaks is anything that "belongs to another". When we use other people's money (for example, taking out a loan from the bank) to our own advantage, we are not being trustworthy stewards unless it also glorifies the kingdom of God. Likewise, if we misuse time by catering to selfish desires at the expense of those who need our attention,

we are untrustworthy in the kingdom of God. Jesus wants to bless people

through you. He has called you to be a distributor of his gifts. If we ignore this primary principle of God's economy, Jesus says, "Who will give you what is yours?"



What is ours, if we're trustworthy enough to be good stewards, are riches that will remain with us for all of eternity: the wealth of the spirit, the approval and praise of God, the fullness of love, etc.

To be holy with affluence, we have to first be trustworthy with the love that belongs to others – the love that God feels for them. Our trust-ability is found in the sharing of our temporal (earthly) goods as well as eternal goods (faith, hope, etc.).

### Reflect & Discuss:

1. What are you reluctant to share? What do you fear will happen if you surrender it to God for his use and his purposes?
2. What do you need to do with this fear so that you can become a good steward of God's riches?
3. Name any material possession that seems to be used only for worldly or selfish purposes.
4. Can it be converted into a gift for others and used for the glory of God? If so, how?