

**Sunday, September 18, 2022**  
**The 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 1) Amos 8:4-7
- 2) 1 Timothy 2:1-8
- 3) Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

**FOCUS:** *The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones.*

Loving God and neighbor are the highest priorities for Christians. The prophets challenged the Israelites when their love of wealth led to neglecting God, and warned them against treating others unjustly and dishonestly. Jesus reinforces the message: Our relationship with God requires a commitment to a higher calling by remaining true to him and treating others with honesty, generosity, and justice.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

In the first reading, Amos warns those who trample upon the needy that the Lord will not forget the way they have treated the poor. In the second reading, Saint Paul advises Timothy to pray for everyone, including those in authority. In the Gospel, Jesus uses the parable of the dishonest steward to teach his disciples about trustworthiness.

**UNIVERSAL PRAYER**

PRIEST: With confidence in our merciful God, let us raise our voices to him with the needs of our world.

- 1) For the Church, may God guide us as the body of Christ in using our gifts and talents to spread the Good News, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For government officials, may God strengthen them in the ways of respect, trust, and right judgment, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who suffer the burden of poverty, may the Lord meet their needs and provide them with hope and encouragement, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For those gathered here, may the Lord help us grow in understanding of his merciful love for us and so be transformed, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may they be welcomed into perfect union with God and all the angels and saints in heaven, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: We give you thanks and praise, Father, for hearing our prayers. We ask that you respond to our needs, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.