



Only One Master

Today's Gospel reminds us that as we go through life we must decide which is more important to us: the material world or God. Jesus tells us that we cannot have two masters. Some people in the world believe that they can divide their attention and priorities but sooner or later they must realize that divided loyalty mean half-hearted loyalty. Jesus is not condemning material wealth, but telling us that if it is not used responsibly we will find ourselves in big trouble.

How do we use our material blessing responsibly? As Christians, we must always make sure that in some way we are aiding the poor and less fortunate in our society. In some way, we must make sure we are helping to further God's Kingdom here on earth by being good stewards. That means certainly supporting our parish, but also being mindful of requests from other worthy charities that may ask us for assistance.

For some people in the world, their money is their god. Money, in and of itself, is not evil. It is what we do with it that can cause problems. As Christians, we must choose to be generous people and abandon every inclination to be selfish. Temptations are always in front of us, so we must be strong in our resolve to do good for others with whatever resources God has blessed us with.

Let us keep in mind the urging of St. Paul as we reflect on the second reading for today, in his letter to Timothy. "I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity. This is good and pleasing to God our savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth." (1 Timothy 2:1-3)

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Blessing of the Holy Family Statue

Next Sunday, September 25, immediately after the 11:00 AM Mass, we will have the blessing of the Holy Family statue that is near the main entrance of the church. This statue and shrine were made possible by the gift from the late Beatrice Kuhn, a long time member of St. James the Apostle Parish. Members of the Kuhn family will be present and all are invited to join them near the statue immediately after the Mass for the blessing.

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