

All three readings of today's liturgy point to issues of social justice. In an age in which self-interest and individualism often call the tune, we Christians must not neglect these issues. Our world is far more complex than that of Amos the prophet. Corruption has different forms these days – carefully concealed but just as sinful, because of the damage it does to the life of the community. The inequitable sharing of the world's resources, often artificially maintained, that contributes significantly to world tensions, should be a matter of concern for all Christians.

The situation described in the letter to Timothy is very different from ours – but at the same time so similar. The Christians of that community had no possibility of manipulating the levers of power in the politics of the Roman Empire. The Church should not endeavour to manipulate the political processes of today's democratic state. In both situations, however, Christians still have great responsibility, as citizens. We must make an honourable contribution to the common welfare, at whatever level we are involved. We must have no part in the corruption that can be very tempting, in the complex processes of today's social order. We must support legitimate authority; and have good will towards our fellow citizens, respecting their different points of view, and seeking to work together with them to make a just society. Our great contribution is the Christian values we live by – the vitality of a human community comes from the values to which its citizens are committed.

In today's gospel, we meet again Luke's concern to bring home to his fellow Christians the responsibilities and dangers brought by this world's possessions. All will be well in this area of our social responsibility, if our real concerns look beyond the material things that are a necessary part of our lives. If the Church today, as Pope Saint John Paul II said, renounces any desire 'to be a participant or competitor in the game of politics', it is called to contribute to the wellbeing of the human community by the witness and example it gives. Our lives, and the quality of our relationships as a Christian community, should demonstrate to our troubled world that living according to the ways Christ has given us is not a bondage, but a fulfilment.

The parable of the unjust steward is puzzling. Scholars are not agreed whether the 'astuteness' praised by his master was making fraudulent changes to his debtors' promissory notes, or his forgoing claims for the commission customary in such transactions. In either case the lesson is clear: those dedicated to worldly pursuits are often more wholehearted in their projects than believers are in promoting the things of God. We certainly have a long way to go, if the effective witness held up to us by John Paul II as a goal is to become a reality.

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The children of this world are more astute than the children of light

Readings ~ Amos 8.4-7 ~ 1 Timothy 2.1-7 ~ Luke 16.1-13

PARISH

Mass Intentions This Week – September 19–25

Please join us as we pray for the following announced intentions...

	Intention(s):	Offered by:
Monday, 9am	✠ Grace Downie	Kathleen Stanley
Tuesday, 9am	... of Raymond & Aida Jalea on their 40 th Wedding Anniversary	Marieta & Rey Sumaya
Wednesday, 9am	✠ Maria Quintela ✠ Emilia Amaro	The family
Thursday, 9am	✠ Angelina Gesualdi	The family
Friday, 9am	✠ Daniela Bratty	Uncle Rudy, Auntie Cathie and family
Saturday, 9am	✠ Christopher Farrar	The family
5:15pm	✠ Gladys Gryz	Ben and family
Sunday 8am	✠ Lena Badali	The family
9:30am	✠ For the needs of our parish and faithful parishioners ✠	
11am	✠ John Ciarallo	Carol Ciarallo
12:30pm	✠ Witld Matulewicz	The family

Rosary Group stay & pray daily, after 9am Mass + Fridays, 2pm, Parish Hall Five decades daily, fifteen decades on Fridays followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. "No one can live continually in sin and continue to say the Rosary: either they will give up sin or they will give up the Rosary" –Bishop Hugh Doyle



Children's Liturgy of the Word – Join us! This program for young parishioners (4–10 years of age) has resumed on Sundays at the 9:30am Mass. **All are welcome!**

Celebrating Christ in Our Midst – Our Lady of Sorrows Ministry Retreat Day Saturday, October 15 – with facilitators Jim Dunn and Catherine Ecker

9am – Parish Mass
9:55am – Session 1: Celebrating and Living Sunday
11:30am – Session 2: Living as Disciples – The Hands and Feet of Christ
12:45pm – Prayer of Thanksgiving and Blessing followed by lunch

This event is for those serving in ministry at Our Lady of Sorrows and anyone who would like to join a ministry. To register, please email the parish office at olosorrows@bellnet.ca or call 416-231-6016. Registration deadline is Friday, October 7.

Weekly Drop-in Bridge – Thursdays, 1–3:30pm, Parish Hall meeting room Partners are not required. Please contact Gail Weiler at 416-239-5337 or Rena Guerard at 416-236-0728 for further information.

OLS Refugee Resettlement Committee Update

We are pleased to advise that our parish has committed to sponsor three refugee groups. Two of these are traditional two parent families with young children from Iraq. The third group is made up of three young men from Syria and Iraq who have been grouped together to give them a chance to be resettled. While at this stage we have no further information about when these refugees will be arriving, (and the average wait time is about nine months), we look forward to the day that we can help them settle in Toronto. We greatly appreciate the prayers and support the parish community has provided so far and we will provide further updates as more information becomes available.



COMMUNITY

First Reconciliation & First Communion – General Notes

The Sacraments of Initiation are significant milestones in the faith journeys of our young parishioners. The Archdiocese notes that preparation for initiation is the shared responsibility of parents, the local Catholic school and the parish community. To be eligible to receive a sacrament at Our Lady of Sorrows, participants and their families must fulfill 3 conditions:

- (a) They must be registered as parishioners of OLS (NB: registration at OLS School or family history of sacraments received at OLS do NOT constitute parish registration);
- (b) They must regularly attend Sunday Mass;
- (c) Parents & children must participate in the relevant aspects of the program.

If your family does not regularly attend Sunday Mass at OLS and/or is not officially registered with a parish, you are welcome to register with the parish at this time and begin attending regularly. All other families should, at their earliest convenience, contact the parish nearest their home or the parish they regularly attend, for information on sacramental preparation.

Registration dates: Saturday, September 24 and Sunday, September 25.

Volunteers will be available in the Parish Hall after Mass to process registrations & collect fees.

Questions? Please contact us at sacramentalprep@sorrows.ca

Needs of the Canadian Church Special Collection Sunday, Sept. 25

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is involved in national & international areas of pastoral activity, including social justice, ecumenical and interfaith relations, collaboration with Aboriginal Peoples, life and family issues, liturgy, catechesis, doctrine and relations with Catholic associations and movements. Each year the CCCB is asked to speak out, give leadership, or provide guidelines for the faithful on a wide variety of topics. In order for our bishops to make proper judgments on modern topics, they must have the benefit of research, expert advice and capable administration which is also funded by this collection. In addition to contributions, we are also asked to pray for the work of the Bishops and to participate in and cooperate with the various projects of the CCCB. **Your generous support is greatly appreciated.**

MOSAIC Canadian Vocal Ensemble

MOSAIC includes singers from OLS, the Toronto Choral Society, St. Michael's Choir School Alumni and other GTA choirs. The group rehearses at OLS and participates with OLS choirs in several parish events and Masses each year; they are planning a 2017 concert tour to Spain. Formed in 2011 as the Our Lady of Sorrows Ecumenical Choir, it became a community and touring choir and in 2015 rebranded as the MOSAIC Canadian Vocal Ensemble with a focus on contemporary Canadian repertoire. If you would like more information about the choir, and tour to Spain, please contact director Gordon Mansell through www.glionnamansell.com

Because We Are Witnesses: A Retreat for Catechists Sept. 24, 10am–12pm

Did you know that witnesses are catechists? Consider becoming a more committed and more mature disciple of Christ in your parish and in your world. Join many others like yourself for a prayerful time of renewal and growth through guided reflection, spiritual conversation and sharing of practical insights about being salt and light of Christ thoughtfully, virtuously, and courageously together. This retreat for every Catholic who lives out the faith in the ordinary life takes place at Corpus Christi Church, 16 Lockwood Road, Toronto. To register, contact the Office of Formation for Discipleship at 416-934-3400, ext. 523.

Mother Teresa: The Legacy – Movie Screening – Sponsored by CWL Toronto

Presented by Emmy Award-winning filmmaker Ann Petrie, who will speak about her experience as she filmed (this new saint) in 10 countries over a period of five years. The film includes intimate & never-before-seen footage of Mother Teresa. Screening takes place on Sept. 24 (after 4:30pm Mass) & Sept. 25, 3pm at St. Edward the Confessor Parish, 75 Churchill Ave., North York.



We cannot serve two masters.
Which one are you willing to follow?
Are you being called to a life of service?

If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux.
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