



**Mass Intentions  
for the Week**

<b>Saturday</b> 4:00 PM	<b>September 18</b> Bramante Family
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 AM 11:30 AM 5:00PM	<b>September 19</b> Thomas Wardan - Good Health West-Ender Mass Parishioners
<b>Monday</b> 12:10 PM	<b>September 20</b> Liliana Ciciotti
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:10 PM	<b>September 21</b> Sister Celestine, CJC Open Hearts
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:10 PM	<b>September 22</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 12:10 PM	<b>September 23</b>
<b>Friday</b> 12:10 PM	<b>September 24</b> In memory of the Marron Family
<b>Saturday</b> 4:00 PM	<b>September 25</b> Felix & Filomena Toussaint
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 AM 11:30 AM 5:00PM	<b>September 26</b> Anne & Frank Schuler Parishioners

**Parish Support**

September 5

<b>Offertory</b>	<b>\$3,819</b>
<b>Catholic University</b>	<b>697</b>




Sanctuary Lamp

**Week of September 19**  
**In memory of Don Gregory**

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	"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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**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

There has been much analysis about the recent financial crisis that has affected the world economy. The situation has been blamed on a variety of factors, including easy credit, bad mortgages, lack of savings, and speculation. One area that has gotten particular scrutiny by regulators has been the clever financial instruments that were devised to lure investors seeking higher returns. Things like mortgage-backed securities and credit default swaps were supposed to provide guaranteed returns even in a down market. Instead, these very instruments were some of the causes of the market's downfall.

Being financially clever can often get a person a good job. But it doesn't always last. We see that in the parable of the steward who was squandering his master's resources. Like Treasury agents from the FDIC swooping down on an insolvent bank, the master in this week's Gospel lands full force on the steward who must now give an account of his actions. His approach is to ingratiate himself with his master's debtors in hopes that they will take him in. It is much like the approach of some financial whiz kids who, after the collapse of some of the riskiest investment strategies, have come up with new ways to make money.

Jesus reminds his followers whom they really serve. We need to be honest and trustworthy with the things of this world, even though in the end they amount to nothing. When we are, then we can be trusted with the true wealth, that of eternity. For many people, the financial crisis and job loss has been a great burden. Some have used the occasion to re-focus their values and discover what truly matters. The steward in the Gospel threw his lot in with those who would give him an easy way out of his corrupt situation. Our stewardship of all that God has given us requires that we be faithful to Christ in all that we do.





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