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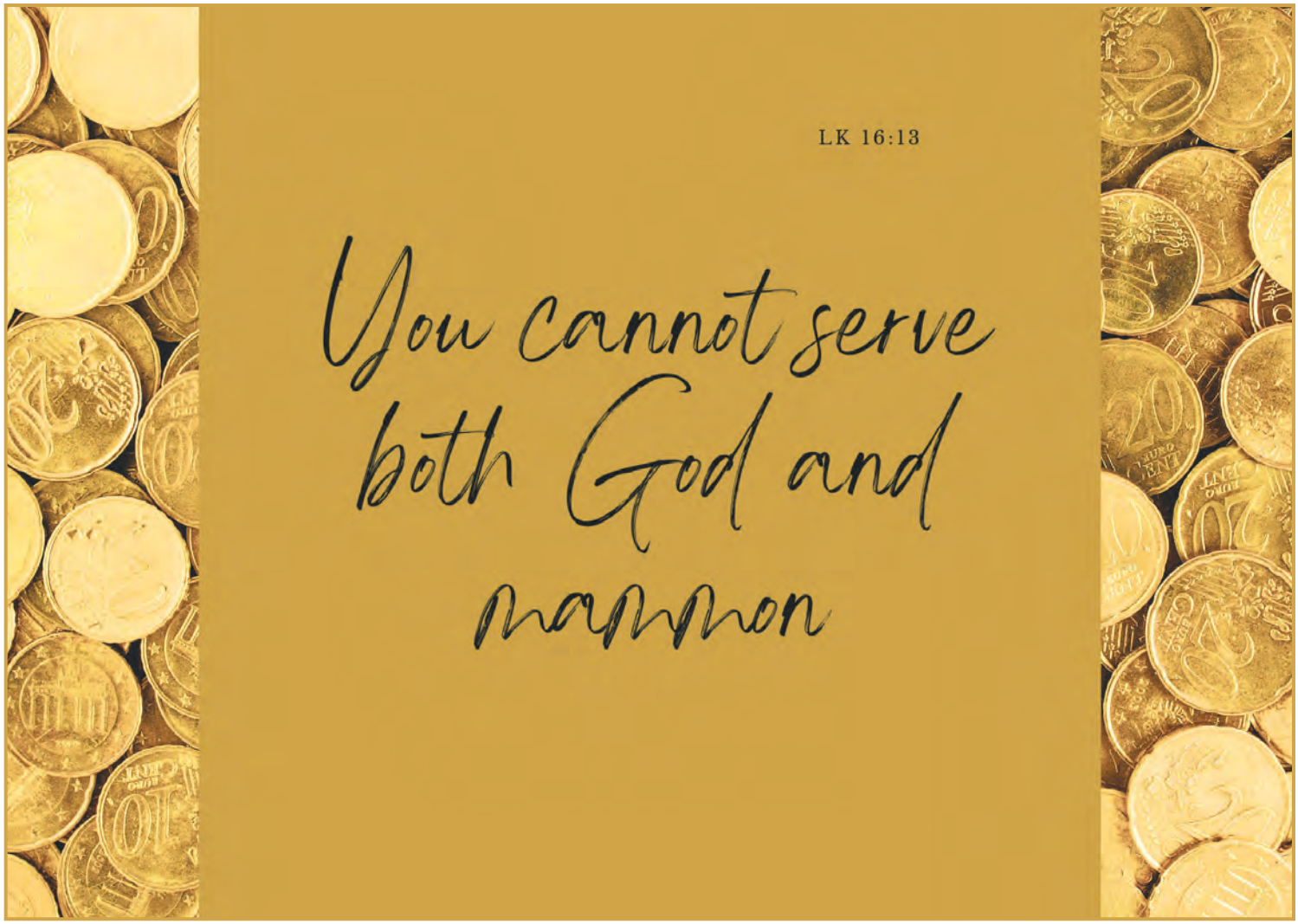

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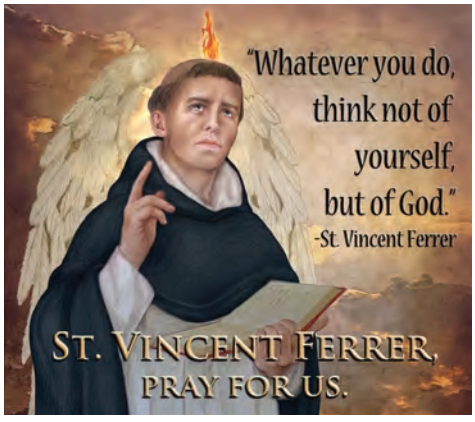

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. – Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
HOLY DAYS: 9:00 a.m.

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 21, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, September 20th **5:00 p.m.**
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Harkim Payne — In Memoriam
Requested by Father Gopaul and Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Sunday, September 21st **8:00 a.m.**
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Catechetical Sunday
Novena in Honor of the Archangels
Wendel Mejias — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Rosie Mejias

11:00 a.m.
Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. Nugent — In Memoriam
Requested by Gerald DeMaio
Judy Pierre — In Memoriam
Requested by Gerald DeMaio
Quentin McKeney — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Kim McKeney
Guy Arnold Pierrre-Louis — In Memoriam
Requested by Magalie Philogene
Marie Christopher Jean — Blessings and Thanksgiving
Requested by Father Gopaul and Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish
Fritz Baron — In Memoriam
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Ministers of Welcome (Ushers)

Monday, September 22nd **9:00 a.m.**
Novena in Honor of the Archangels
Julia Sammy — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Laura Brereton

Tuesday, September 23rd **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest (Padre Pio)
Novena in Honor of the Archangels
All the Sick and Homebound of the Parish

Wednesday, September 24th **9:00 a.m.**
Novena in Honor of the Archangels
Marc Jean — In Memoriam

Thursday, September 25th **9:00 a.m.**
Novena in Honor of the Archangels
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Friday, September 26th **9:00 a.m.**
Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
Novena in Honor of the Archangels
Dr. John Campanile and Staff
— Thanksgiving and Blessings
Requested by Father Gopaul and Athena

Saturday, September 27th **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest
Novena in Honor of the Archangels
All Members of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine
Mary Barker — Thanksgiving and Blessings
Requested by Father Gopaul and Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Altar Flowers
Ministers of the Word — Blessings and Thanksgiving

Altar Candles
School of Religion Catechists
— Blessings and Thanksgiving

Sanctuary Candle
School of Religion Students and Parents
— Blessings and Thanksgiving

Mary's Chapel
The Ministry of Mercy
— Blessings and Thanksgiving

Annunciation Chapel
Ministers of the Eucharist — Blessings and Thanksgiving

SECOND COLLECTION SEPTEMBER 20-21

This week's second collection is for
The Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Trust Fund

The Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Trust provides funding and support to Catholic schools and academies within the Diocese of Brooklyn.
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Lectio Divina

Read the following scripture: Luke 16:1-13.

Take some time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions:

- What word or words in this passage caught your attention?
- What in this passage comforted you?
- What in this passage challenged you?

Read the Scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.

Scripture Reflection

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

What is this I hear about you? Prepare a full account of your stewardship. How would others describe my life as a disciple? How have I used the gifts that God has given me?

If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours? How am I reliable or unreliable as a friend? How can I show more care and respect for my brothers and sisters?

You cannot serve both God and mammon. How do worldly cares impede my spiritual growth? From what possessions or worldly values do I need to detach?

Closing Prayer

Praise, you servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD.
Blessed be the name of the LORD
both now and forever.

High above all nations is the LORD;
above the heavens is his glory.
Who is like the LORD, our God, who is enthroned on high
and looks upon the heavens and the earth below?

He raises up the lowly from the dust;
from the dunghill he lifts up the poor
to seat them with princes,
with the princes of his own people.

(From Psalm 113)

DAILY READINGS FOR 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, September 21
Amos 8:4-7 Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8
1 Timothy 2:1-8 Luke 16:1-13
Amos cries out against those who exploit the poor for the sake of extortion and greed (1). They seek to serve only themselves rather than the Lord. By giving ourselves to God rather than money (3), we can truly pray with blameless hands for all those in need (2), especially the poor whom the Lord will raise ups (Ps).

Monday, September 22
Ezra 1:1-6 Psalm 126:1b-6 Luke 8:16-18
Through Cyrus, the Lord wills that the captives be freed (Ps) and return home to rebuild the Temple (1). The light of gospel truth must shine forth through our lives (2).

Tuesday, September 23
Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 Psalm 122:1-5 Luke 8:19-21
The dedication of the Temple (1) is celebrated with joy (Ps). Those who hear the word and practice it constitute the family of Jesus (2).

Wednesday, September 24
Ezra 9:5-9 (Psalm) Tobit 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8
Luke 9:1-6
Ezra praises God for his goodness and pardon to sinners (1, Ps). The Twelve are sent forth to proclaim the good news and to heal (2).

Thursday, September 25
Haggai 1:1-8 Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b
Luke 9:7-9
The Lord will take delight (Ps) in the temple which is to be rebuilt (1). Herod is perplexed by the person of Jesus (2).

Friday, September 26
Haggai 2:1-9 Psalm 43:1, 2, 3, 4 Luke 9:18-22
Haggai announces the hope (Ps) of the approaching messianic era (1). It is inaugurated in the saving death and resurrection of Jesus (2).

Saturday, September 27
Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a (Psalm) Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13
Luke 9:43b-45
The future temple will become the gathering place for all peoples (1, Ps). The Son of Man must suffer (2).

SCHOOL OF RELIGION CLASSES ARE NOW IN SESSION

School of Religion 2025-2026 Registration is now open for new and returning students. Classes begin on September 21st.

The registration forms can be found online at saintvincentferrer.org under the Education tab. If you prefer a printed copy of the registration form, please call the Rectory at 718 859-9009 and we will mail the form to you.

REGISTERING A NEW STUDENT: Please complete the online registration form for new students. Bring the original copies of the Birth and Baptism certificates along with the registration fee.

RETURNING STUDENTS: Please complete the online registration form for returning students and bring the registration fee to the Rectory.

The registration fee is $50.00 per family and can be paid by cash or money order. Please bring the payment to the Rectory, 1603 Brooklyn Avenue. The office is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There are no evening or weekend office hours.

Please check the website and your email for further updates.

If you have any questions, please call
Miss Margaret Bambara at 718-859-9009.

Scripture Reflection

Happy Thieves in Paradise

During the Algerian Civil War, seven Trappist monks were kidnapped from their monastery in a remote mountain village. Two months later, the group responsible for their abduction announced that the monks had been killed (in 2018, they were canonized by Pope Francis).

The monks' abbot, Christian de Chergé, had previously sent a letter to his family, with instructions that it only be read upon his death. In it, he reaffirmed his vocation as a monk, acknowledged that he could be killed in the war, and expressed words of forgiveness for the unknown person who would someday take his life. He made this bold prayer: "May we meet again as happy thieves in Paradise, if it please God, the Father of us both."

He is alluding to the "good" or repentant thief, crucified next to Jesus, who promised him that they would soon be together in paradise. It can be vexing to ponder how easily Jesus accepted the crucified thief, just as it is troubling to try to make sense of the unsettling parable where he seems to praise the shrewd actions of a dishonest employee. But Dom de Chergé understands what's going on here. Compared to God's infinite goodness, all human beings, "good" or "bad," are alike in our capacity to make mistakes—and we are one in our common need for forgiveness. Thank heaven that the savior, who sees the good even in thieves, is so willing to find all that is good in everyone—including you and me.

— Carl McColman

Carl McColman is a spiritual director, retreat leader, and author. His latest book is Read the Bible Like a Mystic: Contemplation and the Word.

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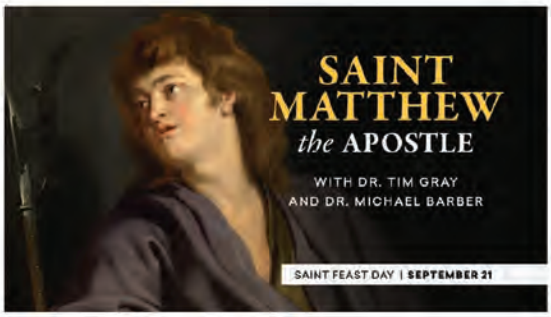
This Week on Formed

Week of September 21, 2025

Padre Pio: Miracle Man

This movie captures the Capuchin friar's intense faith, devotion, and deep spiritual concern for others, as well as his great compassion for the sick and suffering. It reveals the amazing details and events in Padre Pio's life as a boy and throughout his fifty years as a friar, dramatizing the frequent attacks from the devil, as well as the persecution he suffered at the hands of people, including those in the Church.



Saint Matthew | Catholic Saints

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. We are all familiar with the four Gospels, but what makes them stand out from the rest? Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber as they discuss St. Matthew, the great Apostle and evangelist.

Padre Pio: Between Heaven and Earth

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. Blessed with incredible spiritual gifts, including healing, bi-location, reading of souls, and the stigmatic wounds, Padre Pio was a powerful witness for Christ, and a great spiritual guide to countless souls for over fifty years.

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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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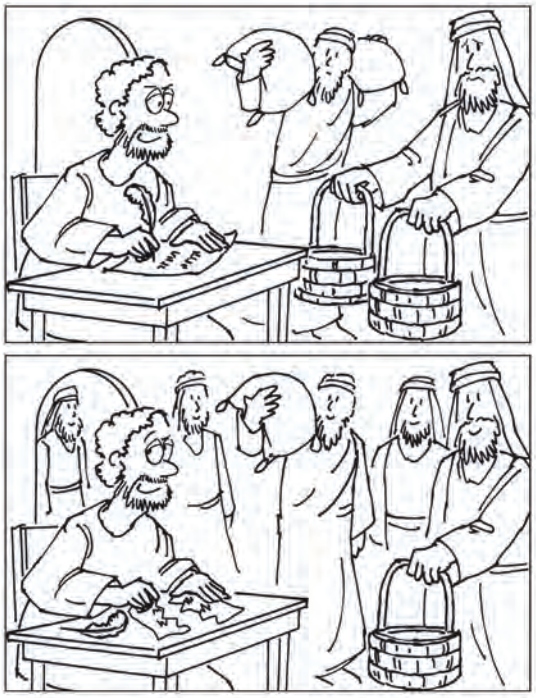
The manager had wasted the rich man's money. Now he tried to gain friends for himself.

Circle the 9 differences in the 2nd picture.



The Parable of the Shrewd Manager

Fit the words into the puzzle, and then put them on the numbered lines.

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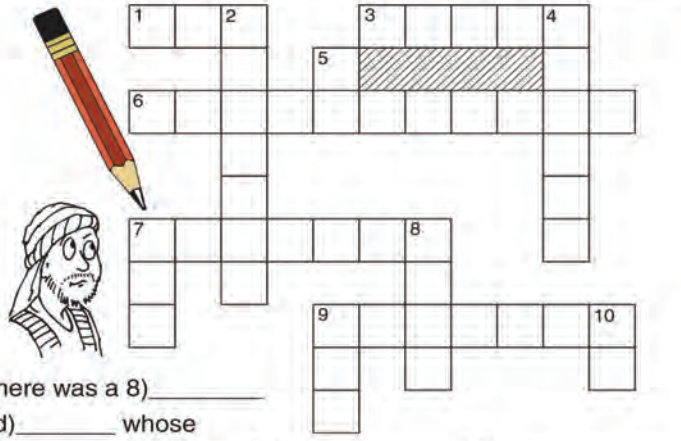
DO	RICH	MANAGER
ANY	SHALL	WASTING
MAN	LONGER	POSSESSIONS



There was a 8)_____ 7d)_____ whose 7a)_____ was 9a)_____ of 2) _____ his 6)_____. The 8)_____ 7d)_____ said, "You cannot 5)_____ 7a)_____ 9d)_____ 4)_____." The 7a)_____ said to himself, "What 3)_____ I 10)_____ 1)_____ ?"

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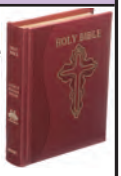

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