

**September 21-22, 2019**  
**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Amos 8:4-7**                      **First Timothy 2:1-8**                      **Luke 16:1-13**

With Autumn having definitively arrived, the urgent tone of our Scriptures continues this weekend. The Liturgical Year having begun LAST December, as its conclusion draws near, we once again are challenged to look WITHIN our lives so as to ensure that our choices, actions and decisions are leading us closer to JESUS and not to a false God of our own making. While the imagery used by Jesus in the Gospel speaks of an unscrupulous servant cutting deals with his master's money; the ZEAL with which he plans for the future is the quality highlighted by Jesus. We hear of people having 'bucket-lists' of things they wish to do/experience before they die, unfortunately many of these lists are created too late when our physical stamina, agility or overall health may not allow us to accomplish them. In the same way, promising ourselves that we will GET AROUND TO honoring Jesus at some point in our future is the height of folly. All the divers on the boat off the coast that burned a few weeks ago no doubt had plans for future weekends. Those who had gone shopping in El Paso or Dayton had no idea their last moments would be at the hand of a deranged shooter. Many, if not all, would agree that 'Jesus is important.' The question is: HOW IMPORTANT? There are a mere nine weeks remaining of this Liturgical Year, another year in which we have heard/experienced the life of Jesus, has come...and almost gone. How has this year changed us? Have we grown closer to Jesus than we remember being in 2018? Remembering that Jesus cautions us to not try to serve two masters...whom do you serve?

Thank you for sharing this first weekend of Autumn with our Santa Clara community. THANK YOU to all who have cleansed your home and garages so that our BUNDLE SUNDAY event can help our St. Vincent de Paul chapter better serve those in distress. Please take note of the HOMELESSNESS 101 presentation/workshop will be on Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:30pm to 8:30pm here in our Hall. Offered through our partnership with the United Way, the evening is a 'first-step' in answering questions about how our local communities can best respond to the homeless crisis. The evening is FREE and open to all. Bulletins are available for news on other events and as you savor the first hours of Autumn, please remember, you are loved. FKB