

FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
 and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over
 so that we may sell grain;
 and the sabbath,
 so that we may offer wheat for sale?
 We will make the ephah small and the shekel
 great,
 and practice deceit with false balances,
⁶buying the poor for silver
 and the needy for a pair of sandals,
 and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
 Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Psalm 113

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications,
 prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be
 made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are
 in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet
 and peaceable life in all godliness and digni-
 ty. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight
 of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to
 be saved and to come to the knowledge of the
 truth. ⁵For
 there is one God;
 there is also one mediator between God
 and humankind,
 Christ Jesus, himself human,
⁶who gave himself a ransom for all
 —this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this
 I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am
 telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of
 the Gentiles in faith and truth.

GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a
 rich man who had a manager, and charges were
 brought to him that this man was squandering
 his property. ²So he summoned him and said
 to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you?
 Give me an accounting of your management,
 because you cannot be my manager any longer.’
³Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will
 I do, now that my master is taking the position
 away from me? I am not strong enough to dig,
 and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what
 to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager,
 people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵So,
 summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he
 asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my mas-
 ter?’ ⁶He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive
 oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down
 quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷Then he asked an-
 other, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied,
 ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to
 him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸And
 his master commended the dishonest manager
 because he had acted shrewdly; for the chil-
 dren of this age are more shrewd in dealing
 with their own generation than are the chil-
 dren of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for
 yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that
 when it is gone, they may welcome you into the
 eternal homes.

¹⁰“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faith-
 ful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in
 a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then
 you have not been faithful with the dishonest
 wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?
¹²And if you have not been faithful with what
 belongs to another, who will give you what is
 your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters;
 for a slave will either hate the one and love the
 other, or be devoted to the one and despise the
 other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

Next Sunday's Readings: Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31.

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