

Theme Sharing

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Where is Amos when we need him?

It was an age when the rich amassed wealth by ruthlessly exploiting and cheating the poor, when fraud and deception were normal in business and banking, when the lawyers were working for the vested interests of the wealthy rather than for justice, when city life had grown corrupt, and when religion had become empty and insincere, mere outward compliance with social custom. No, I'm not listing the ailments of society today; these were the ethical standards in Israel in the days of the prophet Amos, almost 3,000 years ago.

Amos has a sharper message for modern day social behaviour than that of any other Old Testament prophet. He lived in a prosperous period when the threat of war was small, and Israel was enjoying a cultural and economic revival. Expanding trade and commerce brought a steady drift from the country to the cities. But alongside this new prosperity was a new degree of social degradation. The fall away from true religion soon led to a corruption of justice, to wanton and decadent living and the break-up of social cohesion. Amos warned that she would be punished for these wrongs, that her wealth would vanish, her ornate houses would be torn down, and all this was to come true within a generation, when Israel was ruled by the Assyrians, the most hated and feared race in the history of the Middle East. St Paul once wrote that "The love of money is the root of all evil." He does not say that money itself is the root of all evil, but rather the love of money. Of course money is needed as a means of exchanging goods in every organised society. But a person can become its slave through excessive love of money. It can become a substitute for God in one's life. In George Bernard Shaw's play, Major Barbara, when the rich industrialist was asked what was his religion he answered, "Why, I'm a millionaire. That's my religion!" but life is far more precious than the money we have, the food we eat or the clothes we wear. Possessions are only on loan to us, and in time we must leave them all behind. "Naked I came from my mother's womb," (Job 1:21), "and naked shall I return; the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away."

Why was the parable of the Unjust Steward included in the gospel, we might wonder. Surely it was because of the Church's concern about the proper use of goods from earliest times. Great personal wealth is rarely acquired without some sharp practice, and so Christ refers to money as somehow tainted. By and large our own society, like that of ancient Israel, is organised not so much for the common good, for the welfare of ordinary people of the working class, but for maximum gain for the wealthy and the privileged few.

In our attitude to money and property we must keep in mind the words of Jesus, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, blessed are the merciful, blessed are those who strive for justice." Such people will find true self-fulfilment and the greatest reward of all, of possessing God himself for all eternity, or rather of being possessed by God for all eternity.

Saints Quotes

September 19 – Monday

Prayer is a new, gracious, lasting will of the soul united and fast-bound to the will of God by the precious and mysterious working of the Holy Spirit. – St. Julian of Norwich

September 20 – Tuesday

When we must do something we dislike, let us say to God, "My God I offer You this in honour of the moment when you died for me." – St. John Vianney

September 21 – Wednesday

One who governs their passions is master of the world. We must either rule them, or be ruled by them. It is better to be the hammer than the anvil. – St. Dominic

September 22 – Thursday

Fight all error, but do it with good humour, patience, kindness and love. Harshness will damage your own soul and spoil the best cause. – St. John of Kanty

September 23 – Friday

Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is the key to God's heart. You must speak to Jesus not only with your lips, but with your heart. In fact, on certain occasions, you should speak to Him only with your heart. – St. Pius of Pietrelcina

September 24 – Saturday

Great love can change small things into great ones, and it is only love which lends value to our actions. – St. Faustina

From Living with Christ

2016 Jubilee of Mercy

The Mercy of Jesus

Gospel of Matthew 9: 18-25 A religious official came to Jesus and said "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her and her life will be saved." Jesus and his disciples started out for the man's home. On the way, a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for 12 years touched the fringe of Jesus' cloak. The woman had said to herself, "If I can only touch his cloak, I shall be well again." Jesus saw her and said to her, "Take courage, your faith has restored you to health." And from that moment she was well again. When Jesus reached the official's house, he said to the flute players and mourners, "Get out of here; the little girl is not dead. She is asleep." The mourners laughed at him. But when the mourners had left the house, Jesus took the little girl by the hand and she stood up.

Diocese & Other News

Fall Diocesan Pastoral Care Course

This course will begin on Tuesday September 27, 2016 and run for 7 consecutive Tuesday evenings from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm until November 8, 2016 at Canadian Martyrs Parish, Calgary. This course will introduce you to the basic visiting skills required for Pastoral Care Ministry in the health care facilities or parish. Registration: \$45. For more information and to register online visit our News & Events page at www.calgarydiocese.ca, call: 403-218-5501 or Email: alicia.zubot@calgarydiocese.ca

Parish Activities

OLPH Expansion Project

The long awaited OLPH Expansion Project is finally underway. The Church received the final approval for the Development and Building permits in the middle of August, almost four years since the initial application for such permits.

The construction of the expansion will commence starting the middle of September 2016. It is expected to complete (weather permitting) by the middle of January, 2017. During the construction phase, the side entrance will be blocked off. All entry and exit to the church will be via the entrance close

to Edmonton Trail. The doorway to the office will be accessible for emergency purposes. The OLPH Expansion Project encompasses the followings:

-The addition of two washrooms that are wheelchair accessible. That is, no more climbing up or down the stairs to gain access to the washrooms. The washrooms will also be equipped with fold down changing tables for infants. These washrooms will be designated as unisex washrooms.

-The new structure will also encompass an expanded lobby area (about 400 square feet) that are protected from the elements of the weather.

-The project will include an access ramp to the new extension. This will enable parishioners with mobility limitations to easily gain access to the church.

During the construction, some of the parking stalls will be blocked off. All effort will be made to keep the church parking lot free of debris and obstruction. Parishioners are advised to exercise caution with the new traffic arrangement. Your patience and cooperation are much appreciated.

OLPH Tuesday English Marian Devotion Mass

Tuesday Rosary English Mass will be resumed from September 27.

The OLPH Senior Centre 18th Anniversary Banquet

Date: September 24 (Saturday)

Time: 6:00pm.

(Thanksgiving Mass at 5:00pm)

Place: OLPH Upper Hall

Ticket price is \$10.00 per person.

Details please contact Tony Ho at 403-681-9181.

All are welcome.

Breakfast Corner and Movie – "Mother Teresa"

Date: September 25 (Sunday)

Place: OLPH Upper Hall

Sponsor: Young Adult Group, Youth Group, Faith Sharing Group

Hong Kong style Breakfast served after 10:00am and 11:30am mass, complimentary muffins and drinks after 8:30am mass.

Movie – 1:00pm to 4:00pm. (celebrating Mother became St. Teresa)

Breakfast ticket is \$5 each, sale at Church main entrance. Movie is Free!

Join us in this event of food, socializing,

entertainment and faith sharing.

Please see Church Poster for more details.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on October 1

The October's Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be led by Youth Group & Youth Choir on October 1 from 10am to 11am. Fr. Nguyen will listen to Confession. Parishioners are encouraged to attend.

Rosary during the month of October

The month of October is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. OLPH Pastoral Care Team Members, along with Sister Chan and Parish Pastoral Council, will bring the Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary on pilgrimage from home to home and pray family rosary in the month of October. Parishioners are encouraged to invite their godchildren or godparents, friends and relatives to join the family rosary. To participate as a host family in this devotion, please call Sr. Chan 403-690-2973 or Parish Office.

October is the month dedicated to Holy Rosary of Mary

There will be reciting of Holy Rosary before each Saturday evening and Sunday morning mass in October.

Please come 20 minutes earlier and join.

Prayer Card

Members of the Legion of Mary and Our Lady Queen of China will distribute to every parishioner a Rosary Card after Sunday Mass in October. You are asked to pray at home yourself or with your family according to the intention of the Rosary Card.

Together in Action 2016

The 2016 "Together in Action" The theme this year is: "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown Mercy."

Our parish's target is \$22,133, as designated by the Diocese. As of August 15, our campaign has received a total of \$26,110.95. We plead for your ongoing support.

Parishioners can pick up the donation envelopes at the entrances.

Weekly Activities

Wed, Fri Sept 21, 23

OLPH Senior Centre

Time: 9:00a.m.-12:00 noon

Place: OLPH Church Upper Hall

Wed Sept 21

Young Adults visit Wing Kei Greenview

Time: 6:00p.m. - 8:00p.m

Place: 307- 35 Ave. N.E

Fri Sept 23

OLPH Scout

Time: 6:30pm.-8:30pm

Place: Upper Hall & Lower Hall

Sat Sept 24

Legion of Mary (meeting)

Time: 9:45a.m.

Place: K of C Room at OLPH Church

Yoga beginner class

Time: 11:30 a.m. - 12:45p.m.

Place: OLPH Church Upper Hall

R. C.I.A (Mandarin)

Time: 3:00 p.m. - 5:00p.m.

Place: K of C Room

Young Adults choir practice

Time: 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m.

Place: OLPH Lower Hall

OLPH Senior Centre 18th Anniversary

Banquet

Time: 6:30p.m.

Place: OLPH Upper Hall

Faith Sharing Group (Arbour Lake)

Time: 7:30p.m.-10:00p.m.

Contact: Grace Chan 403-208-1806

Sun Sept 25

R. C.I.A (Cantonese and English)

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Place: OLPH Church Lower Hall

Sunday School

Time: 10:00a.m.-12:30p.m.

Place: OLPH Church Office Building

Breakfast Corner and Movie –

"Mother Teresa"

Time: After 8:30 a.m. Mass breakfast

1:00p.m.- 4:00 p.m. Movie

Place: OLPH Church Upper Hall

Stories Faith Sharing

Exposure

One day the Master asked, "What, in your opinion, is the most important of all religious questions?"

He got many answers:

"Does God exist?"

"Who is God?"

"What is the path to God?"

"Is there a life after death?"

"No," said the Master. "The most important question is: 'Who am I?'"

The disciples got some idea of what he was hinting at when they overheard him talking to a preacher:

Master: "So then, according to you, when you die your soul will be in heaven?"

Preacher: "Yes."

Master: "And your body will be in the grave?"

Preacher: "Yes."

Master: "And where, may I ask, will you be?"

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The Obligations And Rights Of The Lay Christian Faithful

-In addition to those obligations and rights which are common to all the Christian faithful and those which are established in other canons, the lay Christian faithful are bound by the obligations and possess the rights which are enumerated in the canons of this title.

-Since, like all the Christian faithful, lay persons are designated by God for the apostolate through baptism and confirmation, they are bound by the general obligation and possess the right as individuals, or joined in associations, to work so that the divine message of salvation is made known and accepted by all persons everywhere in the world. This obligation is even more compelling in those circumstances in which only through them can people hear the gospel and know Christ.

-According to each one's own condition, they are also bound by a particular duty to imbue and perfect the order of temporal affairs with the spirit of the gospel and thus to give witness to Christ, especially in carrying out these same affairs and in exercising secular functions.

-According to their own vocation, those who live in the marital state are bound by a special duty to work through marriage and the family to build up the people of God.

-Since they have given life to their children, parents have a most grave obligation and possess the right to educate them. Therefore, it is for Christian parents particularly to take care of the Christian education of their children according to the doctrine handed on by the Church.

-The lay Christian faithful have the right to have recognized that freedom which all citizens have in the affairs of the earthly city. When using that same freedom, however, they are to take care that their actions are imbued with the spirit of the gospel and are to heed the doctrine set forth by the magisterium of the Church. In matters of opinion, moreover, they are to avoid setting forth their own opinion as the doctrine of the Church.

-Lay persons who are found suitable are qualified to be admitted by the sacred pastors to those ecclesiastical offices and functions

which they are able to exercise according to the precepts of the law.

-Lay persons who excel in necessary knowledge, prudence, and integrity are qualified to assist the pastors of the Church as experts and advisors, even in councils according to the norm of law.

主日分享

常年期第二十五主日

在今天福音中，讓我們看到一個管家的精明，管家在猶太的社會中，是很常見的一個職位。在古代，主人通常會委派自己所信任的奴隸做管家，負責管理他的家或生意。管家要管理主人的錢財、產業和僕婢，權力不小。今天有些富有的人家裡也有管家。就像我們每個人的家裡，都有一個當家的一樣，來管理家裡大大小小的事情。相信大部分的家庭都是女的當家，不要小看家庭主婦的地位和職責，她知道家裡的開支怎樣，需要買什麼東西等等。可能我們覺得事情不大，可是很費心思。所以你要學習精打細算。

今天在我們的信仰基礎上，保祿說，基督徒監督是天主的管家，來監督、牧羊天主的羊群，就像我們的教宗領導、指引全世界的教友；教區的主教，本堂神父都各有自己的職責和本份。不管是怎樣的職責，所有的監督必須盡忠盡責，向天主交賬的。從另一個角度來看，我們每個基督徒都是管家，保祿說：各人要照著所得的恩賜，用來為大家服務，做天主各樣恩典的好管家。天主給我們所有人的恩賜、天賦、才幹、優勢，可以用來為弟兄姊妹服務。

從這方面來說，所有事奉天主的人都是管家。天主信任我們，尊重我們，要求我們善用祂所賜的一切。天主給你的家庭你照顧好了嗎？天主給你的孩子，你教導的怎樣？天主給你的智慧和能力，我們用的怎樣？天主把一切都交在我們手中了，可是我們管理的怎樣？在做管家中，有一條為做管家是最重要的，那就是忠信，我們對家庭的忠信，對妻子，丈夫的忠信，對工作的忠信，對信仰的忠信，做好我們的本職工作，在小事上忠信的，在大事上也忠信；在小事上不義的，

在大事上也不義，這句話已經一目了然，沒有多加解釋的必要。無論做善事或惡事，開始都是由芝麻小事開始的。在小事上不肯下工夫，將來碰到大事也可能不會成功。同樣地，星星之火足以燎原，不可認為只是小事一樁不必放在心上；如此疏忽小事，久而久之必將引來大禍！

教會就是一個學習在天主的家裡如何相處的地方，不論是在信仰上還是生活中。我們要在這個團體裏學習關心和分享別人的經驗。所以說，你快樂，我就快樂，這應該是我們每個人的生活表現，不是你的生活和我沒有關係，就如保祿所說的，若一個肢體受苦，所有的肢體就一同受苦；若一個肢體得榮耀，所有的肢體就一同快樂。你們就是基督的身子，並且各自作肢體。

聖人語錄

—當我們聽到別人談及世間的財富、名譽與享樂時，讓我們記著一切事物總有終結之時，也讓我們說：「我的主，我不希冀甚麼，我祇渴望你。」
(聖亞豐索)

—開始的時候，先做必須做的事，然後做可能完成的事，突然之間，妳會發現自己正在做不可能的事。

聖方濟各

—無論我們是處於甚麼境況或從事甚麼工作，我們皆能成聖。

(聖方濟各沙雷氏)

—天主要求的少，但祂賜予的多。

(金口聖若望)

2016 慈悲禧年

主耶穌基督的慈悲

瑪竇福音 9:18-25 一位宗教首長來到耶穌，並說：「我的女兒剛死，但來並把你的手放在她身上，她會得救。」耶穌和祂的門徒出發往男子的家。在途中，一個已患血漏十二年的女人，她觸摸耶穌的斗篷邊緣。女人心想：「我祇要能觸摸祂的衣裳，我將康復。」耶穌看見她，對她說：「不要怕，你的信德恢復你的健康。」而從那一刻她康復了。當耶穌到達首長的住宅時，祂對吹笛者和送葬者說：「離開這

裏；小女孩沒死。她是睡了。」送葬者嘲笑祂。但當送葬者離開房子時，耶穌握著小女孩的手，她就站起來。

堂區活動

永援聖母堂擴充設施工程通告

期待已久的永援聖母堂的擴充設施計劃終於獲得進行，在8月中堂區接獲有關當局的工程許可證，當中申請過程歷時四年。

擴充工程在2016年9月中開始，估計2017年1月中完成（天氣許可情況下）。在施工期間，聖堂的側門入口將會關閉，大家須要從靠近Edmonton Trail的正門出入聖堂。堂區辦公室的入口只可在緊急時使用。

這次永援聖母堂的擴充設施計劃包括下列工程項目：

-加設兩洗手間，適宜輪椅進出，不用上落梯級，洗手間有摺便於照料嬰兒，都是男女皆宜的洗手間。

-新建設有接待處大堂擴充約400平方呎，室內不受天氣影響。

-建設有斜道讓行動不便人士和教友易於進出聖堂。

在施工期間，有部分泊車位封閉。教友們務請小心注意重新安排的泊車和行車路線和速度。須要大家的忍耐和合作。

星期二永援聖母黃昏彌撒

星期二永援聖母黃昏彌撒將九月二十七日照以往時間舉行

永援聖母堂松柏軒十八週年紀念晚宴

日期：九月二十四日(星期六)

時間：下午六時恭候

(下午五時松柏軒十八週年感恩彌撒)

地點：永援聖母堂上禮堂

票價：每位十元

購票請聯絡何先生 403-681-9181

歡迎任何人仕參加。

顯供聖體 (十月一日)

永援聖母堂十月份的顯供聖體時間為十月一日上午十時至十一時由青年會及青年聖詠團帶領。當天除了朝拜聖體外，阮神父將為教友聽告解。請各

位教友盡量參與！

早餐交流會及電影欣賞 - 《德蘭修女》

日期：9月25日(星期日)

地點：永援聖母堂上禮堂

贊助善會：大專青年團；青少年團；

信仰小團體

早餐交流會 - 上午10時及11時30分彌撒後有早餐供應；上午8時30分彌撒後免費茶水及muffin。

電影 - 下午1時至4時(配合9月4日德蘭修女在羅馬封聖)

早餐票每位5元，可於各主日在教堂正面入口購票。電影免費！

聚會將包括有食物、交談、娛樂及信仰分享。請踴躍參加。

詳情請閱海報

聖母玫瑰月家庭玫瑰經聚會

十月是聖母玫瑰月，陳修女將會偕同堂區牧靈關愛組會員及堂區牧民議會代表於十月帶同聖母像探訪教友家庭，誦唸家庭玫瑰經。

我們並鼓勵主持家庭玫瑰的家庭，邀請其代子女或代父母一同參與。

有意誦唸家庭玫瑰經的教友，請致電陳修女 403-690-2973 或堂區辦事處。

十月敬禮聖母玫瑰月

十月份每台主日彌撒(包括星期六下午五時彌撒)前二十分，本堂將會集體誦唸玫瑰經。

玫瑰經卡

聖母會及聖母軍將於十月每台彌撒後派發玫瑰經卡，請教友按卡中祈禱意向在家中自行或與家人一齊誦唸玫瑰經。

2016 教區公益金，齊來獻愛心

2016年教區TIA籌款的主題為：『憐憫的人是有福的，因為他們會獲得憐憫。』本堂所須籌募的數目為教區指定的22,133元。

截至8月15日，捐款已累積至26,110.95元。捐款信封可在聖堂入口處索取。

活動一週

星期三、五 9月21, 23日

永援聖母松柏軒

時間：上午9時至正午12時

地點：永援聖母堂上禮堂

星期三 9月21日

大專青年團探訪榮基翠景護老中心

時間：下午6時至8時

地點：307-35 Ave. N.E

星期五 9月23日

永援聖母堂童軍

時間：晚上6時30分至8時30分

地點：永援聖母堂上禮堂及下禮堂

星期六 9月24日

聖母軍

(聖母軍聖母無玷聖心支團)

時間：上午9時45分(開會)

地點：聖堂二樓騎士會室

瑜珈初班

時間上午11時30分至12時45分

地點：永援聖母堂上禮堂

成人慕道班(國語)

時間：下午3時至5時

地點：聖堂二樓騎士會室

大專青年團練習聖詩

時間：下午5時至7時

地點：永援聖母堂下禮堂

永援聖母堂松柏軒18週年

紀念晚宴

時間：6時30分

地點：永援聖母堂上禮堂

信仰小團體 (Arbour Lake)

時間：晚上7時30分至10時

聯絡：Grace Chan 403-208-1806

星期日 9月25日

成人慕道班(粵語及英語)

時間上午9時30分至12時30分

地點：永援聖母堂下禮堂

主日學

時間：上午10時至12時30分

地點：寫字樓大廈，聖堂騎士會室

早餐交流會及電影欣賞 -

《德蘭修女》

時間：上午8時30分彌撒後早餐；下午1時至4時(電影)

地點：永援聖母堂上禮堂

心靈小品

生命 - 聖德肋撒修女

生命是機會，通過它得益。

生命是美，讚賞它。

生命是福氣，領略它。

生命是夢想，實現它。
 生命是挑戰，面對它。
 生命是責任，完成它。
 生命是比賽，參加它。
 生命是昂貴的，尊重它。
 生命是財富，保有它。
 生命是愛，享受它。
 生命是謎，了解它。
 生命是承諾，履行它。
 生命是遺憾，克服它。
 生命是歌，唱它。
 生命是戰鬥，接受它。
 生命是災難，正視它。
 生命是冒險，向它挑戰。
 生命太珍貴，不要破壞它。
 生命是運氣，獲得它。
 生命是生活，為它奮鬥。

靈修小故事

放棄也是一種智慧

人們常說，要積極進取，什麼都不要放棄，否則人活一輩子什麼也得不到。但是放棄也是一種智慧：如果蝴蝶不放棄虫蛹，那它永遠不會長出美麗的翅膀；如果漁人不放棄魚餌，那他便永遠捕不到新鮮的大魚；如果聖方濟不放棄商人的財富，那他便永遠不可能獲取永生的幸福。從這個意義上來講，放棄眼前的蠅頭小利，是為獲取更美好的明天。聖方濟正是如此，他出生於富有家庭，家裡幸福美滿，朋友也很多，但他為什麼要棄家修道呢？是家裡的錢不能滿足他嗎？還是朋友待他不好嗎？都不是，那答案是什麼呢？聖方濟透過這個世界，而看到了真理，許多真理往往是祇可意會，不可言傳的，他和許多人不同，他不喜歡僅從書中尋找真理和智慧，聖方濟也敢於從大自然中尋找答案，從太陽身上，從一草一木中，從其他的兄弟身上，他都找到並發現了美，真諦和那至聖的所在。聖方濟通過放棄，找到了真理，那我們呢？多少年過去了，許多所謂「偉人」們講的話早已煙消雲散，但時至今日，聖方濟的聲音仍在回響著：主啊，請將我塑造成和平使者，在有仇恨的地方，讓我傳播仁愛……我不求被愛，

祇求去愛，因為，這樣的死亡，就是我們的新生。

知多一點點

平信徒之義務與權利

—平信徒，除基督信徒所共有及其他條文所規定的義務與權利外，其應盡之義務及享有之權利：

—平信徒有如所有基督信徒，由天主藉聖洗及堅振聖事接受使徒工作，有應盡的義務和應享的權利，即以個人或在善會內，努力使天下萬民認識並接受天主救世的訊息；特別在非因他們就不能聽到福音而認識基督的環境中，此義務尤其迫切。

—每人應按照自己的身份，負有特殊職責，以福音精神浸潤至現世事物的秩序中，並使之成全，因此，特別在從事這些事務及執行俗世職務時，應為基督作證。

—依本身聖召度婚姻生活者，藉婚姻及家庭，有致力培育天主子民的特殊職責。

—父母既生子女，即有教育他們的嚴重義務和權利；因此，信友父母，首先應設法使子女根據教會所傳授的道理，接受基督化教育。

—在世間事務上，信友享有一般公民皆有的自由；但在使用此自由時，須設法使自己的行為浸潤福音精神，並注重教會訓導權所傳授的道理，切勿在意見分歧的問題上，將自己私見視為教會的道理發表。

—凡有能力的平信徒，可由牧人任用，擔任其能依法盡職之教會職務及工作。

—凡具有適當學識、智慧和行為正直的平信徒，能以專家或諮議身份為教會牧者提供幫助，亦可依法律規定參與委員會。