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#96 Our Lady of Sierra, Oakhurst

# Our Lady of the Sierra Parish

Our Lady of the Sierra Church | St Dominic Mission | St. Joseph Mission

Sunday, September 21, 2025, Vol. 236

## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Amos 8.4-7; 1 Timothy 2.1-7  
Luke 16.1-13 - The Parable of the Dishonest Manager

### Focus: Serving the Greater Master

From a young age, society presents us the “perfect” roadmap for a life of happiness. This vision usually includes having the fancy job, a large house, extravagant clothes and a large sum of money in the bank. It is engrained in our upbringing that the amassing of wealth should be the most important facet of our life, which is why the Lord’s words in today’s Gospel, that “you cannot serve God and wealth,” can be so difficult to swallow.

It is interesting that Jesus doesn’t say we cannot have wealth, but instead, that we should not serve wealth. What does it mean to serve wealth? It is to preferentially prioritize our efforts for career advancement over our efforts to deepen our relationship with God. Essentially, those who serve wealth utilize all of their time and talents to attain more and more possessions. Stewards on the other hand utilize their time and talents to serve Christ and His Church.

In order to foster a healthy attitude towards our wealth, it is important to view it, and our very lives themselves, as a gift from God. It is only then that we can begin to move from gratitude to generosity, graciously sharing our gifts with others for the glory of God and the church. When the temptation to hold onto our wealth looms over us, let us remember Christ’s words, and ask ourselves how are we sharing our gifts with the parish community?

### Summary

The Lord’s exhortation that “you cannot serve God and wealth” can be difficult to swallow. In order to foster a healthy attitude towards our wealth, it is important to view it, and our very lives themselves, as a gift from God. When we view our wealth as a gift we can then begin to move from gratitude to generosity, graciously sharing our gifts with others for the glory of God and the church. (Archdiocese of Toronto)

### Self-Examination

What is an area in which you need to grow? What small steps could you commit to in order to begin this growth?

### Living the WORD

We need to employ all legitimate resources with heroic effort and sacrifice, counting on God’s grace, when it comes to matters of saving our soul and spreading the Kingdom of God. It consists in being faithful taking care of the little things, not only in our work, but also in our dealings with God and others. Why? Because virtues, holiness, salvation consist in the small details of our daily life carried out for love of God and others.

*Vision Statement:* Journeying together in our quest for holiness.

*Mission Statement:* To become intentional disciples of Jesus Christ, nurtured by the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Patron, and accompanied by the shepherds, coordinators and people of our Church

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Question: What is the Social Service Ministry and what is its function?

Answer:

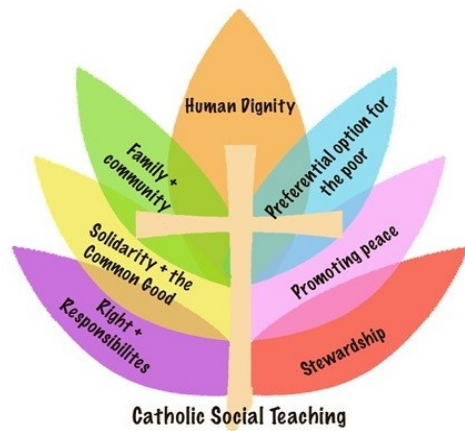
The Social Service Ministry is a group of Catholic Christians that are striving to nurture the community and their own spirituality through prayer, fellowship and action to benefit all. The work of the ministry can be seen when attending their meetings and participating in praying with fellow parishioners and the activities, such as Angel Tree, Food Bank, Senior Events, Helping the poor and in need among many other activities. If you are interested in being a part of or just want to see what it is all about, please consider attending one of our meetings. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 9:30 AM. You won't regret it.



The Ministry serves as the coordinating body for all social service initiatives and activities of Our Lady of the Sierra Parish, and identifies and prioritizes the Seven Principles of Catholic Social Teaching according to the capability of the parish and availability of local resources.

The OLS Social Service Ministry is prioritizing: Life and Dignity of the Human Person; Option for the Poor and Vulnerable; and Call to Family, Community and Participation..

These priorities necessitate unification, integration, and coordination of all social services in the parish in order to optimize efficiency, encourage cooperation, increase participation, and avoid duplication of events and activities



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|        |                                          |                |                                                 |
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| 24 Wed | SI—Mark Chapin<br>By Deborah Graham      | 28 Sun<br>8 AM | RM— Richard RavenKamp<br>By Becky & Gene Hoover |
| 25 Thu | RM—Albert Deshaies<br>By Regina Dittmann | 9:30<br>AM     | Pro Populo                                      |
| 26 Fri | RM—Nadine Deshaies<br>By Regina Dittmann | 11:30<br>AM    | RM—Jorge Gonzales<br>By Rosa Gonzales           |
|        |                                          | 6:00<br>PM     | RM—Prospero Gonzales<br>By Norma Gonzales       |

CALENDAR AND SCHEDULES

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

|        |                                                                                                                                                       |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 22 Mon | Office Closed                                                                                                                                         |
| 23 Tue | 8:00 AM Rosary & Mass<br>9:00 Mother of Perpetual Help<br>1:00 PM Finance Council                                                                     |
| 24 Wed | 8:00 AM Rosary & Mass<br>9:00 Devotion to St. Joseph<br>10-12 Music Ministry, Practice                                                                |
| 25 Thu | 8:00AM Divine Mercy & Mass<br>9:00 Devotion to Padre Pio<br>2:00 PM Meeting with<br>Bookkeeper                                                        |
| 26 Fri | 8:00AM Rosary & Mass<br>9:00 to 12 Noon Sacred Heart<br>ADORATION OF THE BLESSED<br>SACRAMENT<br>9:00 to Noon: Food Bank at OLS<br>2:00-4:00 PM Bunco |
| 27 Sat | 3:00 PM Confessions<br>4:00 PM Mass                                                                                                                   |
| 28 Sun | 8:00 AM Mass—St Joseph<br>9:30 AM Mass—St Dominic<br>11:30 AM Mass—OLS                                                                                |

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

|        |                                                                                      |
|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 22 Mon | Mon. 25th Week in OT.<br>Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18                                        |
| 23 Tue | (M) St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest<br>Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21              |
| 24 Wed | Wed. 25th Week in OT<br>Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6                                           |
| 24 Thu | Thu. 25th Week in OT<br>Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9                                            |
| 26 Fri | Fri. 25th Week in OT; (m) Sts.<br>Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs;<br>Hg 2:1-9/Lk 9:18-22 |
| 27 Sat | (M) St. Vincent de Paul, Priest<br>Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45                     |
| 28 Sun | TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN<br>ORDINARY TIME Am 6:1a, 4-7/1<br>Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31     |

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14-Sept World Mission Sunday (D)  
28-Sept Maintenance Fund (P)