




Community News



Volume 19, Issue 9	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sept 19, 2025
This Sunday's Counsel	"True followers of Christ live a life of love, self – sacrifice, and righteousness."	
<p>THEME: We are true followers of Christ when we are prudent and faithful stewards of God's gifts.</p> <p>WORD: True followers of Christ live a life of love, self - sacrifice, and righteousness.</p> <p>PROMISE: "The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones." (Lk 16:13 12)</p> <p>ORDER: "You cannot serve both God and mammon." (Lk 16:13)</p> <p>DIRECTION: Actively participate in all community activities.</p>	<div><div><p>The parable of the dishonest steward (Luke 16:1-13) is not a lesson in how to be financially dishonest; it's a lesson in prudence and faithfulness in our stewardship of God's gifts. The steward is commended for his foresight, not his fraud. Knowing he was about to lose his job, he used what he had - his authority over the master's accounts - to secure his future.</p><p>He shrewdly leveraged his temporary position to create a network of people indebted to him, ensuring he wouldn't be destitute.</p><p>Jesus highlights this worldly cunning and asks us, the "children of light," why we are so often lacking in similar spiritual wisdom. We have an eternal future at stake, yet we often act as if our material possessions and comforts are the only things that matter.</p></div><div></div><div><p>The parable's central tension is between serving God and serving mammon. Mammon represents more than just money; it is the mindset of making wealth and material possessions as our ultimate goal. It is the idol of security found in a bank account rather than in God. We are challenged to recognize that we cannot have two masters. There is only one master our Lord and Savior Jesus. For he said, "without me you can do nothing" (John 15:5), "for I am the way, the truth and the Life" (John 14:6).</p><p>The first reading from Amos and the second reading from 1 Timothy provide a clear framework for understanding this call to action. Amos condemns the merchants who exploit the poor for profit, highlighting a misuse of material wealth.</p><p>(continued in page 2)</p></div></div>	
SAINT CYRIL OF JERUSALEM - FEAST DAY MARCH 18		



Doctor of the Church (c. 313 - 386). He had an exceptional education and was ordained a Bishop of Jerusalem during the Arian heresy and an early Church Father. The cross is deeply rooted in his teachings on Christian faith, baptism, and the Passion of Christ. Saint Cyril saw the cross as central to Christian life: a symbol of salvation, victory over sin, and the presence of God.

MEDITATION: Making the Sign of the Cross

"Let us not be ashamed of the Cross of Christ, but though another hide it, openly seal it upon your forehead, that the devils may behold the royal sign and flee trembling far away. Make then this sign at eating and drinking, at sitting, at lying down, at rising up, at speaking, at walking: in a word, at every act."

Source: Catechetical Lecture 15- On the Cross as the True Sign

Teaching Calendar



There is no scheduled teaching for September

COMMUNITY EVENT

Sept 21, Sun 1:30pm Filipino Mass. Mary Mother of Mercy Parish. Contact Rose, Perla and Elsie.

Sept 27, Sat 12 – 6pm Community Day at Washington Lake. Contact Dennis and Kathleen Cardente.

Oct 2, Thur 4pm Healing Mass with Fr. Momoy. St. Veronica Church. Contact Les and Sylvia.

Oct 17 - 19, Fri - Sun LSS# 19. Contact Merle Zwirblis or Ron and Salve Palma for details.

HEALING MASS - FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Lectors

Sept 19	N. Nalud	L. Palmero	A. Palmero
Sept 26	J. Gracia	A. Belonia	L. Palmero
Oct 3	BJ Dilag	R. Bridgeman	C. O'Connor
Oct 10	L. Palmero	A. Supan	A. Palmero
Oct 17	Life In The Spirit Seminar		
Oct 24	L. Padolina	E. Robin	P. Padolina
Oct 31	L. Palmero	T. Palmero	A. Supan

Lord's Provisions

Aug 22	Praise & Worship	\$172.00
Aug 29	Praise & Worship	\$65.00
Sept 5	HEALING MASS	\$655.00
Sept 5	Second Collection (Mission)	\$118.00
Sept 12	Praise & Worship	\$267.00

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TWENTY - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The love of money leads to injustice, and this is the **"mammon"** that Jesus warns against serving. It is not money itself, but the greed, unjust pursuit of it.

Look at the Philippines, a poor country, yet greed dominates in the hands of a few, at the expense of the poor who drown during rainy season, because millions or billions of pesos were pocketed by corrupt contractors and government officials or even those elected to serve the people. It is a monumental shame and disgrace that such corruption persists in the only Christian country in Asia.

But don't be downhearted, Paul's letter to Timothy offers the antidote to this greed: **a life of prayer and thanksgiving**. He calls for **"supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings...for everyone."**

This reading grounds the concept of good stewardship in a life of faith. We are to be people of prayer, not just of possessions. Our hands, in Paul's words, should be **"holy,"** lifted up in prayer without **"anger or argument."** this is the spiritual purity of intention that should guide our use of all earthly resources. Everything we have - our time, talents,

Rosary Leaders

Sept 19 P. Cruz/A. Supan	Sept 26 Angie Supan
Oct 3 Youth Ministry	Oct 10 Judith Belonia
Oct 24 Rose Dizon	Oct 31 M. D'Souza

Prayer Warriors

Sept 19 L./P. Padolina	M. D'Souza/ D. Pabatao
Sep 26 A./C. Guanzon	R. Dizon / P. Cruz
Oct 10 D. Pabatao/A. Inoncillo	R. Dizon/P. Cruz
Oct 24 M. Ayon/J. Gracia	D./K. Cardente

Intercessory Prayer

Sept 19 GRP 3 (L. Palmero)	Oct 24 GRP 3 (L. Palmero)
Sept 26 GRP 1 (D. Bridgeman)	Oct 31 GRP 1 (R. Bridgeman)
Oct 10 GRP 2 (P. Cruz)	
Oct 17 LSS (NO IP)	

GOD'S BLESSINGS

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4 Lina Sumanga	8 Jim Scheiner
4 Aster Guanzon	8 Adel Mendoza
4 Candida	11 Ferdz Sebastian
7 Lynette Palmero	22 Helen Fabello
8 Sandy Bobila	27 Annabelle Maccherone
	28 Sheila Aseron

SEPTEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

18 Annabelle and Joe Maccherone	26 Bill and Susan Thompson
19 Dave and Chiqui Garcia	

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and treasures - are all gifts from God, and we will be called to give an account of how we have used them. We are not owners, but managers. The call is to be faithful in small things, to be prudent like the shrewd steward, but to direct our efforts not toward earthly gain, but toward the kingdom of God. Our generosity and justice, particularly toward the poor, are not just good deeds; they are the way we use our **"wealth"** to secure our eternal future. This lesson is hard, but let BLD be our incubator to develop this cardinal virtue of prudence. **"Prudence is the virtue that disposes practical reason to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it. It is the charioteer of the virtues; it guides the other virtues by setting rule and measure."** (CCC 1806). There are so many opportunities to sharpen this virtue through our community, through services in our respective ministries. The same opportunity we have with our individual lives. How trustworthy and faithful are we with the gifts entrusted to us? Let us not be chained to the weight of our bank accounts, instead of loosening it up for the poor and needy, so we can be called the prudent **"children of light."** **"We can't serve both God and mammon"** (Luke 16:13c). Remember the promise, **"the person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones."** (Lk 16:10a)

Source: BLD Camden

BLD CAMDEN PHILIPPINE MISSION - APRIL 27, 2025

See photos on pages 3 - 6

Bukas Loob Sa Diyos of Camden conducted a Philippine mission to the indigenous Aeta people in Lakas Bihawo Villar, Botolan, Zambales on April 27, 2025. This initiative was made possible through the assistance of the St. Franciscan Sisters, led by Sister Pepita Ontong of the Cabanggan parish. As part of her ministry, Sister Pepita teaches in Bihawo Villar, Botolan.

The primary aim of the mission was to provide essential needs—such as food and school supplies - to the children of Aeta families to help sustain their basic requirements. Our Mission Ministry began a feeding program and gift-giving event two years ago, with an initial activity in December 2024. These efforts took place in two locations: Cabanggan and Reserva where the Aetas lived and where Sister Pepita serves the Aeta communities.

To support these missions, we hold annual fundraising events and a second collection during our First Friday Healing Mass, and we sent Balikbayan Boxes like old clothes, school supplies and canned goods we collected from our community. Mission coordinators Neneng Rance, Joe Maccherone, I, and several volunteers in the Philippines collaborate to carry out these initiatives and provide support for basic needs.

The recent mission successfully assisted almost 400 families, providing each with a five-kilogram bag of rice, groceries worth 500 pesos per family, and refreshments, Ice cream for all ages and Sister Pepita served snacks for the volunteers. The Philippine Mission ended around 6 Pm. It was indeed a great feeling to see our unfortunate brothers and sisters with a smile on their faces on that day, all were happy and the joy in our hearts are truly extraordinary.

“AND DO NOT FORGET TO DO GOOD AND TO SHARE OTHERS, FOR WITH SUCH SACRIFICES GOD IS PLEASED.” Hebrews 13:16







