

Phase II  
**Monthly Marriage Packet to Parishes**  
September 2016

**Bulletin Corner**

Weekend of September 3/4                      23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Consider living beneath your means. Many people in the world don't have a choice. Even if you are still collecting necessities for your household, is there one thing that you can give away this week? You'll be richer for it.

Weekend of September 10/11                      24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel is a series of parables: the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the Prodigal Son. Which character in these parables do you most identify with? The woman, the lost sheep, the father, the younger/older son? Ask your spouse. It's a good way to start a thought-provoking conversation.

Weekend of September 17/18                      25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

The thrust of today's Gospel is that we act prudently in this life in order to "be welcomed into eternal dwellings." It poses the question, "Whom do you serve?" Prudence demands that we not squander opportunities to be charitable, honest, trustworthy and just toward our spouse. This Gospel challenges us to surrender to the self-sacrificing possibilities that come our way simply in the course of daily living.

Weekend of September 24/25                      26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's reading, the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31), Jesus challenges our attitudes towards the poor. How has your marriage been a blessing to someone in need? Is there something you can do today?

**Prayer of the Faithful**

Weekend of September 3/4                      23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

That all families may learn to bring their needs to God in prayer and experience the presence of Jesus in their midst. We pray to the Lord.

Weekend of September 10/11                      24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

That mercy and forgiveness would be experienced among family members and help to bring peace to the world. We pray to the Lord.

Weekend of September 17/18                      25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

That parents would be given the wisdom to treat each child as a unique gift from God and foster justice within the family. We pray to the Lord.

Weekend of September 24/25                      26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

That children would learn to respond with trust to the loving authority of their parents. We pray to the Lord.