



## Homily Hints for the week preceding *World Mission Sunday*

*We encourage all priests to prepare the faithful for World Mission Sunday by seasoning their sermons with reflections that have a missionary flavor. Here is what we suggest.*

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**Sunday, October 16, 2016 (Luke 18:1-8)**

***The Parable of the widow and the unjust judge***

To persist in prayer and not give up does not mean endless repetition. Constant prayer means keeping our request continually before God as we live for him day by day, believing he will answer. When we live by Faith we are not to give up. God may delay answering, but his delays always have good reasons.

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**Monday, October 17, 2016 (Luke 12:13-21)**

***The parable of the Rich Fool***

Jesus is pointing to a higher issue – a correct attitude toward the accumulation of wealth. Life is more than material goods. Far more important is our relationship with God.

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**Tuesday, October 18, 2016 (Luke 10:1-9)**

***The sending out seventy-two Messengers***

Christian Service has no unemployment. Part of every missionary's job is to pray for new workers and to help newcomers learn the ropes. Whatever your role in God's work, you should pray for more helpers.

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**Wednesday, October 19, 2016 (Luke 12:39-48)**

***The faithful or the unfaithful slave***

Our heavenly rewards will be the most accurate reflection of what we have done on earth, and they will be far greater than we can imagine. God will not hold us responsible for the gifts that he has not given to us; but we shall be accountable for those gifts we have not used to benefit others.

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**Thursday, October 20, 2016 (Luke 12:49-53)**

***Jesus warns about coming divisions***

Jesus is stating a fact of life, but he is not approving of it. His intention and desire is Peace, but his very presence in our lives, often causes harshness and pain. He demands loyalty and commitment, sometimes to the point of serving other relationships. Are we willing to risk our family's disapproval in order to follow the Lord?



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**Friday, October 21, 2016 (Luke 12:54-59)**

***Understand the Time***

Many of those listening to Jesus, though skilled at interpreting weather signs, were intentionally ignoring the signs of time.

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**Saturday, October 22, 2016 (Luke 13:1-9)**

***Call to repentance***

Jesus did not explain why some people experience tragedy in their lives; instead he pointed to everyone's need for repentance. Have you been enjoying God's special treatment without giving anything in return? If so, it is time to respond to the Gardener's patient care, in order to bear the fruit God wishes you to produce.

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**Sunday, October 23, 2016 (Luke 18:9-14)**

***World Mission Sunday***

Church, Family... Let us be merciful!

The challenge for us today is perhaps to notice that we rather like being exalted. We might think of it as the satisfaction of a job well done or a duty fulfilled. And we might begin to believe that things we do or don't do really might justify us, might make us better than those who fail where we succeed. But until we let go of that notion, the parable suggests, we will not go home justified. We will be prisoners to our small righteousness. And we as a Church will present a face to the world that does not invite it.

The good news of the parable is that the role of the tax collector is available to all of us. We and everyone around us are all sinners and all beloved children of the gracious Father. The parable invites us to experience the freedom that comes with casting away our flimsy armor and throwing ourselves into the arms of God, who is already there, who has already found us, who wants more than anything to lift us up and lead us home.