

**September 22-23, 2007**  
**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Amos 8:4-7                      First Timothy 2:1-8                      Luke 16:1-13**

Did you hear the story about the parents who wanted their teenager Confirmed even though he had missed half of the preparation (including the retreats and most Masses) because he was involved with sports? They were highly indignant that he couldn't just show up...after all, sports were his life! Indeed, how difficult it was pointing out to the parents that their son had already chosen his God (or perhaps they had chosen it for him?) and was 'confirming' it every time he opted for sports instead of Mass and prep for Confirmation. Today's Gospel is a response to the rhetorical question 'Can't we have it all?' Actually, the answer is usually NO. When we select one thing, we simultaneously DON'T select something else. With the exception of those renegade folks who have multiple spouses, how many of you would like to share a marriage with multiple spouses? Actions have consequences...thus this weekend the Gospel of Luke asks us to consider whom we are serving with our lives. This is not to say that we are not supposed to work and have full (complete) lives. Rather, it is the question of what lies at our core; for what are we working? Is it the tangible currency of dollars and financial success or is it the intangible achievement of contributing to something bigger than ourselves, of becoming interwoven with others, of growing in knowledge and participation in God's creation. As has been said before, that we each have busy lives is a given for anyone dwelling in South Orange County. It might seem at times that we split hairs and are pulled in many directions, but when the day is done....do we merely thank the farmers for growing the vegetables we ate for dinner or the boss who hired us...or do we go root ourselves prayerfully in acknowledging the Creator of it all? Based on our choices and decisions....whom are we serving?

We officially depart the Summer Season and this weekend enter into Autumn. A rich and full season, it will bring us many holidays and celebrations. Thank you for sharing this Mass and weekend with our Corpus Christi Community. Next weekend is our annual GALA, Dinner-Dance-Auction at SOKA University. Reservations are available at the GALA booth outside after Mass...and this is the final weekend to make your reservations...so, don't delay! Please accept a Bulletin on your way home...we have lots of other things happening...and it would be a shame if you missed out! Please keep our HAVEN youth in your prayers as they go on their Autumn retreat next weekend. Thanks. As you amble, stroll, saunter, meander along some autumn-leaf-strewn path, remember, you are loved. FKB