

Fr. Albert Shamon



Word for Sunday

Prayer . . . More Precious Than Money

Sunday's Readings: (R3) Lk. 16:1-13. (R1) Am. 8:4-7. (R2) 1 Tm. 2:1-8

Most of us do not have excessive money like the rich merchants addressed by the prophet Amos. Maybe we ought to thank God that we don't, for it is so easy for money to possess us. Money is like poison in a bottle; it is all right in the bottle, but don't let it get into the blood stream, as the merchants denounced by Amos did. Even the greedy steward in the gospel made crooks out of his friends to save his own skin. What crimes today are committed for money! Behind the drug traffic, alcoholism, pornography is the lust for money.

The test of whether or not money has a hold on our hearts is how well do we give it away to God or to the poor.

However, very few of us have a problem with giving away money; rather the problem is getting enough of money to be able to give away. Be that as it may, St. Paul says there is something far more valuable than money that is within the power of each of us to give away: This precious gift is prayer. When Teolin the Tawney, the father of St. Bernard, protested to his son that he could do nothing by following him in religious life, St. Bernard said, "Father, you can pray."

Prayer for whom? I think the major difference between prayer before Vatican II and prayer after the Council is this: before Vatican II, our prayer, our devotions, were pretty much personal, private, individualistic, self-centered. Now I think our prayer is more communal, catholic, universal, evangelistic, reaching out to others. Such a thrust to prayer is very biblical. Our Lord taught us



Elmira Sister Takes Post

Sister Monica Loughlin, a native of Elmira, was recently elected Councilor for Human Resources on the General Council of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament in Bensalem, Pa. Sister Monica entered the convent in 1964 and later studied medical technology at Xavier University in New Orleans. After receiving a PhD in microbiology from Louisiana State University, she returned to Xavier where she headed the Medical Technology Department.

a crook!

Sometimes we are not "free from anger." We hold grudges against another. Did not Jesus command reconciliation before offering gifts at the

altar.

Finally, our prayers fall on deaf ears because we are not "free from dissension." We talk about others. We create discord, quarrels, fights.

Each Sunday we have the opportunity to be generous with both our money and our prayers. How thankful we should be for this opportunity! On our Sunday envelopes I

have the words: "Give not because of the Church's need, but because you need to give." For it is in giving of our possessions that we do not become possessed; and of our prayers that we shall receive.

at KORD'S Pool Covers Are Still on Sale!

with 3-year warranty

STILL ACCEPTING APPOINTMENTS FOR POOL CLOSINGS NOW ACCEPTING SNOW PLOWING CONTRACTS

for the Brighton, Pittsford, Penfield, Fairport, and East Rochester Areas

KORDS POOL LAWN & GARDEN

1850 Penfield Road, just east of 4 corners on Rt. 441, just opp. St. Swaps 588-5204. Easy access with plenty of parking. FALL HOURS: Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Sat. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday-closed. Prices are in store only and subject to change without notice.



GENERAL ELECTRIC

We Service AIR-CONDITIONERS

ALL MAKES 546-1400

When you need us we'll be there.

FLORIDA LEASE CARS

1980 ASPENS

STARTING AT

\$4995

Factory air, automatic transmission, power steering, power brakes, AM radios, body side moldings, white wall tires, bumper strips and guards, plus many more extras.

2400 W. Henrietta Rd. 424-3000

Cortese Dodge

HOURS: Mon. thru Thurs. 9 to 9 Fri. & Sat. 9 to 6

Your phone has something to tell you.

Introducing Rochester Telephone's Dial-It Services.



Rochester Telephone is now taking calls at four new numbers that will help keep you in touch with your world. You can keep a watch on the weather and keep your watch in tune with the time. And keep up on all the sports, from horse races to pennant races.

For just 8.3¢* a call, you get the information you need whenever you want it. So give us a call. Anytime.

Accu-Weather® 974-1212

Keep up with the changes. Call Accu-Weather for the same lively forecasts that are so popular on local radio and TV—updated throughout the day and night. You'll know what to expect today and tomorrow. And our long-range forecast will help you plan ahead.

OTB 974-2510

Get the inside track on how they ran at Finger Lakes, Batavia Downs, and Belmont. The OTB report is updated throughout the day to give you results the minute they're official.

Time & Temperature 974-1616

We're offering the most accurate time in town. Accurate up-to-the-second because our time is synchronized with the National Bureau of Standards atomic clock in Colorado. And you get the temperature, too. Fahrenheit and Celsius.

Sports Phone** 974-1313

Sports Phone is your direct line to the latest sports news and scores: National and local, including important high school results. And there's more. Features on your favorite teams. Interviews with the stars. On-the-spot reports from major events. Even trivia information. Updated as many as 40 times a day to keep you on top of the field.

*Calls to each Dial-It Service will be charged at the rate of 8.3¢ per call (the current local message unit rate). Calls from coin telephones will be 10¢ and those from outside the greater Rochester local calling area will be billed at the regular long distance rates.

**A service mark of Phone Programs, Inc.

ROCHESTER TELEPHONE Keeping you in touch with your world.