

The members of the Oblate family connect with each other through this prayer on the third Sunday every month.

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### EVANGELIUM LIVE: Lk 16:1-13

*“The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones.”*

From time to time, I get "the urge" and try to change my life: exercise regularly (swimming, sauna, dancing, boxing, etc.), write three things I am grateful for in my beautiful diary every day, remember to pray properly in the morning and evening... This usually happens at the start of a new school year.

And then life happens. I stick to exercising for a few days, and then I replace it with a few extra minutes of sleep in the morning. I don't even get to go swimming because every time I want to go, I haven't shaved my legs or I've just washed my hair, so it would be a waste to get them soaked in chlorine. Only the morning praises with my colleagues at work save me a "proper" prayer. And so I wake up to my imperfect everyday life. How can I handle big things if I'm not faithful in these little things? But what if these aren't the little things that matter? What if walking with Kuba, my husband, is more important than exercising, because it gives us



a chance to share what's upsetting us at work or what makes us happy? Instead of writing down things I'm grateful for, I try to live gratitude in the little things, like the first colored leaves on the trees.

For me, faithfulness does not come from perfection, but from the desire to live our relationships truthfully and with love, even if it means that I cannot manage all the little things I have set out to do.

### Frank Santucci OMI, 2012

*The concept of “aiming at perfection” could give the mistaken impression that it all depends on us and our efforts. It was a lesson that we see St. Eugene learning and developing into as he grew older. Aiming for perfection meant aiming at being more cooperative with God’s actions. Awareness of personal imperfection allowed God to work at making him more perfect.*

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## Luke 16:1-13

Then he also said to his disciples, “A rich man had a steward who was reported to him for squandering his property. He summoned him and said, ‘What is this I hear about you? Prepare a full account of your stewardship, because you can no longer be my steward.’ The steward said to himself, ‘What shall I do, now that my master is taking the position of steward away from me? I am not strong enough to dig and I am ashamed to beg. I know what I shall do so that, when I am removed from the stewardship, they may welcome me into their homes.’ He called in his master’s debtors one by one. To the first he said, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He replied, ‘One hundred measures of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Here is your promissory note. Sit down and quickly write one for fifty.’ Then to another he said, ‘And you, how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘One hundred kors of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Here is your promissory note; write one for eighty.’ And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently.

“For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth? If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours? No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”

