READING—LUKE 16:1-13
A rich man had a steward who was reported to him for squandering his property. He summoned the steward and said, “What is this I hear about you? Prepare a full account of your stewardship…”

REFLECTION
The readings of today have an uncanny connection for many of us Filipinos because our readings talk about stewardship. At a time when our public officials come under public scrutiny for their use of our nation’s resources, our readings for today offer a perspective on our vocation towards stewardship. The indignation of the Filipino people over the misuse of public funds stems from the conviction that wealth is not meant to be placed in the hands of a few, but is destined to be shared by all – especially those who are poor. The prophet Amos in the first reading of Sunday’s liturgy reminds us that the Lord is passionate for the poor and the needy. When those who are poor and needy have their claim to a decent life forgotten or trampled upon, there is evidently a failure of stewardship. Paul’s letter to Timothy likewise underscores this reality that the Kingdom of God is inclusive and that all – without exception – are meant to experience God’s offer of well-being.

Surely, we will need to demand accountability of our public officials. But it is not mere disclosure of use of public funds that is at stake. The readings of today clearly offer the invitation for us to ensure that the resources, for which we are stewards, are distributed justly to benefit all.

RESPONSE
JANET MORLEY
Vulnerable God, You challenge the powers that rule this world through the needy, the compassionate and those who are filled with longing. Make us hunger and thirst to see right prevail, and single-minded in seeking peace; that we may see Your face and be satisfied in You, through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Social justice has to do with changing the way the world is organized so as to make a level playing field for everyone. In simple terms, this means that social justice is about trying to organize the economic, political and social structure of the world in such a way so that it values equally each individual and more property values the environment. Accomplishing this will take more than private charity. Present injustices exist not just because individuals act in bad faith but also because huge, impersonal systems disprivilege some even as they unduly privilege others.

BIRTHDAYS
24 SEP Br. Allan Buenavista FSC
27 SEP Maria Teresa Godoy (Residencia FSC Community)
30 SEP Dr. Carmelita Quebenco AFSC
03 OCT Felix Murillo (Postulant)
04 OCT Marvin Sipin (Postulant)

FORMER LASALLIAN VOLUNTEER RANKS SECOND IN GUIDANCE COUNCILORS BOARD EXAM
De La Salle University had a 100% passing mark in the August 2013 Board Exam for Guidance Counselors. Mr. Ervin Reyes Pucio ranked number 2 among 411 examinees nationwide.

Ervin was a former Lasallian Volunteer and was assigned to teach the children of coconut farmers at Mt. Agad-Agad, Langilanon, Iligan.
RESIDENCIA DE LA SALLE OPENS ITS DOORS FOR DE LA SALLE BROTHERS

The New Residencia De La Salle, a residential health care facility for Brothers, was blessed on 29 July.

Residencia De La Salle will serve as a residential health care facility for Brothers who have retired from active service. It will also serve as a temporary home for younger Brothers who are recuperating or are undergoing medical rehabilitation.

Present at the blessing and unveiling ceremonies were Superior General, Br. Álvaro Rodriguez Echevarria FSC, PARC General Councilor Br. David Hawke FSC, Lasallian East Asia District Visitor Br. Dodo Fernandez FSC and Auxiliary Visitor Br. Tom Lavin FSC. Also present were Mr. Eduardo “Danding” Cojuangco Jr. and his wife, Gretchen, who made a sizable contribution for the construction of the Residencia through the foundation of San Miguel Corporation. Br. Jose Mari “JJ” Jimenez FSC, Philippine Sector Leader and President of De La Salle Philippines, and Brothers from the Philippine Sector were also on hand to tour their eventual retirement home.

In a ground blessing ceremony earlier this year, Gretchen Cojuangco expressed her pride for being able to give a “loving gift” to the Brothers. “Danding and I consider it an honor to be able to make this contribution through San Miguel Corporation. A medical care facility that the Brothers need after their many years of service is indeed a noteworthy project. Dedicating their lives to education and the communities is never an easy task. But for over a century now, the Lasallian Brothers have selflessly given their time and commitment to the cause, following in the footsteps of our Patron, St. John Baptist de La Salle. Danding and I wish to thank Br. Gus for inviting us to play a role in the establishment of this facility. This is the little that we can do for the Lasallian Brothers who have given so much of their lives so that ours can be better,” she said.

Residencia De La Salle will provide the best comfort for ailing Brothers. It has function rooms, a physical fitness room, massage room, hobby room, studio and exhibit halls, medical clinic, library/music/IT Room, a chapel in the garden with a short covered walk, and a swimming pool with Jacuzzi. The facility also has 17 regular well-equipped air-conditioned bedrooms and three convalescent air-conditioned bedrooms for the residents.

A full complement of medical staff from the De La Salle University Medical Center, DLSHSI Colleges of Medicine, Rehabilitation Sciences, Nursing and Midwifery, and Medical Radiologic Technology will be assigned to staff the Residencia.

The Residencia will also offer the Brothers various opportunities to nurture their different interests, such as research writing, events and tour management, information technology, arts, photography, and music.

LASALLIANS TO COMPETE IN WORLD SOLAR CHALLENGE 2013

A team of Lasallians from DLSU is set to compete in the upcoming World Solar Challenge in Australia.

Sixteen students make up the electrical team and 15 for the mechanical team. Seven students make up the race team- Anthony Canlas, the weather and telemetry monitor, Sam Gavinio, who is in charge of the electronics asset, Karlo Matriano on wiring and electronics, Elijah Romey, the solar car driver, Kenneth Navarro as the backup driver, Francis Pulmano who manages the battery and Ferdyn Rañosa, the scout driver and logistics assistant.

You may read the full report from the LaSallian by following this link: http://thelasallian.com/2013/09/20/sikat-ii-team-heads-to-australia-for-world-solar-challenge/