

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 20, 2020**

“It’s not fair!” We sympathize with the laborers who work all day only to find out that they made not a penny more than those who worked for only an hour. This is an obvious injustice. What’s the point of having a “daily wage” and an “hourly Wage” if the numbers are the same? In the first reading we hear the LORD tell Isaiah, “my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways” (Isaiah 55:8). Yes, from our perspective the landowner’s arrangement is unfair and the consequences for the hardest workers is an injustice. But our perspective is flawed. God, source of infinite love, infinite mercy, and infinite generosity, sees this arrangement much differently. May we be humbled by Isaiah’s reminder.

“Because no one has hired us” (Matthew 20:7). This is the response of the laborers who were still standing around at five o’clock. Why hasn’t anyone hired these workers? Perhaps they were injured, weak, or disabled. Perhaps they were lazy or uncooperative. Quite likely they were already rejected by every other landowner. But not this one. The kingdom of heaven welcomes even those who have been rejected, who have been waiting, who did not bear the heavy burden. God’s mercy and acceptance are unrestricted.

Saint Paul was in prison when he wrote the selection we hear today, unsure of what would come next. His conversion had come some twenty years earlier, around noon if one were to apply today’s Gospel story to his life. In the twenty years since his conversion he had made three missionary journeys, carrying the gospel to Gentile lands from Corinth to Antioch, through dozens of towns in between. He was ready to meet the Lord, if that was his fate, but more than willing to continue his ministry if allowed to do so. Whatever happened, he would magnify Christ in his person as he increased the body of Christ, the Church

Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday, September 19, 2020

Vigil Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Elodie Gabriel – Stephen S. Johnson III – Intentions of Krissy Thomas – Kristy Adams – Alana Mitchell – Diondra Pierre – Melvin J. Thomas, Jr.

Sunday, September 20, 2020

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8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Elodie Gabriel – Earthy B. Lazard – Walter Banks, III – Melvina Kepp – Freddie Thomas – Betty Cates – Msgr. Gauthreaux – Calvin Tate – Jerome Lomba, Sr. – Stephen S. Johnson, III – Mr. Eugene

10:30a.m. Lordeas Glapion Nix – Beatrice Pace – Lamar and Shirley Smith – Evelyn Ford – Gloria B. Lewis – Joseph Porche

12:00p.m. Tiffany Page – Intentions of St. Maria Goretti Parishioners

Monday, September 21, 2020

8:30a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Jacobs – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Tu Tran – Intentions of Stacy Martin

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Claudia Claude – Intentions of Henry Martin

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Tiffany Page – Intentions of Therol Humphrey

Thursday, September 24, 2020

8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Msgr. Gauthreaux – Calvin Tate, Sr. – Intentions of Calvin Tate, Jr. – Stacy Martin

Friday, September 25, 2020

8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Intentions of Kimberly Brown

Saturday, September 26, 2020

8:30a.m. The living and deceased members of the Catholic Negro American Mission.

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, naked and you clothed me ...I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least ones, you did it for me.” Mt. 25:6, 40.

Announcements

No Eucharistic Adoration until further notice.

No Bingo until further Notice

Please remember to sign up for Mass prior to arriving at Church. We will no longer offer on site sign up. If you do not have access to a computer or smartphone you may call the parish office to sign up. You can find the link on our website and on the parish Facebook page. Sign-up for the desired mass the day before for week day masses and by 12:00pm (noon) on Saturday for all week end masses.

Please drop your envelopes in the two collection baskets in the back of the Church as you enter or after Mass.

We have moved all daily Masses to the main Church until the medical professionals find a way to contain the virus. So, if you don't feel comfortable coming on the weekends you may find this as a better option.

Through the spirit of Jesus, let us continue to pray and extend compassion to all who were affect by Hurricane Laura. Let us be generous to them as others were generous to us in our time of need.

The Bible Study is available on the parish website.



Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church for this week will burn in memory of Charles Winchell, Jr. The Sanctuary Lamps in the Chapel this week will burn for the intentions of Shannon Torregano and Greg & June Jones

Prayer for Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of the land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade the land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to you, O Loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen

We welcome everyone into our parish. If you have not filled out a census card, the cards can be found on the table at the entrance of the church.