

# Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24, 2017

## *Greetings.*

I will give you what is just. (Matthew 20:4)

Let's talk about justice. The landowner in Jesus' parable promised to pay his workers what was just, but he seemed to break that promise at the end of the day. At least, that's what the workers who were first hired thought. In their eyes, he was treating them unjustly. They saw the workers who started later get paid just as much money as the landowner had promised to them. Where's the justice in that?

The landowner, however, had a different kind of justice in mind. For him, justice was not primarily everyone getting what he deserves, but everyone getting what he needs. Every time he came to the marketplace, he saw more men—husbands, fathers, sons, brothers—who didn't have steady employment, but who still had to provide food and clothing and shelter to their families. How could he turn them away? How could he think only about his bottom line?

Of course, employers can't give away all of their money; they have families to take care of too. But Jesus isn't talking about best business practices here. He's talking about God's sense of justice. For God, justice is a matter of treating everyone with dignity and honor. It's a matter of ensuring that each person is loved and cared for. It's a matter of making sure that no one gets left behind.

What a difference from our common idea of justice! All around us, we hear that justice is about reward and retribution. If you work hard, you are rewarded with pay. If you violate a rule, you are punished until you "pay for" what you have done. While there is some truth to these statements, God's justice goes beyond this kind of tightfisted, tit-for-tat approach. It includes generosity and love, mercy and compassion. His justice went so far as to give up his only Son to save us from sin and death.

Like the landowner in today's parable, our heavenly Father offers us a surprising—and subversive—kind of justice. How can we help but praise him for such a gift.

"Thank you, Father, for looking after my every need."

Called to Serve,

*Deacon Mark Race, Administrator*

### **PRAY FOR THE SICK**

LaVerne Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Percenia Beasley, Veronica Bearce, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Jeannie Chapron, Katherine Clark, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Gwen Files, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Willie Goods, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Aaron Jittu, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Gloria McClaurin, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Sabrina Markos, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Dorothy Pulliam, Andrea Raggette, Dottie Rodriguez, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, George Simon, Sr., Maurice Simon, Jeremiah Skyes, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Cassandra Williams, Thomas Williams, Peggy Wright and Emmerson Young.

## Daily Scripture Readings

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| Sunday    | Is 55:6-9, Ps 145:2-18, Mt 20:1-16  |
| Monday    | Ezr 1:1-6, Lk 8:16-18               |
| Tuesday   | Ezr 6:7-20, Lk 8:19-21              |
| Wednesday | Ezr 9:5-9, Lk 9:1-6                 |
| Thursday  | Hg 1:1-8, Lk 9:7-9                  |
| Friday    | Dn 7:9-14, Jn 1:47-51               |
| Saturday  | Zec 2:5-15, Lk 9:43-45              |
| Sunday    | Ez 18:25-28, Ps 25:4-9, Mt 21:28-32 |

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday September 23

5:15 PM Soul of Karen Lee

### Sunday September 24

8:00 AM Soul of Dorothy Jones

10:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners

12:15 PM Souls of Theodore Leon, Sr. and. Jr.

### Monday September 25

8:00 AM Souls of Yvonne, Jackeline, Dilcia & Wilfred Morgan, Jr.

### Saturday September 30

5:15 PM Soul of Roxeline Richards

### Sunday October 1

10:00 AM Soul of Lamont Barber

12:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

## Weekly Offering

### September 17, 2017

\$6,679.00 Tithes and Offering

105.00 Building Fund

31.00 "We Care"



## Stewardship Thought

*"So the last will be first and the first last" - MATTHEW 20:16*

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our gratitude and generosity helps us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

## Thank you

The beautiful flowers on the altar this week were donated by **Cheryl Patterson-Sims and Joyce Hithe** in memory of the **HITHE FAMILY**. If you would like to donate flowers, please call the rectory for more details.

## Las Vegas Casino Trip

Join the fun...Las Vegas Casino trip to the Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino on **October 23, 24, 25, 2017**. For more information call 213.369.4889.

## Pray for Cure Cancer Mass

The 12th Annual Mass to "Pray for a Cure for Cancer" is on **Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:30PM at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels**. A luncheon will follow immediately after the Mass to recognize those who assisted Deacon Mark and Vickie Race with their first mass. Tickets are \$65.00. If you have any questions or to purchase tickets, please contact Vickie Race at 310.259.6430. Thank you for your Support!

## RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Anyone wishing to become Catholic; receive the sacrament of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation or renew your Catholic Faith may see a RCIA team member in the patio to register after mass. For more details call the church office or Anita Thomas at 323.810.0696. Classes begin October 1, 2017.

## Religious Education

For students from Kindergarten to High School begins today September 24, 2017. It will include: First Communion, Confirmation, the study of scripture, the study and celebration of Liturgy and the Liturgical seasons.

# ATTENTION

## Safeguard the Children

No child under 18 years should be **LEFT ALONE** without adult supervision on Sundays during or after Mass. Parents should be aware of where their children are at all times. **ALL PARISH MINISTERS/ORGANIZATIONS** should also know where their child members under 18 years are at all times during their scheduled meeting/class. Ministry Leaders are responsible to stay with their child members under 18 years until parents or guardians pick them up after the meeting/class is over.

## Did You Know?

Many popular social media sites offer users the ability to tag or share their locations whenever they post. Depending on the site, this information can be shared with friends, followers, and other people who use the site, regardless of whether they are friends with the user or not. Location sharing is a tool that can be used by predators searching for potential victims. Parents and children need to have open discussions about providing information online, highlighting what is safe to share and when it is safe to do so. As a general rule, widespread location-sharing should be discouraged. For more information about how to help your children understand who can see what they post and share, request a copy of the VIRTUS© online article "Technology Safety," by emailing [jvienna@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:jvienna@la-archdiocese.org) or calling 213.637.7227.