

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OF THE YEAR, A

Isaiah 55: 6-9, Phil. 1: 20-24, 27, Matt. 20: 1-16.

Theme: **The Generous Love of God**

Why be envious because I am generous? (Gospel)

Going through the gospel pericope, one can understand from the seeming drama between the land owner and his workers, as portrayed by Jesus in his parable; that he paid all the workers equal amount without minding when they were hired. Seeing that those who started late received one denarius, the first to be hired expected to get more but they all received one denarius each. They took it but grumbled at the landowner saying, "The men who came last have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all heat." Of course, they were right. This is sheer injustice and selective charity, according to human logic. But God is not a business partner, our relationship with him is not like a contract and his kingdom is not a business enterprise. He says through his Prophet Isaiah in the first reading, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways" (Isaiah 55:8).

In the first place, God (the landowner) cares and does not want anyone to be lost; therefore, he continues to go out to invite those who are not yet 'employed' in his kingdom. He takes the first step, but it is up to us to respond. His decision to pay the latecomers as the first group of people is neither arbitrary nor partial. It is a sign of his abundant kindness, which overcomes human logic. In his kingdom there is no first or second, no Jew or Greek, no rich or poor. He loves infinitely and without distinction, and gives to everybody who answers his call to enter into his vineyard. That some people received his message first does not mean that they have precedence over those who received it later. Some Christians of Jewish origin thought otherwise at the time when pagans were also being converted to the new Christian faith. The Jews, "the first to be called", had believed that they were converts of the first class. They were wrong. In the same way, those who had the opportunity to be born into Christian families and received the Christian faith right away would be wrong to assume that they have precedence over those who were converted "at the eleventh hour". The person who converted late and made earnest efforts could even precede those who had received the faith earlier (Cf. Mt. 21: 31-32). Matthew, the author of this Gospel, had been a tax collector; therefore, he was considered a public sinner and excluded from the Lord's vineyard by the people. However, the Lord called and invited him to follow him. Matthew got up and followed him. From a publican he became a disciple of Christ. His life changed from being that of a sinner to becoming a disciple and closest collaborator of Jesus, from being "the last" to being "the first".

In a way, the denarius represents eternal life, a gift that God reserves to everyone who accepts his invitation to be and work in his vineyard. As Pope Benedict XVI explained, being called itself, being able to work in the Lord's vineyard and cooperating in his project constitutes in itself a recompense, which repays all toil (Cf. Angelus, Castel Gandolfo, 21st September 2008).

Jesus loves you, and so do I.

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Mission Santo Niño de Atocha, Three Rivers

Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 10:00 – 12:00 AM & 1:00-3:00 PM (Closed Friday)

Office Closures TBA

St. Francis de Paula Masses:

Weekdays: 7:30 am Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.

Holy Days: 7:30 am Mass and 6:00 pm Mass

Saturday: Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am,

Sunday: 11:00 am

CONFESSIONS: Fri. 4:30 - 5:30 pm

PRE-BAPTISM: - For Appt. Call- Liz and Steve Chavez 575-585-6340

BAPTISM CELEBRATION: --LAST Saturday of the month 10:00 am

MARRIAGE: -There is a (6) month preparation period.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK: -> The first and third Fridays of each month.

If you have information to be posted in bulletin, put it in writing and turn it in by Wednesday morning. Or email: StFrancisdepaula@gmail.com

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Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son. (Mt. 20:1-16a)

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 Mass Intentions >> 20 September 2020

- Sat. Sept. 19th 5:30 pm † Angel L. Ramos, Juan Agapita and Flavio Ramos & (Family)
 Sun Sept. 20th 7:30 am † -----
 Sun. Sept. 20th 11:00 am † Josie Jaramillo
 Tue. Sept. 22nd 7:30 am † -----
 Wed. Sept. 23rd 7:30 am † Perfita, Luciano, and Fidel Lucero
 Thur. Sept. 24th 7:30 am † Dolores & Patricio Otero
 Fri. Sept. 25th 7:30 am † Gilbert Gonzales
 Sat. Sept. 26th 5:30 pm † Priscilla Wilson & J.Q Wilson



Let us pray for our troops in military services:
Paulita Rocha
US- Army

<<Pray For The Sick>>

Adaline	Brusuelas
Albert	Silva
Jenni(BB)	Alexander
Robert	Capuchin
Helen	Guerra
Carlos	Hangarter
Anthony	Mendez
Natalia	Walters
Judy	Aguirre
Rosa Maria	Andozola C
Jeff	Aragon
Vince	Aragon
James	Bielmaier
Soncera	Briever
Hope	Carrion
Danny	Cordova
Raleigha	Cordova
Rosemary	Cordova
Antoinette	Diaz
Manny	Diaz
Chano	Flores
Ramona	Flores
Gloria	Gonzales
Margeret Romero	Gonzales

Frank	Guerrero
Henry	Herrera
Armado	Lopez
Jesus	Lopez
Millie	Luevano
Martha	Luna
Ray	Manley
Clara	Marrujo
Leah	Matinzo
Ramona	Monje
Ysidro S	Monje
Cuca	Montoya
Luna Bella	Nevarez
Joe	Padilla
Jack	Palladino
Maria Elena	Perez Lopez
Antonio	Romero
Celina	Romero
Rosie	Romero
Rose	Salazar
Irvin	Salcido
Josephine	Salcido
Margeret B	Sanchez
Rachelle	Simons
Landon	Wright

When I wear a Mask in public:

- I want you to know that I am educated enough to know that I could be asymptomatic and still give you the virus.
- No, I don't "live in fear" of the virus; I just want to be part of the solution, not the problem.
- I don't feel like the "government is controlling me;" I feel like I'm being a contributing adult to society and I want to teach others the same.
- The world doesn't revolve around me. It's not all about me and my comfort.
- If we all could live with other people's consideration in mind, this whole world would be a much better place.
- Wearing a mask doesn't make me weak, scared, stupid, or even "Controlled". It makes me considerate.

WE ARE IN NEED OF TEACHERS FOR CCD CLASSES
 CCD will start on October 21st, as well as registration
 Fee will be \$10.00.
 A copy of their Baptismal Certificate will be required.
 Classes will be from 3:30 - 4:15.

2nd Collection

Today
 For Diocese of Las Cruces – San Diego
 Seminarian Fund

2020-2021 Confirmation Catechetical Year Registration Begins:

*Sunday September 27th
 10 am at the School of religion Rm 5
 *Fee is \$10.00 per child.
 *Classes will start->Sunday Oct. 4th 10 am
Confirmation Year One: 7th grade
Confirmation Year Two: 8th and 9th graders.

Ushers For the month of

August 2020

- **Saturday 5:30 >>**
Abraham Pino
- **Sunday 7:30 >>**
Alfonso Voorbach
- **Sunday 11:00>>**
Gilbert Gaston

Sacristans for the Month of

September 2020

Saturday 5:30 Rosario Aragon
Sunday 7:30 Louise & Manny
Sunday 11:00
 Ruthina

This invitation is extended to:

anyone who has never been baptized or affiliated with any church and has a desire to be a member of our church community or **anyone** who has been baptized in another denomination but is interested in learning about the Catholic faith, **any non-active** Catholic who has been away from the Church and would like to get re-acquainted, or **any adult Catholic** who would like to learn more about the Church and mature in their faith.
 Come to the Inquiry **Session Sept. 30th 2020 @ 6:30pm in the parish Library** or Contact Dcn Mariano @ mcm344484@gmail.com //575-442-0430 for Q/A.

Readers

Saturday Sept. 19th 5:30 Mass
 Reader 1 Liz Chavez
 Reader 2 Steve Chavez
Sunday Sept. 20th 7:30 Mass
 Reader 1 Louis Dominguez
 Reader 2 -----
Sunday Sept. 20th 11:30 Mass
 Reader 1 Ken Servais
 Reader 2 Irma Melendrez

Altar Servers

Saturday Sept. 19th 5:30 Mass
 Demetrius Armijo-Vigil
Sunday Sept. 20th 7:30 Mass
 Angel Kowatch & Archie Coney
Sunday Sept. 20th 11:30 Mass
 Myles Gaston

United In Ministry

Your participation in the Bishop's Annual Appeal — will help us live and share the Gospel for our second 35 years, and beyond. Your generous acts of giving yield an incalculable harvest of faith, hope and love. Sincerely,
Bishop Peter Baldacchino



Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.

We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana. Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness. For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust. In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts. We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

Vote for ProLife >>>> Babies' Lives Matter <<<<<<<