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TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME— SEP. 24TH, 2023 **"ARE YOU ENVIOUS BECAUSE I AM GENEROUS?"** MT. 20, 15

The parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair. That is because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified.

A close read shows us that the landowner paid on the terms that were negotiated. The landowner, it seems, has acted completely justly. The parable goes beyond that, however, and we come to see that the landowner is not simply just, he is exceptionally just. He is radically just. He has given those who



labored in the field for a full day their due pay. But he has also given a full-day's wage to those who worked only a single hour. No one is cheated, but a few receive abundantly from the landowner just as we receive from God more than what is merely justifiable or due. God, like the landowner, is radically just and abundantly generous. The workers who complain are made to look foolish as they lament the fact that landowner has made all workers equal. Indeed, what more could one ask for than to be treated as an equal at work or anywhere else?

The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways.

XXV DOMINGO ORDINARIO- SEPTIEMBRE 24, 2023

"TIENES ENVIDIA PORQUE SOY GENEROSO?" MT. 20,15

La parábola de los trabajadores de la viña parece una ofensa al sentido común. A quienes trabajan una jornada más larga se les debería pagar más que a quienes trabajan sólo una o dos horas. Visto de esta manera, el propietario parece injusto. Esto se debe a que estamos leyendo en la parábola nuestras propias nociones preconcebidas sobre cómo se deben cuantificar la justicia y la igualdad.

Una lectura atenta nos muestra que el propietario pagó en los términos negociados. El propietario, al parecer, ha actuado con toda justicia. Sin embargo, la parábola va más allá y llegamos a ver que el propietario no es simplemente justo, sino excepcionalmente justo. Es radicalmente justo. A los que trabajaron en el campo durante un día completo les dio su salario debido. Pero también ha dado un salario de jornada completa a quienes trabajaron sólo una hora. Nadie es engañado, sino que unos pocos reciben abundantemente del propietario, así como nosotros recibimos de Dios más de lo meramente justificable o debido. Dios, como el terrateniente, es radicalmente justo y abundantemente generoso. Los trabajadores que se quejan quedan como tontos mientras lamentan el hecho de que el terrateniente haya igualado a todos los trabajadores. De hecho, ¿qué más se puede pedir que ser tratado como un igual en el trabajo o en cualquier otro lugar?

La parábola nos recuerda que aunque Dios no nos debe nada, ofrece en abundancia y por igual. Ocasionalmente nos sentimos tentados a pensar que nuestras propias acciones merecen más recompensa, más misericordia abundante de Dios, que las acciones de los demás. Pero la generosidad de Dios no se puede cuantificar ni dividir en diferentes cantidades para diferentes personas. Cuando pensamos de esa manera, estamos tratando de relacionarnos con Dios en nuestros términos en lugar de aceptar los caminos radicalmente diferentes de Dios.

EVENT CALENDAR

Fri. Sep. 29th Feast of the Archangels. 1st Annivesary of Jhonnatan's Installation as a Pastor. (Survey to be sent next weekend to evaluate Fr. Jhonnatan's Pastorship)

Fri. Oct 6th. First Friday Adoration. 12:30pm, to 5:30pm. At 5:30 pm we pray a Bilingual Rosary and 6:00 we have the Blessing with the Blessed Sacrament.

Sun. Oct. 8th. Blessing of Pets. 1:00 pm at St. Francis Garden.

Mon. Oct. 9th to Fri. Oct. 13. Priest Retreat. No weekday Masses at noon during this week.

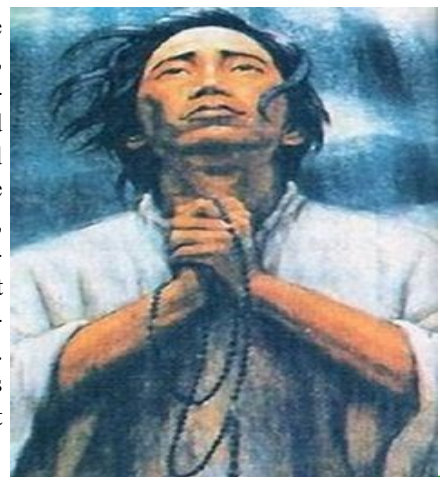
SAINT OF THE WEEK. SEP. 28TH SAINT LAWRENCE RUIZ AND COMPANIONS.

Born c.1600 at Binondo, Manila, Philippines to a Chinese father and Filipino mother, both Christians, Lorenzo learned Chinese and Tagalog at home, Spanish from the Dominicans whom he served as altar boy and sacristan. A professional calligrapher and document transcriptionist, he was a member of the Confraternity of the Holy Rosary. Married layman, he was the father of two sons and a daughter.

For unclear reasons, Lorenzo was accused of murder. He sought asylum on board a ship with three Dominican priests, Saint Antonio Gonzalez, Saint Guillermo Courtet, and Saint Miguel de Aozaraza, a Japanese priest, Saint Vicente Shiwozuka de la Cruz, and a layman named Saint Lazaro of Kyoto, a leper. Only when they were at sea did he learn that they were going to Japan during a time of intense Christian persecution.

Lorenzo could have gone to Formosa (modern Taiwan), but feared the Spaniards there would hang him, and so stayed with the missionaries as they landed at Okinawa. The group was soon exposed as Christian, arrested, and taken to Nagasaki, Japan. They were tortured in several ways for days. Lorenzo and the Japanese priest broke at one point, and were ready to renounce their faith in exchange for release, but after their moment of crisis, they reclaimed their faith and defied their tormentors. They died 29-30 September 1637 at Nagasaki, Japan by being crushed over a period of three days while hanging upside-down. Lawrence's body was burned and his ashes thrown into the Pacific Ocean. He is the first Filipino martyr to be canonized.

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SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Wednesday — Friday, 12 noon

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil at 4:30 PM

Sunday at 9:00 and 11:15 AM in English, in Spanish Mass: 2nd Sunday of the Month at 5:00 pm in the Church. 4th Saturday of the month at 7:00pm in Cachagua.

Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:30 PM and by appointment

Office Hours

Wednesday — Friday:
10 AM - 12 PM; 2 - 4 PM

The church is open Wednesday — Sunday from 10 AM to 4 PM for personal prayer.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions September 23rd – 29th 2023

Saturday Vigil Sept 23rd 4:30: + Mercedes Selis
7:00pm (Cachagua): + Ania Rojo,
+ Jose y + Salvador Cabrera,
+ Jose Leobardo Resendiz, + Blanca Estela Lopez.
Sunday Sept 24th 9:00: + Fr. Thomas Kieffer
11:15: + Katherine Lebrasseur
Wed. Sept 27th 12:00: + Fr. Peter Sanders
Thurs. Sept 28th 12:00: + Harold & Ramona Russo
Fri. Sept 29th 12:00: + Kenny Loiacono

*MAY THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL
DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF
GOD, REST IN PEACE. AMEN.*

WEEKLY COLLECTION

September 16-17, 2023

General Fund and EFT: **\$1,565.79**

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GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH*

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Music Ministry

4:30 pm Sat. Mass: Kim Hartford—Carlos Flores
9:00 am Sun. Mass: Stefania Ortiz—Richard Carr
11:15 am Sun. Mass Parish Choir

Angelica Lozano

Custodian

PARISH VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES

Pastoral Council

- Dede Woodhead (chair), Alondra Klemek (vice chair), Jeff Hawkins (secretary), Daryl Lyon, J Concepción Jara, Sean Devine, Trini Resendiz

Finance Council

- Alex Gray (chair), Jim Rice (secretary), A.B. Introcaso, Jack McAleer, Ed Quinnan

Faith Formation

- First Communion:** Susan Francks (1st year) Jennifer Bodner (2nd year). Supply teacher: Brisa Cabrera (1st year)
- Confirmation:** Tess Arthur (2nd year). Supply teacher: Alondra Klemek.
- RCIA / Adult Faith Formation:** John Condon—Derwin Borling

Bereavement Ministry:

Trudy Dowd

Manna Ministry:

Janice Hawkins

Human Trafficking

Brendan Cook

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