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Ours is a Generous God

As Americans, celebrating 250 years of its founding, one characteristic I have noticed very strong among us is a sense of justice. I mean by this that we want to see fairness in our society, and we can become very indignant if we see injustice. This, of course, within reason, is a very good characteristic of our nation. I suspect for this reason, when we read this Gospel today, our attention may be drawn to the objections of the workers who

"bore the day's burden and the heat", who received the same pay as those who worked an hour. Their objection sounds reasonable to us at first glance.

Let us, however, look at the story Jesus tells and why we should look at it in another

way. The parable is simple: a man hires workers for his vineyard at different times in the day up until and including at the last hour. When the time came to pay them, he started with the last ones hired to whom he gave the whole day's wage. When he got to the first, they thought they would receive more, but they received the same day/s wage, and they were not happy. The owner explained that they received what was just and what they had agreed to, whereas the last received from the generosity of the owner of the vineyard.

The first lesson to keep in mind, then, is what Jesus tells us in the story: we should not be upset because God is generous. This parable refers in part to the gentiles who would be invited to
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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday

7:30 am to 3:30 pm



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participate in the kingdom late in history and would receive the same benefits that the People of God, who throughout their history sought to live God’s law (with uneven results!). It can also be applied to those who through their life have not lived a Godly life, but at the end repent and receive the fruits of redemption. An example of this is the Good Thief on the cross on calvary. His turning to Christ came at the last possible minute, but the generous mercy of God extended to him with promise of being in paradise “this day”. We should rejoice in the generosity of God and not be jealous of those who receive that mercy. In the end, no one is worthy or merits the mercy of God. It is always a gift.

Another point to keep in mind while reading this Gospel is that the workers did not see in their work – hard as it was – the gift of God. They only saw the burden and did not appreciate the work itself. Sometimes we can see the grace of living a life conformed to God’s word as a burden and not as a gift. It is not good to pass our life “in idleness all day”. We must learn to see in our Christian life the gift of God’s grace that permits us to live life fully, and not as a burden that limits our life. In this way we can rejoice when anyone receives the grace of conversion, at any stage of their life, and continue to give thanks to God for his gift of salvation to us.

Fr. Peter

September 19 - September 27		
Eucharistic Celebrations:		
Saturday 19:	5:30 pm	+DANIEL GONZALES
Sunday 20:	9:00 am	+ERIC MCCONNELL
	11:00am	PRO POPULO
Monday 21:	8:00 am	NO MASS
Tuesday 22:	8:00 am	NO MASS
Wednesday 23:	8:00 am	NO MASS
Thursday 24:	8:00 am	NO MASS
Friday 25:	8:00 am	NO MASS
Saturday 26:	5:30 pm	PRO POPULO
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This week in our parish:

Monday:	8:00 am	No Mass
Tuesday:	8:00 am	No Mass
	5:30 pm	Al-Anon Meeting (Church hall)
Wednesday :	8:00 am	No Mass
	9:30 am	Madonna Guild Book Study - Hall
	11:00 am	Prayer Group - Church
Thursday:	8:00 am	No Mass
	6:00 pm	Religious Education in St. Joseph Family Center
Friday:	8:00 am	No Mass. <i>Parish Office Closed</i>

For routine, non-emergency as well as emergency care for the **sick or dying**, please contact the parish office or Fr. Peter at 928-367-2080, Monday through Thursday between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Outside of these hours, please call 928-367-1278, leave a message and we will get back as soon as possible.

PASTORAL COUNCIL: Katherine Larson; Mike Caruth; Mary Knaust; Tim Williams; Steve Vasquez; Margie Zavala; Fr. Peter Short. Next meeting: **TBD**
FINANCE COUNCIL: Don Dodge, Cathy Dodge; Don Dodson; Linda Dodson;; Larry Vicario, Fr. Peter Short. Next meeting **TBD**.

Would you like to receive the sacrament of Baptism, Reconciliation, Confirmation or Holy Communion, or would like your child to receive them? Or would you like to learn more about your faith? Come join us for an hour each week to learn and share the faith.

Religious Education meets Thursdays, at 6 pm in St. Joseph Family Center!

Fr. Peter will be out on Pilgrimage (In the Footsteps of St. Paul) from September 15 - 25. The following week, Sept 29 - October 1, the priests of the Diocese of Gallup will have their convocation. Please keep them in prayer as they seek God’s will for the Diocese in the years to come.

Our choir has openings. If you are interested contact Chris McConnell at 928-367-2080.

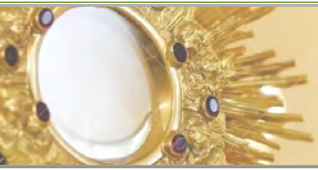
Note: Next weekend we will be taking up (officially) the Priest’s retirement fund collection. The Priest Retirement Fund envelopes are already on chairs for all Masses during the month of September. One can contribute to the collection using the envelopes at any time (or online)

What Do Their Deaths Demand? On Wednesday, September 23, at 9:30 am in the Overflow Hall, we will begin the next Madonna Book Study. Written by Bishop Barron, he explores the real stories of people persecuted for their faith and what we can do about it now. All are invited.

Saint of the week:

September 23: Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)





Join us in prayer in Eucharistic Adoration every Sunday from 8:00 am till 8:45 when there will be Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament.

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