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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Are you interested in becoming Catholic or completing your Sacraments of Initiation? OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) classes will begin this Sunday, September 20th at 3:00 PM in Graymoor Hall. Whether you are considering becoming Catholic, have questions about the Catholic faith, or need to complete your Sacraments, we invite you to join us! Please call Jason Malinsky at [910-740-7417](tel:910-740-7417) or the parish office for more information or to register.

A Special Thank You to Our Parish Family: We would like to take a moment to say a very sincere thank you to all of you for your generosity and kindness toward Land of Peace during their visit with us last weekend. Because of your generosity, the olive wood carvings from the Holy Land brought in \$6,180 in sales, along with \$85 in donations. But more importantly, your generosity is a beautiful way of showing our brothers and sisters in Christ that they are not forgotten. Your support helps them during a very difficult time, and it truly makes a difference. Land of Peace has asked us to share their heartfelt thanks and has assured us that our parish and all of you are remembered in their prayers. Thank you for opening your hearts and for being so generous. May God bless you, your families, and our entire parish family with His abundant blessings.

Un agradecimiento especial a nuestra familia parroquial: Queremos aprovechar este momento para expresarles nuestro más sincero agradecimiento a todos ustedes por su generosidad y amabilidad hacia Land of Peace durante su visita el fin de semana pasado. Gracias a su generosidad, las tallas de madera de olivo provenientes de Tierra Santa generaron 6.180 dólares en ventas, además de 85 dólares en donaciones. Pero, lo que es más importante, su generosidad es una hermosa manera de demostrarles a nuestros hermanos y hermanas en Cristo que no han sido olvidados. Su apoyo les ayuda en momentos muy difíciles y realmente marca la diferencia. Land of Peace nos ha pedido que transmitamos su profundo agradecimiento y nos ha asegurado que nuestra parroquia y todos ustedes están presentes en sus oraciones. Gracias por abrir sus corazones y por ser tan generosos. Que Dios los bendiga a ustedes, a sus familias y a toda nuestra familia parroquial con Sus abundantes bendiciones.



Fr. Ezeanokwasa will be visiting our parish this weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach, which was founded to forge a stronger and more supportive link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns serving the poor in the Caribbean, Africa, Southeast Asia, and Central and South America.

El Padre Ezeanokwasa visitará nuestra parroquia este fin de semana para hablar en todas las Misas en nombre de Cross Catholic Outreach, una organización fundada para crear un vínculo más fuerte y solidario entre las parroquias de Estados Unidos y los sacerdotes y religiosas que sirven a los pobres en el Caribe, África, el Sudeste Asiático y América Central y del Sur.

The Knights of Columbus warmly invite everyone to join us for a Wine & Cheese Auction next Saturday, September 26. The event will begin following the 5:00 PM Vigil Mass. Come enjoy an evening of fellowship and fun while supporting our Knights and parish community! We look forward to seeing you there.

Los Caballeros de Colón les invitan cordialmente a participar en una Subasta el próximo sábado 26 de septiembre. El evento comenzará después de la Misa de Vigilia de las 5:00 pm. ¡Vengan a disfrutar de una velada de compañerismo y diversión mientras apoyan a nuestros Caballeros y a la comunidad parroquial! ¡Los esperamos!

The first day of Youth Religious Education is next Sunday, September 27th at 8:45 am. We are looking forward to a wonderful year of learning and fellowship with your family!

El primer día de Educación Religiosa Juvenil, antes conocida como Catequesis, será el próximo domingo 27 de septiembre a las 8:45 am. Esperamos un año maravilloso de aprendizaje y convivencia con su familia.





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10 DE OCTUBRE DE 2026**

12:00 DEL MEDIODÍA



This week's reflection
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 20, 2026)

As I listen to the parables of Jesus, I often find myself drawn to one or another of the characters in the story. On first hearing today's parable, I can understand the complaints made by those who had worked in the hot sun all day. They had worked long and hard and they were the last to be paid. That must have been hard enough, but when they finally got their wages - disappointment and anger - they got the same wage as those who had only worked an hour. This was obviously unfair treatment; they deserved more. As I listened a second time, I could imagine the surprise and joy the last group hired must have felt when they got a full day's wage. They must have had broad smiles on their faces as they greeted the last group to be paid. I can almost hear them saying, "Suckers."

As I listened a third time, Jesus' closing words struck me: "Thus, the last shall be first and the first shall be last." That just doesn't seem fair at all. Jesus is drawing our attention to the words of the prophet Isaiah: "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord." Our God treats us with generous mercy - outrageously generous mercy - much like the owner of the vineyard. And he reminds us: "I am free to do as I please with my mercy, am I not? Or are you envious because I choose to be generous?"

None of us would argue with God's desire to be generous with his mercy; all of us sinners are benefiting from it. The real challenge comes when Jesus tells us: "Be compassionate as my heavenly Father is compassionate." Compassion is not measured by justice, what others might deserve; rather compassion is measured by love. This is how our Father has treated us. In order to be compassionate as Jesus asks us to be, we must learn to develop the sight of God - seeing others as his children who are loved just because they are his children. As generous as God's compassion is to us, so our compassion must be toward anyone in need - even if they haven't worked as hard as we have to be like Jesus.

Generous compassion is how we conduct ourselves in a way worthy of the good news that Jesus has revealed to us. Let us try to be such good news to others.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Readings and Masses for the Week ~ Year A
Lecturas y Misas de la Semana ~ Año A

Saturday (September 19th) Mass 5:00 pm **For the People**

Sunday (September 20th) **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Misa 7:20 am (+Christopher Joaquin Diaz y Sandra Joaquin Diaz)
Mass 10:30 am (Deceased members of Robbin Barnhill's Family)
Misa 12:30 pm (Por el pueblo)
Is 55:6-9 Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 Phil 1:20c-24, 27a Mt 20:1-16a

Monday (September 21st) **SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST**
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Ps 19:2-5 Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday (September 22nd)
Weekday [25]
Prv 21:1-6, 10-13 Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44 Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday (September 23rd) **Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**
Mass 12:00 Noon (Deceased members of Robbin Barnhill's family)
Prv 30:5-9 Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 Lk 9:1-6

Thursday (September 24th)
Weekday [25] Mass 12:00 noon (Healing & strength for Christine & Mark Joray)
Eccl 1:2-11 Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc Lk 9:7-9

Friday (September 25th)
Weekday [25] Mass 12:00 noon (+Victoria Ashton)
Eccl 3:1-11 Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4 Lk 9:18-22

Saturday (September 26th) **Saints Cosmas and Damian, Marytrs;**
Weekday [25]
Eccl 11:9—12:8 Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17 Lk 9:43b-45

September 12th & 13th, 2026
24th Sunday in Ordinary

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Happy Birthday Blessings
Bendiciones de Feliz Cumpleaños
September 20 - 26, 2026

Myrtle Ann Gudauskas, Amberlyn Delong, Cristian Maldonado-Ortiz, Robbin Barnhill, Autumn Rossi, Yovanny Basilio, Kevin Limonteco A, Logan Kreutzer, Mia Rackel, Annalise Stremich, Cristina Perez, Elmer Mauricio Baltazar, Maura Gomez Nava, Jossie Solis Robinson, Alexa Rojas Aguilar, Collin Atkinson, Keyla Gomez de la Cruz, Mrs Dieulimene Piervelus and Uriel Juries

In Need of Prayer/En necesidad de oración: David & Rhonda Martin, Sandra Rodríguez, Dr. Jerry Devine, Renete Cortez, Lupita Flores Castellano, Fabien, Shelby Young, Cathy Cartrette, Doris Schneider, Doris Warwick, Carolyn Wilkerson, Michelle & James White, Joan Van Huesen, Noelia Powell, Joel Rivera, Kathy Geibert, Mary Lee Wadrose, Juanita Mishoe, Sr Marta Castrejon Flores, Annette Dent, Neal Frazier, Victor Dorais, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, The Dana Family, Rosario Reantaso, Allie Rogers, Lou Rastelli, The Bowen Family, Michael Charkey, Marion Sherman, Jimmy & Marie Davis, Joanne Hayes, Ruth Keen, Myrtle Gudauskas, Valyanna Quarshie, Suzanne Snow, Mary Ann Dysard, Lily DeVillez, Karen Livermore, Therese Morel, Jose Salazar, Christine Joray, Brandon and Lani Beckwith.

Sick and Homebound/Enfermos y confinados en casa: Lydia Yarborough, Josette Terry, Gladys Ortiz, Peggy Malinsky, Lorraine Sinclair, and Rita Delong

Nursing Homes/Residencias de Ancianos: Mary Hammonds and Therese Morel at Wesley Pines (Lumberton), Elisabeth Oxendine at Carrolton Nursing Home (Fayetteville) and Michael Bagato at Harborview (Lumberton).

Recently Deceased/Recientemente fallecidos:

*Please notify the office if there is someone you would like us to add to our prayer list. *
Por favor notifique a la oficina si hay alguien que le gustaría que agreguemos a nuestra lista de oración.



There will be an important meeting of all Liturgical Commission Heads in the St. Jane de Chantal House on Tuesday, October 6th.

Habr  una reuni n importante de todos los responsables de las comisiones lit rgicas en la casa de Santa Juana de Chantal el martes 6 de octubre.

Reflexi n de la semana
XXV Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario (20 de septiembre de 2026)

Al escuchar las par bolas de Jes s, a menudo me siento atra do por alguno de los personajes de la historia. Al o r por primera vez la par bola de hoy, comprendo las quejas de quienes trabajaron todo el d a bajo un sol abrasador. Hab an trabajado mucho y arduamente, y fueron los  ltimos en cobrar. Eso ya deb o de ser duro de por s , pero cuando finalmente recibieron su paga —entre la decepci n y el enfado—, obtuvieron el mismo salario que aquellos que solo hab an trabajado una hora. Era un trato obviamente injusto; merec an m s.

Al escucharla por segunda vez, pude imaginar la sorpresa y la alegr a que deb o sentir el  ltimo grupo contratado al recibir el salario de una jornada completa. Seguramente luc an amplias sonrisas al saludar al  ltimo grupo que iba a cobrar. Casi puedo o rlos decir: « Qu  pardillos! ».

Al escucharla por tercera vez, me impactaron las palabras finales de Jes s: «As , los  ltimos ser n los primeros y los primeros ser n los  ltimos ». Eso no parece justo en absoluto. Jes s dirige nuestra atenci n a las palabras del profeta Isa as: «Mis pensamientos no son vuestros pensamientos, ni vuestros caminos son mis caminos —dice el Se or— ». Nuestro Dios nos trata con una misericordia generosa —una misericordia escandalosamente generosa—, muy parecida a la del due o de la vi a. Y nos recuerda: « No tengo libertad para hacer lo que quiera con mi misericordia?  O es que tienes envidia porque decido ser generoso? ». Ninguno de nosotros cuestionar a el deseo de Dios de ser generoso con su misericordia; todos nosotros, pecadores, nos beneficiamos de ella. El verdadero desaf o surge cuando Jes s nos dice: «Sed compasivos, como mi Padre celestial es compasivo ». La compasi n no se mide por la justicia ni por lo que otros puedan merecer; la compasi n se mide por el amor.

As  es como nos ha tratado nuestro Padre. Para ser compasivos como Jes s nos pide, debemos aprender a desarrollar la mirada de Dios: ver a los dem s como hijos suyos, amados simplemente por el hecho de ser sus hijos. As  como la compasi n de Dios hacia nosotros es generosa, tambi n debe serlo nuestra compasi n hacia cualquier persona necesitada, incluso si no se ha esforzado tanto como nosotros por parecerse a Jes s. La compasi n generosa es la manera de comportarnos dignamente ante la buena noticia que Jes s nos ha revelado. Procuremos ser nosotros mismos esa buena noticia para los dem s.

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