



**THOUGHT'S ON TODAY'S READINGS**

If you have ever felt that others got more than they deserved, or that you deserve more than you get, today's parable is not going to make you happy. An understandable reaction would be: "It's not fair!"

How can the landowner give the same wage to those who worked a few hours as he gives to those exhausted from a full day's work? But, Jesus is not giving a lesson on being fair or on good labor relations. This is a kingdom of heaven parable. All who seek the kingdom of heaven will get their heart's desire: life in God. Jesus' story invites us to know the extraordinary generosity of God beyond expectation; both as recipients and mediator to others. How do you find joy in God's generosity?

*"My thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord."  
Isaiah 55:8*

**SPONSORS FOR OUR BULLETIN**

Because our weekly parish bulletin can no longer be paid by ads on the back page, we are hoping to help defray this expense by asking parishioners to come forward each week with a donation of **\$70.00**. Sponsoring the bulletin can be written in three ways: (1) This week's bulletin is sponsored by (name of sponsor) or (2) This week's bulletin is sponsored in memory of (a deceased loved one) or (3) This week's bulletin is sponsored in memory of (a deceased loved one) by (name of sponsor or sponsors). Call the parish office if you wish to help.

**2020 CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL**

*Faith and Good Works*

A sincere THANK YOU to all who have already contributed to the CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL in our parish, and thank you from all those who will benefit from your generosity. If you have not yet contributed, please do so now. Your gift or pledge is greatly needed and appreciated. Catholic Charity envelopes can be found in the church and put in the collection basket or returned to the Parish Office.

*"He who has compassion on the poor, lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his good deed."  
Proverbs 19:17*



**Wedding Anniversary Celebration  
25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> & over 50 Years of Marriage**

The Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment would like to acknowledge couples in the Diocese of Providence, whose marriage is recognized by Church, celebrating 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, and over wedding anniversaries in 2020. Due to the COVID-19 health restrictions, Mass will not be celebrated at the Cathedral this year. Please call the Parish Office to register for an Anniversary Certificate from Bishop Thomas Tobin, which will be mailed to your home.

**IN LIEU OF FLOWERS** - Frequently, when a loved one dies, family members encourage donations to various organizations in their memory, in lieu of flowers. Donations to St. Bartholomew Parish is another way to honor the lives and faith of those who have gone before us. All donations are gratefully received and acknowledged. Also, remember your deceased relatives and friends by having a Mass celebrated for the repose of their soul, or making a donation for a weekly sanctuary candle or the bread and wine used in the Sacrifice of the Mass.

**MASSES FOR**

**SEPTEMBER 21 - 27, 2020**

*Every Mass is offered for the faithful, living or dead.  
However the following are specifically remembered this week.*

**Monday, September 21**

7:30 am - Intentions of Parishioners

7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

**Tuesday, September 22**

7:30 am - Intention of Priest Celebrant

**Wednesday, September 23**

7:30 am - Intentions of Parishioners

6:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration - Spanish

7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

**Thursday, September 24**

7:30 am - Intentions of Parishioners

**Friday, September 25**

7:30 am - Intention of Priest Celebrant

3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet

7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

**Saturday, September 26**

8:00 am - Intentions of Parishioners

**LORD'S DAY MASSES**

**Saturday, September 26**

**5:00 pm**

Jimmy & Cathy Ahearn - Christina Pagliarini -  
Joseph Riccardi - Lorraine Romano by Gloria

**6:30 pm** - Mass in Spanish

**Sunday, September 27**

**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 am**

James Iacobucci by wife & family

**9:30 am** - Mass in Spanish

**11:30 am**

Maria Annina & Antonio Marinucci  
by Peter & Lillian  
Deceased of the Nascenzi Family  
by Domenic

**Sanctuary Candle &  
Altar Bread & Wine:**

James Iacobucci by wife & family

**+ Died in Christ +**

Martin L. Abreu, Jr.

Sophie Flori

**Baptized in Christ**

Charlotte Ann Cicchitelli

**+ WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT +**

What Our Lord Asks Is Not Equal Gifts - But Equal Sacrifice.  
(Increased Giving Campaign)

**Weekend of September 12 & 13**

Church Collections & Mail-in Budgets

\$4,167.00

*Reflection*

*In our society today's Gospel may seem strange. We expect higher compensation for all we do. There is nothing wrong with receiving a just wage. However, the life of faith does not work the same way as economics does. Our faith is a gift, salvation is a gift, our very life is a gift. Our acts of service should be acts of gratitude for all God has given us.*