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

We invite our parishioners and friends to participate in the ceremony known as the Blessing of the Animals, a beautiful tradition honoring the special bond between humans and their animal companions. This event usually takes place on the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals.

During the ceremony, we will bless our beloved pets with holy water, expressing our gratitude to God for the joy they bring into our lives.

Children are encouraged to bring their favorite "stuffed animal" to receive a blessing as well!

This year's Blessing of the Animals will be held on:
Saturday, October 3rd at 11:00 AM.

+ CATECHETICAL SUNDAY +

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me… to bring good news to the poor" *(Luke 4:18; cf. Isaiah 61:1)*

On **Sunday, September 20th,** the parishes of our Diocese will join with the Church throughout the United States in observing Catechetical Sunday. Our sincere appreciation goes out to all who are involved in parish CCD Religious Education: to those men and women who "teach as Jesus did" by sharing and spreading our Catholic faith with God's children, teenagers and adults, with love and by Christian example following the light of Christ. All are encouraged to share in this religious ministry through prayer.

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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MASSES FOR SEPTEMBER 21 - 27, 2026

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

Monday, September 21
7:30 am – In Honor of St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

Tuesday, September 22
7:30 am – Intentions of Parishioners

Wednesday, September 23
7:30 am – Intention of Priest Celebrant

Thursday, September 24
7:30 am – Ronald F. Romano – Month Mind Remembrance

Friday, September 25
7:30 am – Paul Gallo – Birthday Remembrance by Family
3:00 pm – Divine Mercy Chaplet

Saturday, September 26
8:00 am – In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary

SANCTUARY CANDLE & ALTAR BREAD & WINE:

In Memory Of
Flaminia Mancini
Birthday Remembrance

Baptized in Christ: Magnolia Grace Corcoran

THE NATIONAL SHRINE of OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE

Retreat Center Presents:
La Salette – Dukcevich Lecture Series
FAITH AFTER CHRISTENDOM:
Catholic Identity & Public Witness in a Secular Age

November 7, 2026 at 10:00 AM
Speaker: Brother Guy Consolmagno, S.J.
"When Awe and Wonder Break Through: How Astonishment and Beauty Awaken Faith"
www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org

Free tickets are available by calling the St. Bartholomew Parish Office

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday, September 26

5:00 pm
Brian A. Coulter & Maddox Brian Orsini
by Isabelle & Aunt
For a Special Intention by Vincent

Sunday, September 27
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am
Intentions of Parishioners

11:30 am
Living & Deceased Members of the St. Bartholomew's Mens' & Womens' Association
Elizabeth (Lesina) Archetto – Birthday Remembrance by granddaughter Donna
In Honor of Madonna Della Consolazione. IMO Josephine Masso, Margaret DelSesto, Jean Lanzi, Jean Pattek, Susan Lennon, & Donna Lanzi by Family

The **Sanctuary Candle** is a symbol of the sacramental presence of Jesus reserved in the Tabernacle. For a donation of $10.00 the Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of a deceased loved for one week. The same will be for the **Altar Bread and Wine** presented at the Offertory during Mass. Please call the Parish Office to schedule a date.

WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT

Church Collections & Mail-in Budgets

September 12 & 13, 2026: $5,967.00

Thank you for your generosity & support!

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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 by sponsoring the bulletin with a donation of **$40.00.** Please call the parish office if you wish to help.

Misas en Español
Lunes, Miércoles y Viernes 7:00 pm
Sábado 6:30 pm -- Domingo 9:30 am & 7:00 pm
N.B. Miércoles a las 5:30 pm Adoración
Confesiones los Miercoles en español 6 a 6:45 pm

Bautismos OCT 31
Debe registrarse **3 semanas antes** de la fecha

PENSAMIENTOS SOBRE LAS LECTURAS DE HOY

Si alguna vez has sentido que otros recibieron más de lo que merecían, o que tú mereces más de lo que recibes, la parábola de hoy no te hará feliz. Una reacción comprensible sería: "¡No es justo!"

¿Cómo puede el terrateniente dar el mismo salario a quienes trabajaron unas pocas horas que a los agotados tras una jornada entera de trabajo? Pero Jesús no está dando una lección sobre ser justo ni sobre buenas relaciones laborales. Esta es una parábola del reino de los cielos. Todos los que buscan el reino de los cielos obtendrán el deseo de su corazón: la vida en Dios. La historia de Jesús nos invita a conocer la extraordinaria generosidad de Dios más allá de toda expectativa; tanto como receptores como mediadores para otros. ¿Cómo se encuentra alegría en la generosidad de Dios?

"Mis pensamientos no son tus pensamientos, ni tus caminos son mis caminos, dice el Señor." Isaías 55:8

Invitamos a nuestros feligreses y amigos a participar en la ceremonia conocida como la Bendición de los Animales, una hermosa tradición que honra el vínculo especial entre los humanos y sus compañeros animales. Este evento suele celebrarse en la festividad de San Francisco de Asís, patrón de los animales.

Durante la ceremonia, bendeciremos a nuestras queridas mascotas con agua bendita, expresando nuestro agradecimiento a Dios por la alegría que traen a nuestras vidas.

¡Se anima a los niños a traer su "peluche" favorito para recibir una bendición también!

La Bendición de los Animales de este año se celebrará el siguiente:
Sábado, 3 de octubre a las 11:00 AM.

nuestra finalidad es Evangelizar por medio de nuestra música y programación. sin fines de lucro, de Rhode

+ DOMINGO CATECÉTICO +

"El Espíritu del Señor está sobre mí... para traer buenas noticias a los pobres" *(Lucas 4:18; cf. Isaías 61:1)*

El **domingo 21 de septiembre,** las parroquias de nuestra Diócesis se unirán a la Iglesia de todo Estados Unidos para observar el Domingo Catéquético. Nuestro sincero agradecimiento va a todos los que participan en la Educación Religiosa del CCD parroquial: a aquellos hombres y mujeres que "enseñan como lo hizo Jesús" compartiendo y difundiendo nuestra fe católica con los hijos, adolescentes y adultos de Dios, con amor y con ejemplo cristiano, siguiendo la luz de Cristo. Se anima a todos a compartir este ministerio religioso a través de la oración.

Oremos por los catequistas, convocados para anunciar la Palabra de Dios: que sean sus testigos, con valentía y creatividad y en el poder del Espíritu Santo.

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