

SEPTEMBER 23 & 24, 2023
XXV SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



October:
Month of the Holy Rosary

In today's Gospel, Jesus moves from Galilee to teach in Judea where he is sought out by great crowds and tested by the Pharisees on issues such as marriage and divorce. Jesus also encounters a rich young man, who is unable to accept Jesus' demand that he leaves his possessions to follow him. Jesus' response to the rich young man sounds very much like the conclusion we will find in today's Gospel: *the first will be last and the last will be first.*

On the surface, 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.

October is a week away and on October 7th, the Church celebrates the feast day of Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary. The feast day was established by Pope Saint Pius V on the anniversary of the victory at Lepanto on October 7, 1571. The naval victory was attributed to the Virgin Mary whose intercession was entreated through the recitation of the Holy Rosary.

The Church then proceeded to dedicate the entire month of October to the Holy Rosary so that individuals, families, and communities would pray the Holy Rosary, if possible, on a daily basis for peace in the world. *"Not only do we earnestly exhort all Christians to give themselves to the recital of the pious devotion of the Rosary publicly, or privately in their own house and family, and that unceasingly, but we also desire that the whole of the month of October (in this year) should be consecrated to the Holy Queen of the Rosary"* (Pope Leo XII; *On Devotion of the Rosary, September 1, 1883*).

"Because Mary is our mother, devotion to her teaches us to be authentic sons: to love truly, without limit; to be simple, without the complications which come from selfishly thinking only about ourselves; to be happy, knowing that nothing can destroy our hope. 'The beginning of the way, at the end of which you will find yourself completely carried away by love for Jesus, is a trusting love for Mary.' I wrote that many years ago, in the introduction to a short book on the rosary, and since then, I have often experienced the truth of those words. I am not going to complete that thought here with all sorts of reasons. I invite you to discover it for yourself, showing your love for Mary, opening your heart to her, confiding to her your joys and sorrows, asking her to help you recognize and follow Jesus" (St. Josemaria Escriva; *Christ is Passing By*, no. 143).

**WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL OF YOU TO
JOIN US IN PRAYING THE ROSARY FROM
SUNDAY – FRIDAY AT 5PM
IN THE CHURCH.**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SEMI ANNUAL TRI-TIP ROAST SALE

ROASTS ARE MARINATED, BBQ'D, AND READY TO EAT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023
FROM NOON – 4PM
ORDER BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2023
PRE-SALE ONLY
EACH ROAST \$35.00

YOU CAN PLACE ORDERS BY CALLING STEVE BEEMAN AT 707-480-4614, DAVE SWENSEN AT 707-489-3028 OR THE PARISH OFFICE AT 707-964-0229 OR BY EMAIL AT olgcinfb@gmail.com

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS TREAT!

Off To A Flying Start At SJSDR Catholic School

The students of SJSDR are back at school bringing lots of enthusiasm with them for a fun-filled year. Whether they are learning about the migratory path of birds in science class or reading the story of the founding of the United States of America as one nation under God, all the students are full of curiosity and excitement to learn that is contagious!

Would you be willing to support the children of our parish? Your donation of \$25, \$50, or \$100 a month makes it possible for us to continue providing the children you see here at Mass an exceptional education - one which will help them grow in love of God and develop moral virtues. Your donation will help buy books, science materials, playground equipment and so much more! You can mail your check, made out to OLG-School, to 255 S Harold St. Fort Bragg CA 95437 or click on the **ParishSOFT** link on our website. Check out our new website to see photos and news throughout the year: sjdrsc.com

We are still accepting new students in grades K-4. Come see what your child can do when we expect more!

Notice of School Student Non-Discriminatory Policy

The school, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students regardless of race, color, national origin, and/or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, medical condition, sex, or national and/or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies and practices, scholarship programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs, although certain athletic leagues and other programs may limit participation.

While the school does not discriminate against students with special needs, a full range of services may not always be available to them. Decisions concerning the admission and continued enrollment of a student in the school are based upon the student's emotional, academic, and physical abilities and the resources available to the school in meeting the student's needs.



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul District Council of Sonoma County is hosting a Retreat:

"Journey Together Towards Holiness".

All are welcome.

Tuesday, September 26th.

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Holy Spirit Church,

1244 St. Francis Rd. Santa Rosa, CA

For more information please contact:

jimandchrisnanman@gmail.com or call 650-274-9941.

MASS INTENTIONS SEPTEMBER 23 - 29, 2023

Saturday (23)	5:00pm	Fred & Clara White † Thomas Galemba † Bernardo Martínez †
	6:30pm	José María Jara † Victor Martín & Raquel Dzul † Oscar Tamayo † Antonio & Kirsty Rentería (wedding) Leticia Rentería (b-day)
Sunday (24)	8:00am	Clara White †
	10:00am	Missa pro populo
Monday (25)	—	NO MASS
Tuesday (26)	12:05pm	David Lotten (healing)
Wednesday (27)	12:05pm	Mat Yager (healing)
Thursday (28)	12:05pm	OPEN INTENTION
Friday (29)	12:05pm	José Marañón †

WEEKLY COLLECTION

SEPTEMBER 16 & 17, 2023...\$2,611.00

DIOCESAN SEMINARIANS...\$846.00

**THIS WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR
SACRISTY RENOVATION**

**NEXT WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR
LIABILITY INSURANCE**

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT & CHRISTIAN GENEROSITY!!

LET'S PRAY FOR ALL OUR FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Jovany Baez, Justin Merfle, María de la Luz Ramírez, Rebeca Sánchez, José Araiza, Jr., Marina González, Alondra Jara, Sonia Jara, Matt Mills & Jared Schroeder.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Carole Shoptaw, Gina Pivrotto, Antonia Rentería, Angie Gómez, Judy Halren, Rose Cortez, Fidela Jara, Felix Santillán, Martha Sánchez, Gerardo Escobedo, Angie Freitas, Russel Bryant, Derrick Heater, Ann Gallagher, Brianna Lopez, Margaret Milliken, Gina Pivrotto, Nick Quin, Mary Servis, Matty Walker, Ofelia Ybarra.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

When a parishioner is homebound or hospitalized and would like Father Pacheco to pay them a visit to receive Holy Communion and/or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office at 707-964-0229 and after office hours, please call 707-813-4188.



Holy Hour

Come spend time in the presence of Jesus.

EVERY THURSDAY @ 11:00AM, WE HAVE THE EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOLLOWED BY MASS AT 12:05PM.



IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH, ON THE SOUTHERN WALL IS A BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL TREE. ITS BRIGHT LEAVES REPRESENT PERMANENT MEMORIALS TO THE DEPARTED OF OUR PARISH. FOR THE SUM OF \$200.00, YOU CAN GIVE TO THE PARISH SECRETARY, THE CORRECT SPELLING AND DATES OF THE DEPARTED AND IN DUE TIME THE LEAF IS PRINTED AND ATTACHED TO THE TREE, AS A PERMANENT REMINDER OF A LOVED ONE WHO IS GONE. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 707-964-0229.



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Thanking and blessing you for your kindness.

To get started, you can visit our Parish’s new giving page at olgcinfb.org.

From this link you will be allowed to manage your own account online, set up gifts on a schedule that you choose, and can be set up with a credit card, debit card, checking or savings account!

If you have any questions, please, contact the Parish Office at 964-0229.