

Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Community

*We come together in our common faith as God's Holy People.
Strengthened by the Word of God and His sacraments,
we go forth in faith to love and serve one another.*

Funny, Isn't It?

In today's gospel the workers who were hired in the morning complained and protested that they were paid the same wage as those hired in the afternoon. "A gross injustice and it is unfair!" they complained. But is there an injustice happened? Legally, there is none because the agreement was covered by a personal contract. There was mutual agreement between the workers and the employer on the wage. He agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day and he fulfilled it. We should keep in mind if we reflect on today's gospel. The gospel passage is not about justice and social injustice. If we do, it doesn't work especially in business; otherwise, the owner can expect labor unrests and possible strikes among his regular employees. The gospel passage is about God's generosity. It is because if we talk about justice and demand for it later of what we do here on earth, all of us will end up outside God's kingdom. It is because the bad things we have done cannot compensate the good things we do.

What the Lord meant by His words is that all men hired at five o'clock in the afternoon received cash from the landowner not as a payment for the work they had done but that the landowner wanted to give a gift to them and so it is with God. We will inherit eternal life not because it is God's reward to us for not violating the Ten Commandments, for praying regularly, for going to Mass everyday, for helping the poor and the needy. Eternal life is not a reward but because God is so generous, it is God's gift to us.

So what should be our response as sinful children of God? We should be grateful to Him. We should show our gratitude by doing the things that are God's. But are we really grateful to Him or ungrateful? We seldom thank God, why? And so let us reflect this reflection too entitled, *Funny, Isn't It*, that I read by an unknown author. It runs this way:

Funny how a twenty dollar bill looks so big when you take it to church, but so small when you shop at Walmart, Wegmans or fill up on Gas.

Funny how long it takes to serve God for an hour, but how quickly a team plays 60 minutes of basketball.

Funny how long a couple of hours spent at church are, but how short they are when watching a movie.

Funny how we can't think of anything to say when we pray, but don't have difficulty thinking of things to talk about to a friend.

Funny how we get thrilled when a baseball game goes into extra innings, but we complain when a sermon is longer than the regular time.

Funny how hard it is to read a chapter in the Bible, but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a best-selling novel.

Funny how people want to get a front seat at any game or concert, but scramble to get a backseat in church.

Funny how we need 2 or 3 weeks advance notice to fit a church event into our schedule, but can adjust our schedule for a last minute party.

Funny how hard it is for people to learn a simple gospel well enough to tell others, but how simple it is for the same people to understand and repeat gossip.

Funny how we believe what the newspaper says, but question what the Bible says.

Funny how everyone wants to go to heaven provided they do not have to believe, or think, or say, or do anything.

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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9-20-2020

**Ordinary Time
Mass Schedule**
*(see inside for any
Holy Day schedule
changes)*

Daily Mass

St. Michael

**M, T, Th, &F @8am
Wednesday - Noon**

and

St. Januarius

M/T/Th @8am

Weekend Mass

Saturday

**5pm - St. Michael
&**

Sunday

**9:30 am - St. Michael
10 am - St. Januarius**

**Facebook - [https://
www.facebook.com/
ourladyofthelakescc/](https://www.facebook.com/ourladyofthelakescc/)**

**Volunteers to sanitize
Church after Mass
urgently needed.
Contact the Parish
Office to volunteer.**

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Streaming Mass Schedule

<https://www.facebook.com/ourladyofthelakescc/>

- Daily Mass - 8 am M/T/Th/Fr
- Saturday - 5 pm at St. Michael
- Sunday - 9:30 am at St. Michael; or 10 am at St. Januarius

Mass Intentions

To request Mass intention please call Parish Office

**Sanitization Volunteers after Mass needed.
Contact the Parish Office to volunteer.**

Sunday 9/20/2020 9:30am @ St. M 10am @ St. J	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>(St M) † Jerry Golden by Michelle Swartout</i> <i>(St J) intention available</i> Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection
Monday 9/21/2020 8am @ St. J & St. M	St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist <i>(St J) † David Schmitz by Gary Schmitz family</i> <i>(St M) † Nancy McPherson by Homer McPherson</i>
Tuesday 9/22/2020 8am @ St. J & St. M	<i>(St J) intention available</i> <i>(St M) intention available</i>
Wednesday 9/23/2020 Noon @ St. M	St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest <i>(St M) † Corrine Stork by Larzelere family</i>
Thursday 9/24/2020 8am @ St. J & St. M	<i>(St J) intention available</i> <i>(St M) Lois Christensen "Birthday" by family</i>
Friday 9/25/2020 8am @ St. M	<i>(St M) † King Brennan by family</i>
Saturday 9/26/2020 5pm @ St. M	<i>(St M) † "Molly" Sujan by Anne & Kent Salisbury</i>
Sunday 9/27/2020 9:30am @ St. M 10am @ St. J	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>(St M) † John & Polly Sheridan by family</i> <i>(St J) † Joe & Marie Kopylczak</i> <i>by Calvin & Theresa Barnes</i>

Prayer requests:

Mateo Tobar / Casey Doran / Dolores Lang / Maureen Doran Hendrix / Mary Doran / Kathy Stowell / Paul Hines / Daniel Ramirez / Marc DeMoras / Baby Claire Elizabeth / Sue Hanchowski / Cynthia Thompson / Baby Harper / Dave Grover / Laura Baum / Frank Stowger / Kathy Haight / Mickie Christensen / Patricia Curtin / Evie Worth

(Please contact the parish office via phone or email to update/add/delete names from the prayer listing.)



Please review our protocols and procedures for attending Mass during this pandemic on our Facebook Page

<https://ourladyofthelakescc.org/bulletins-and-news/>

If you have any questions or to receive a copy of these guidelines by mail, please contact the parish office at 315-536-7459.

REMEMBER IF YOU ARE AT RISK, YOU ARE NOT UNDER THE OBLIGATION OF ATTENDING MASS.

If you are in disagreement with these mandatory guidelines please continue to worship at home.

To reserve your spot(s) at Weekend Mass 315-536-7459

Call the office to reserve spots for multiple weeks in advance.

If you have not been receiving the weekly email with the bulletin, or would like to receive a mailed bulletin, please contact the office so that we can get you on our mailing / emailing list.

OUR LADY OF THE LAKES CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Come to worship the Lord

THURSDAYS AFTER 8:00 A.M. MASS UNTIL NOON

At St. Michael's Church in Penn Yan

Starting September 24, 2020

To volunteer to assist please contact Fr. Jorge (fr.jorge.ramirez) or M. Hanchowski (flxgrl@earthlink.net)

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 20, 2020

Reading I: Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145: 2-3, 8-9, 17-18

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

Every day will I bless you, and I will praise your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD and highly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable. **R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.**

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. The LORD is good to all and compassionate toward all his works. **R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.**

The LORD is just in all his ways and holy in all his works. The LORD is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth. **R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.**

Reading II: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Brothers and sisters: Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. And I do not know which I shall choose. I am caught between the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit. Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16a

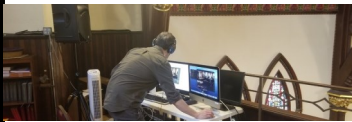
Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o'clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.' So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o'clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.' When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.' When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.' He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Download more questions and activities at <http://www.ltp.org/ahw>

◆ **Adult Faith Sharing** - ◆ The compelling story of the landowner and the laborers is designed to jar us, just as it jarred the listeners of Jesus' day. What can we learn about the qualities of God from this story? ◆ So often, we make decisions about who is "in" and who is "out," and we justify them with good evidence. Can you think of any times you have done this? Who are the people society judges as "in" or "out," or that your church community judges "in" or "out"? Take action on behalf of an outsider this week.

◆ **Family Faith** - ◆ Jesus says, "the last will be first and the first will be last." Have you ever been in first place? In last place? What does that feel like? How would this message have felt to those who were listening to him? ◆ Have you ever said, "That's not fair!?" Why is fairness important? Is God fair in this story? Why or why not? Have a conversation!

◆ **Christian Initiate** - ◆ Isaiah reminds the people (and us) that we will not always understand the ways of God. Has this been your experience? How? When? Why is this an important truth for faithful people to embrace? ◆ This parable, which is about God's unreasonable goodness and generosity, reminds us that no matter when we come to God, we receive the fullness of his love, his grace, and his promise. What does this mean to you as someone who was initiated as an adult? Share your thoughts with one another. If not, share them in your journal or with a friend.



Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Community needs your help. The parish, since this pandemic started, has

been streaming the Eucharist through our facebook page @ourladyofthelakescc.

The parish invested in a new camera to continue to stream the Masses at St. Michael's Church, even when the pandemic is over. Therefore, we need some volunteers who will help us to operate the equipment we use to stream the Masses.

If you want to help us in this project, please call the parish office 315.536.7459 or called Fr. George 315.878.3332 or email him fr.jorge.ramirez@dor.org. We really appreciate your help.

We celebrate Catechetical Sunday this weekend. We especially honor our parents/grandparents, Catholic school teachers and those who help with the RCIA. All of us have a role in sharing the faith by virtue of our Baptisms. Our words, works and example are ways that others will notice our relationship with God. Take a minute to thank God for calling you and ask Him to help you and others as we grow in knowledge, love and service.

Pope Francis's Guide to Catholic Social Teaching

Principle 2: Preferential Treatment of the Poor: Those who are on the margins and the most vulnerable should be taken care of first.

"This is not a political option; nor is it an ideological option, a party option... no. The preferential option for the poor is at the center of the Gospel." Pope Francis

Our society values independence to such a degree that we tend to blame those on the margins for their position there, never recognizing the structures that placed or keep them there. Jesus is our prime example of how to act. "He stood among the sick, the poor, the excluded, showing them God's merciful love." (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2444). He took risks to be near to the poor. "Sharing with the poor means mutual enrichment. And, if there are unhealthy social structures that prevent them from dreaming of the future, we must work together to heal them, to change them." (EVANGELII GAUDIUM #195) Within the frame of the pandemic, Pope Francis said, "Today we have an opportunity to create something different: an ethically sound economy, centered on persons, especially the poor, in recognition of their innate human dignity." Pope Francis calls us to create an economy that truly lifts up those in need and turns away from an economy that focuses only on profits at the expense of workers and the environment. What risks will we take to accomplish this?

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Funny how you can send a thousand jokes through e-mail and they spread like wildfire, But when you start sending message how many on your list are not receiving it Because you are not sure they believe in anything.

FUNNY, ISN'T IT? Spread the WORD and give thanks to the LORD for HE is GOOD!

You only have ONE life, LIVE IT TO THE FULLEST!!!

Well, anyway this is just a reminder of our ingratitude to God. Actually its main focus is not on the laborers which ourselves have done but on the landowner who is God. That our God is just to those he hired first, because he gave to them what is due them. But He is generous beyond all expectations to those who came late. That His Kingdom is open, not only to those who seem most undeserving, but also to many, who to us, seem utterly undeserving.

Respectfully submitted by Deacon Tim

On the News & Events page of our website, you will now find links to newsletters, like "The Family Zone," "Justice, Peace & Life," Helping People Help Themselves" and soon "Salt & Light" and "Open Wide Our Hearts." Posts to our Facebook page will let you know when a new issue is available.

Ave Maria Press offers other free topics in the series, "Ave Explores." They include: Faith in Action, Art in Architecture, Stress, Anxiety & Mental Health, Mary, the Synod on Youth and Vocational Discernment and Lent. Find them all here: <https://www.avemariapress.com/aveexplores-series>

Want to know God better through His Word? The Family Bible Challenge is a competition between our diocese and that of Bridgeport, CT. Anyone who wants to participate will get a free Bible (1/family), access to videos, quizzes and more! It begins in October, but to make sure we have enough Bibles, register your

Sept. 19/20, collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. The campaign addresses the root causes of poverty in America by supporting community-controlled, self-help organization of low-income people. Here in our Diocese, four life-changing community organizations have been approved for major CCHD national grants. They include a farmworker organization, a workers' center, a land trust of low-income people becoming homeowners in inner city Rochester, and a refugee organization empowering their members to know their rights as tenants. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund smaller, local anti-poverty projects. By supporting this collection, you are giving people on the margins a hand up, not a handout.

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New Parishioner
Baptism
Anointing of the Sick
Marriage
Holy Orders

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during non business hours
call 1-607-279-3750
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