Laborers in the Vineyard MATTHEW 20:1-16 Jesus used many commonplace things to teach spiritual lessons

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time~Year A** Diocesan Theme: **The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World** 

"Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience ...above all, clothe yourselves with love!" (*Colossians 3.12, 14*) Parish Mission Statement: "LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, MAKE DISCIPLES"



Saturday, September 23rd ~St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) **4:30pm** For the repose of the soul of Leo Beaaudin by Don and Kristine Beaudin Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> ~Twenty-Fifth Sunday in **Ordinary Time** 9:00 am For the intentions of Kaetlyn Joanette by the Watson family **10:45am** For the intentions of the parishioners by the pastor Tuesday, September 26th ~St. John De Brebeuf and St. Issac Jogues 7:00 pm Wednesday, September 27th ~St. Vincent De Paul 8:30 am~at STA 9:30am~at OLMM Thursday, September 28th 9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Arturo Nuesca Lopez by the Dupuis family Friday, September 29th ~St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael 9:00 am Saturday, September 30th ~St. Jerome **4:30 pm** For the intentions of all those participating in the Alpha session Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>~Twenty-Sixth Sunday in **Ordinary Time 9:00 am** For the intentions of the parishioners by the pastor **10:45 am** For the repose of the soul of Rita May Munro by Knights of Columbus council #12401 **YOUR OFFERINGS FOR** Sept. 17th, 2017~\$3,352.80 Thank you for your generosity and support

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR SEPTEMBER:

That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

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# **Gospel Reflection**

### **Gospel Summary**

The vineyard owner hired five groups of laborers. Each subsequent group began work later in the day. When the owner hired the first group, they agreed on a fair wage. At the end of the day, he called in the workers and began paying them, the last ones first. Of course, the early morning crew saw the later ones getting a full day's wage and excitedly anticipated a bonus for themselves. When they were paid, they received only the negotiated amount. "It's not fair!" was their cry.

## **Reflection for Families**

How many times a day do our children point out that someone got more than they did? Enough, I'm sure, for us to know that today's Gospel illustrates a human response! But our human ways are not God's ways. God's generosity is sometimes beyond our understanding. But imagine what a world it would be if we rejoiced in the generosity and good fortune of others.

## Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Make a list of the gifts God has given your family. They may be things that you can see and touch, or they may be intangible gifts like character, health, or intelligence. Ask yourselves: Do you think your family has more gifts than some other families? Do all the gifts have to have material value? Are there some families you know who have gifts that can't be measured in dollars and cents? What does all this say to you about God's generosity?

## **Discussion Starters**

1. I remember once giving someone something (or doing something for them) without a specific reason. I remember feeling...

2. I can remember an incident where someone got something I didn't. It was when...

3. Once I got a full day's wage for only working part of the day. I think there is a connection between that time and this gospel because...

Have a great week!

September 24th, 2017 Are you new to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish? WELCOME! If you have not yet registered, please complete a registration form found in the foyer or in the office. You may bring the completed form to the office or drop it in the collection basket.

### THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY'S

Mon. Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> ~Rosary making group~7:00-8:30pm~hall

Tues. Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> ~Adult choir~7:30~church Volunteer appreciation~7:30~hall

Wed. Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>~Alpha Session~5:00-9:00pm

Thurs. Sept 28<sup>th</sup>~K of C general

meeting~7:30~hall

**Since 2009, OLMM Prayer Shawl Ministry** has prayerfully made 235 prayer shawls, lap and baby blankets. As requested by family, parishioners and friends, these items have been given out as a physical reminder of God's Tender Love. The Ministry is looking for volunteers to contribute their talents in knitting, crocheting, card making and hand sewing. Please contact Joyce Vincelette by phoning <u>613 445</u> <u>0536</u> or by texting cell phone <u>613 408 0536</u>.

#### Let's Appreciate Our Volunteers

Our volunteers are always caring, always sharing! Their dedication and gift of time are invaluable. The work they do in some way promote God's love within us and allows us as a community to grow and shine as sons and daughters of God. We cannot thank them enough! There will be a volunteer appreciation party in honour of ALL our parish volunteers on Tuesday, September 26 in the parish hall immediately following the 7 pm mass. As the French writer Marcel Proust once wrote: "Let us be grateful to people who make us happy: they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom."

**Celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima:** Coordinated by the Legion of Mary with the Queenship of Mary Community. Mass with The Most Reverend Terrence Prendergast, S.J. at *Notre Dame Cathedral, Fri., Oct. 13, 7:30 p.m. Mass* Sat., Oct. 14 at St. Maurice Church with His Excellency, Bishop Riesbeck CC. Conference with Rev. Fr. Allan MacDonald CC, Superior General of the Companions of the Cross and Msgr. Ambrose Sheehy, Spiritual Director of the Legion of Mary, Toronto Senatus. Cost: \$15/person. Registration: Angela (613-829-0320); Mary(613-748-6191);

legionofmaryregia@gmail.com.

#### DEVELOPMENT & PEACE FALL 2017 CAMPAIGN MAY PEACE BE UPON HER

Coming soon, your opportunity to take action in this campaign. In June 2017, the Canadian government presented our new international Assistance Policy, which ensures our support for the participation of women and girls in establishing and maintaining peace in their communities. Despite this commitment to support women in peace-building, the Canadian government did not increase our international aid budget. Instead the Canadian government increased our military budget by 70% over the next 10 years! Please join me in signing the D&P - Caritas Canada Action Card forms (in the wicker basket on the round table in the foyer). Please leave your signed copy in the box so that I can submit a tally to the Diocesan D&P Council. To make your commitment to social justice and for international development year round, please join me as a D&P -Caritas Canada member by signing the membership card form (in the same place). Together, we *can* change small corners of our world for the poor, who are crying out for justice everywhere. Thank you. 

Have you been missing the fellowship from attending coffee Sundays? If so please feel free to sign up and host an up-coming coffee Sunday. Sign up sheets are posted just outside the kitchen. Thank you all in advance.

**PILGRIMAGE STATUE OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL** is available to go home with a family this week. If you wish to take home Our Lady for one week, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the foyer.

~<u>IN OUR PRAYERS</u>~

For the sick among our families and friends especially: Jenifer Gunton, Jean Gaede, Yvette Barretto-Duval, and Noreen Plant.