



23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Sunday, September 20, 2020

Gospel Reflection

The parable of the workers in the vineyard is rather startling. People who work an hour in the late afternoon are paid the same as those who work all day long. Obviously God doesn't think like we do. We think of justice in terms of what is fair, of what people deserve. So we would say that the people who worked longer deserved more. But God doesn't see it that way. God thinks of justice in terms of people's dignity, their right to a decent life.

The people who came late had the same right to a decent life as those who had worked all day, so they are all treated equally. Nothing is taken from anyone, but all are treated in accord with their dignity, their right to a decent life. Such is God's justice. "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord." Perhaps we would have a better world if we were to adopt some of God's ways. After all, "the Lord is just in all his ways," and that is something which cannot be said of all our ways.

"Father, guide us according to your law of love." Free us from our law of vindictive justice.

~ Gerald Darring

Living the Virtues

Ultimately, as with life in general, we are called to live out the four cardinal virtues:

- **Prudence** - Carefully discern the best course of action, not just for ourselves, but for the good of all. Ask: What action does God want me to take?
- **Justice** - Seek fairness for everyone, especially those who need it most. Ask: Who is not getting the help that they need?
- **Temperance** - Find a healthy balance between self-care and care for others. Ask: Do I err toward selfishness or an unhealthy co-dependence?
- **Fortitude** - Persevere in times of trial and difficulty. Ask: Do I have the courage to do the right thing even when the going gets tough?

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Church Update

Although our Church Office is closed at this time, we are still available to assist you and answer your questions. We ask that you leave a message at (415) 664-8481 or reach a staff member by visiting our website <https://www.stcecilia.com/staff>.

You may participate in our daily Livestream Mass at 9:00 AM by clicking on the link: [View our Livestream](#). Also, you are invited to visit the Church for private prayer as it is open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Please be advised that you are required to wear a mask and social distancing must be observed while visiting the church.

Keep St. Cecilia Parish Strong

We want to give a HUGE thank you to those who have continued to support our Sunday Collection! We are dependent upon our parishioners to support our parish financially. How can I send my weekly contribution to St. Cecilia? There are several ways you can continue contributing to St. Cecilia:

- Contribute through our parish website stcecilia.com
- Contribute through the Archdiocese website www.sfarch.org/lifeline (be sure to designate St. Cecilia Parish in the pulldown menu)
- Mail in your envelope with a check (please don't mail cash).
- Slip your envelope in the mailbox at the Rectory (2555 17th Ave.)

All gifts, regardless of amount, are greatly appreciated and very beneficial. Thank you for your continued support.

Have you Signed Up for Formed?

As a member of the Parish, you can avail yourself of www.formed.org (parish access code: RZDPQZ). This resource will provide you with access to thousands of movies, ebooks, audio talks, and other materials that we believe will be of spiritual comfort and guidance during this time.

Give Your Marriage Some "Continuing Education"

Married couples: Would you attend a seminar to enhance your job or to increase your salary? Why not give your marriage the same attention? Enhance your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Marriage Encounter Weekends are October 2 – 4, in Reno, Nevada, and November 13 – 15 in San Jose. For more information and/or to apply for a Weekend, visit the Worldwide Marriage Encounter website at sanjosewwme.org or contact Ken & Claranne at applications@sanjosewwme.org, 408-782-1413.



40 Days for Life Campaign

Defend life and bring peace to San Francisco by signing up for a weekly hour of prayer, or more! To sign or get more information go to the 40 Days for Life website at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/san-francisco> or email them with your hours of availability at sf40daysforlife@gmail.com.

Locations: Planned Parenthood at 1650 Valencia Street from Mondays to Saturdays, and the soon-to-open Planned Parenthood at 1522 Bush Street on Sundays.

Hours: The schedule is based on the hours that Planned Parenthood's clinic is open. The schedule:

Monday: 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Tuesday: 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Wednesday: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Thursday: 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Friday: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Sunday (at Bush Street): 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 21

Sr. Mary Herbert
Ivan "John" Cikes
Jim Kerrigan

Tuesday, September 22

Frank Masterson
Rod Montgomery

Wednesday, September 23

Daniel Davis

Thursday, September 24

Thomas D. Harvey
James Francis Bong

Friday, September 25

Jim Breslin
John McNulty

Saturday, September 26

Jack Lelane
George O'Brien
Dan Walsh

Sunday, September 27

Choi Wang Wan Wong
Dr. Edward & Anthony Erigero

