

## Monday

SEPTEMBER 22

*Weekday*

Prv 3:27–34

Lk 8:16–18

## Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 23

*Saint Pius of*

*Pietrelcina,*

*Priest*

Prv 21:1–6, 10–13

Lk 8:19–21

## Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 24

*Weekday*

Prv 30:5–9

Lk 9:1–6

## Thursday

SEPTEMBER 25

*Weekday*

Ecc 1:2–11

Lk 9:7–9

## Friday

SEPTEMBER 26

*Weekday*

Ecc 3:1–11

Lk 9:18–22

## Saturday

SEPTEMBER 27

*Saint Vincent*

*de Paul,*

*Priest*

Ecc 11:9–12:8

Lk 9:43b–45

## Sunday

SEPTEMBER 28

*Twenty-sixth*

*Sunday in*

*Ordinary*

*Time*

Ez 18:25–28

Phil 2:1–11 or

2:1–5

Mt 21:28–32

# Ordinary Time

September 21, 2014 • Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was a child, family allowances were pegged to age. The older we were, the more we got in reflection of our growing responsibility for household chores. If we *did* extra, we *got* extra—it was as simple as that. Complaints were few, and we waited in great anticipation for the day allowances were handed out.

Because of that experience, I feel some sympathy for the workers in today's readings who worked all day, only to find they'd receive what the latecomers got. I certainly wouldn't have thought it fair if my fourteen-years-younger sister had gotten the same allowance I did!

But, as Isaiah so gently reminds us, God's ways are not ours.

God's wages cannot be measured in dollars. Grace, freedom, mercy, and love are the payment God

renders for our willingness to work in his vineyard. These things cannot be divided, because God is not stingy or miserly. Nor can they be earned, for they are gifts. God gives his gifts wholly and freely to all who turn to him.

Think of it this way: Does God give less grace or freedom to the adult who is baptized at thirty than to the thirty-year-old who was baptized as an infant? The question makes us laugh—of course not.

It is very much like us to want our fair share, and we've become accustomed to earning our wages.

It is very like God to want every person to taste the joy and freedom of life in him, and the first step to doing so is simply accepting his invitation.

We might as well start now.

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### Today's Readings

Is 55:6–9

Phil 1:20c–24, 27a

Mt 20:1–16a



# 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



*September 21, 2014*

*St. Ann Catholic Church & Our Lady of Chartres Mission*

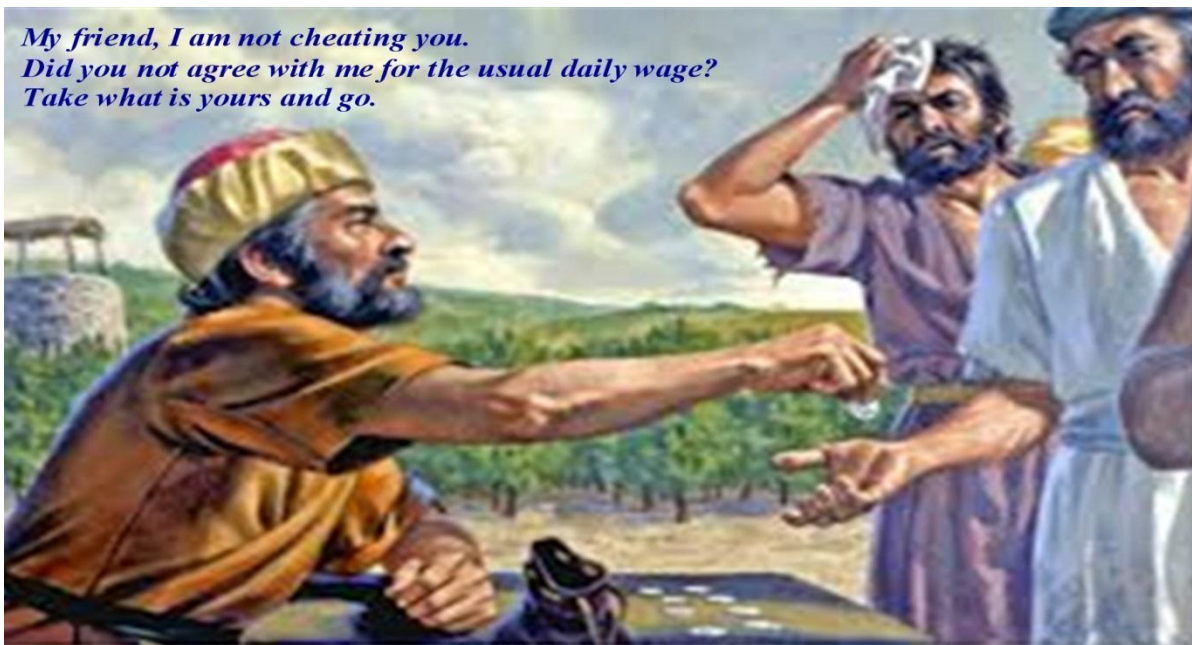
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*My friend, I am not cheating you.  
Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?  
Take what is yours and go.*



## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Every Friday Adoration from 8:30  
a.m. to 9:30 a.m

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Both Before Mass and by Appointment.  
*Mass Schedule for this Week*

## Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule

Sun 7:30 am Our Parish Family

## St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sat 5:30 pm Dona Seymour

Sun 9:00am Our Parish Family

Mon 8:00 Angela Madison

Tues 8:00 +Gregory Garstkat

Wed 6:00 +Gregory Garstkat

Thurs 8:00 +James Dunn

Friday 8:00am +Gregory Garstkat

**From Father Khoa's Desk...**

***Dear Parishioners and Friends,***

So often, we expect God to operate the way we do. We expect to be able to understand everything he does. When we don't, it's tempting to think that the problem is on God's end, not ours. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about God's mercy. And some of us may not understand it at first glance. Why should the "lazy" workers who showed up late in the day be given the same wage as the diligent ones? Doesn't this suggest a kind of fundamental disrespect for the efforts of the first group? Extending the principle spiritually, we might ask a similar question. Why should sinners who spend much of their lives doing wrong be allowed to "show up" suddenly and receive the mercy of God?

What about those faithful Christians who have walked the road of virtue all along? Shouldn't they receive something more than these ne'er-do-wells? As Jesus points out, there is nothing unjust about being generous (or merciful) to a certain group or individual. As long as no one is cheated out of what they were promised, there is no reason for envy or anger. Furthermore, and perhaps this is the real point of the parable, no one should be so quick to assume that he or she is a diligent worker. In fact, when we honestly assess our own weaknesses and sins, when we acknowledge the ways that we personally have fallen short of perfect virtue, the picture changes. It becomes clear that, in fact, we are the beneficiaries of God's generous mercy. We are the ones who showed up late in the day. Instead of calculating the degree of others' sins, let us call to mind and be sorry for our own. Then we can truly rejoice in God's forgiveness, no matter who is so fortunate as to receive it.

**Have a great week and may God bless all of us!**

***...Fr. Khoa***

**This Weekend** we take up a special collection for humanitarian relief for our brothers and sisters in the Middle East.

**Next Weekend** is the Special Collection for the Ministry Center for International Seaman and Truckers located in Gulfport.

**Religious Ed:** CCD began **Sunday September 14**. Parents, please register your kids for CCD.

During school year, we will have Bible Study on Sundays for parents while their children taking CCD classes. Thank you.

**RCIA:** The 2014/15 sessions started last Wednesday **Sept 17**. RCIA classes are on Wednesdays 6:30pm from September to May at Parish Chapel. Please contact Tim Brogdon at 344-5449. Thank you.

**Catholic School Students:** If you have children attending Catholic schools, please contact the office this week to apply for assistance.

**Rosary Rally and Mass** The Celebration of the Rosary Rally and Mass will be on Tuesday, October 7, at 6:00 p.m. It will take place at Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral in Biloxi.

**Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass:** The annual Wedding Anniversary Mass is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 5, 2014 at 2 p. m .at the Nativity of the BVM Cathedral.

**Bible Study:** We will study the whole History of Salvation on October 2 , 2014. Classes will be held on **Wednesdays 6:30-8 pm, and on Thursday from 9-10:30am at CCD Building**. For more information, please contact **Ruth Schonewitz and Henrietta Ladner**

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Sat Sept 20 5:30pm	Richard Dunlap	Ellen West, Mike Mays, Diane Mays	Katelyn Casey Boots Moran	Doug Ladner Tim Brogdon	Helen O'Neal & Gloria Armand
Sept 21 7:30	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Gil Aguirre	(OLC)
Sun Sept 21 9am	Valerie Ladner	Marlow Ladner, Derek Trosclair, Kim Wood	Carson Lilly	Robert Pat Leimer	David Crabtree Family
Sat Sept 27 5:30pm	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Sept 28 7:30	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Gil Aguirre	(OLC)
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**ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:**\*\* 75Identifiable:  
\$4,499.00; Loose: \$2,564.00; Total: \$7,063.00;  
Children: \$35.00. CUA: \$18.00, Saltillo Mission:  
\$21.00, Flower: \$50.00, Building Fund: \$176.00.

### **OUR LADY OF CHARTRES**

**STEWARDSHIP:** Identifiable: \$135.00; Loose:  
\$107.00 Total: \$242.00.

\*\*Amount needed weekly \$2,908.84.

**Thank you for your generosity.**

### **ST. ANN ACTIVITIES**

**Altar Society:** Meeting after second Sunday mass. If  
you are interested in participating, please contact  
**Lenell King**.

**CYO:** meet every other week on Sunday 6:00pm.  
You can visit St Ann CYO on  
**[www.facebook.com/stannslizanacyo](http://www.facebook.com/stannslizanacyo)** or contact  
**Katelyn Moran** and **Danielle Ladner**.

**Parish Council:** meet on **Saturday Sept 20** after  
5:30pm mass.

**Church Cleaning:** Please contact Ellen West if you  
want more information.

**Project Hope and Compassion:** If you have any  
question, please contact **Jodi Trosclair**.

### **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

**MARRIAGE** *Church regulations require at least  
six months of preparation for a wedding.* Our  
advice is to call well in advance of that time if you  
wish to reserve a wedding date and receive  
information: one's own parish clergy are expected  
to supervise your Catholic prenuptial preparation  
and to officiate at the wedding ceremony.

**MASS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS:** You can  
have Masses offered for the deceased as well as for  
living family and friends. Mass cards and envelopes  
are available at the office.

**VISITATION OF THE SICK:** Please keep the  
parish office informed so we may minister to those  
who are ill at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing  
facility. For those wishing to receive the Eucharist  
contact the parish office, 832-2560 or in  
emergency, 234-6005.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:**

Leslie Cuevas, William & Sherrie DeMello, Betty  
Pierce, Dcn Jack Hunter, Lee James, Annette  
Moran, Darlene Billingsley, Janet Thompson,  
Victoria Moran, and James Taylor.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS † PLEASE FILL OUT A NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM AND SUBMIT TO PARISH OFFICE  
FR. KHOA WOULD BE HAPPY TO VISIT WITH YOU AND HELP YOU ASSESS YOUR SPIRITUAL NEEDS.