

Dear Padre,

Recently my husband's union was involved in a messy strike that nearly turned violent. Does the Catholic Church support strikes like this?

I grew up in Detroit. Most of my family and extended family worked in the automobile plants there. I clearly remember long strikes when my father was out of work and our family would struggle along, sometimes wondering where we would get money for the necessities of life.

In the past hundred years, many of the writings of the popes and the bishops' conferences have centered on the issues of work, including the issue of receiving a just wage. The Church spoke in support of child-labor laws, eight-hour workdays, organized unions, collective bargaining, and a just wage. Because of this, at times the Church has been labeled unpatriotic, socialistic, and even communist. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops published a pastoral letter, "Economic Justice for All," which outlines the six moral principles drawn from Scripture that form the basis of the Church's social teaching. In this letter, the Church fully supports the rights of workers to form unions to secure their rights to fair wages and working conditions. Unions may also legitimately resort to strikes when this is the

only available means to the justice owed the workers (EJA 104–105). The Church draws the line at violence. The strike becomes morally unacceptable when accompanied by violence (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2435).

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Every worker...should have the right to decent remuneration, to social security, and to a pension. Among you here are... workers in grassroots jobs who are excluded from labor rights, who are denied the possibility of unionizing, whose income is neither adequate nor stable. Today I...join my voice to yours and support you in your struggle.

—WORLD MEETING OF POPULAR MOVEMENTS, OCTOBER 28, 2014

Calendar

Monday

JULY 13

Weekday

Is 1:10–17

Mt 10:34–11:1

Tuesday

JULY 14

St. Kateri Tekakwitha,
Virgin

Is 7:1–9

Mt 11:20–24

Wednesday

JULY 15

St. Bonaventure,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church

Is 10:5–7, 13b–16

Mt 11:25–27

Thursday

JULY 16

Weekday

Is 26:7–9, 12, 16–19

Mt 11:28–30

Friday

JULY 17

Weekday

Is 38:1–6, 21–22, 7–8

Mt 12:1–8

Saturday

JULY 18

Weekday

Mi 2:1–5

Mt 12:14–21

Sunday

JULY 19

Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Wis 12:13, 16–19

Rom 8:26–27

Mt 13:24–43

or 13:24–30



Fifteenth Sunday in ordinary Time July 12th, 2020



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And some fell into
good soil and grew,
and **yielded a hundredfold.**

— Luke 8:8

 FINDING THE **TRUE FAITH**

St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions.

Sat: 5.00. Ex.S

Sun: 9:00am Parish

Sun: 6.00pm. Paul Irby {Ri p}

Mon 8.00am.Ex Sc

Tues 8. 00am. Ex Sc

Wed 6.00 pm.Ex Sc

Thu 8. 00 am. Ex Sc

Fri 8:00 am..Ex Sc

18th July Sat 5.00 Pm Paul Iby

19th July 9.00 Parish

6.00pm. Ex.S

From Father David's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends

So, What's Your Point

Have you ever explained something so carefully and at length, and yet the other person misses your point? This seems to be the situation in today's Gospel. The scene Jesus first described was a familiar one. The people listening to him might have sown seed in this manner themselves. So, what was the point?

First it is important to recall that a parable is a story with a double meaning. One meaning is literal the other is metaphoric. The literal meaning of this parable is obvious. So, what's the point? It is in the second part of the passage that Jesus explains the metaphoric meaning. He tells his disciples that the seeds represent those who hear the word of the kingdom. Then the reality of life intervenes and each seed (the one who hears the word) must decide how to deal with that reality. One might think: Ver interesting story. I know just what the seed is going through.

We are now ready to ask: What's the real point of the story? The metaphoric meaning of the parable should pose several questions for each of us: What yield do I produce? Do I appreciate what it means to be a disciple; or is that privilege far from my consciousness? Am I grounded in my faith, or am I religiously rootless? Do I live according to the standards of Jesus, or do the allure and riches of the world entrap me? That's the point of the story.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, C

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ How has the word of the kingdom taken root in your family?
- ★ What yield of goodness do you bring forth in your workplace?



With love and prayers

Fr. David

**ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: * 16
identifiable: 1,188.00; Loose: 961.00;
Total: \$2,159.00; ACH: \$.475. 00.**

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1 Identifiable: \$ 430.00; Loose: \$00.00;
Total: \$430.00**

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 228 273 5593.

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.

Lizana Light right now: We are running out of food for the lizana light, if anyone can offer or donate food, you are welcome. If you have any Question call Racheal Glodowski (228 263 2865) and Donna Harrison, (228 263 1034) Thanks.

Bereavement Committee: Please contact **Sharon Leimer** at 539-9928. Lasagna, green salad, rolls, and deserts will be provided for the funeral reception upon request. Thank you.

RCIA: *Are You Considering Becoming Catholic? Are You A Catholic Interested In Being Confirmed? Are You a Confirmed Catholic Who's Ready to Explore Your Faith Anew? Join us. If you have any question Please contact Sherrie Demello . Thank you.*

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 info: one's own parish clergy are expected to supervise your Catholic prenuptial preparation and to officiate at the wedding.

With Gratitude: Fr. David and St. Ann's Parish community appreciate and thank Jassion Necaise and his family for great donation of safe to the church. It's a great need for the church. Thanks' a lot.

Parish Council meeting: Our parish coucill meeting would be next week.

PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill
Leslie Cuevas, Lee James, Jerry Malley, Ezekiel Rutherford, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Andrew Fillengame; Breanna Ladner, Andrew, Sharon Somora, Nancy Ladner, Chris (Dube) McGill, Paul Ladner, Dianne Dearman, Marie Cuevas, Sharon Smith, Kathy, Marlene Moran, Teresa

McAllister, Kendra Necaise, John &, Susan Parish, Courtney Stewart, Kathy Robison, and, Lyndon Rushing, Joseph and Megan Colbi Capuano, Bill & Brenda Peterson, Christine Constantine, Anthony Moran, Jill Ladner, Stephany Bass, and Brandi Moran, Verda Crabtree, Lynn & Linda Bangs, John O'Neal, Terri, Loretta Ladner, and Matt Dubission; Mary Jo Nunèz; Addie Threadgill; Cindy Ladner; Amanda Mayberry; Robin Quevas Emmie Tubbs, and Kathy Squillate Wally Clifford and Dorris

Most Holy Virgin Mary,
Help of Christians,
how sweet it is to come to your feet
imploing your perpetual help.
If earthly mothers cease not to
remember their children, how could
you, the most loving of all mothers
ever forget me? Grant then to me, I
implore you, your perpetual help in
all my necessities, in every sorrow,
and especially in all my temptations.
I ask for your unceasing help for all
who are now suffering. Help the
weak, cure the sick, convert sinners.
Grant through your intercessions
many vocations to the religious life.
Obtain for us, O Mary, Help of
Christians, that having invoked you
on earth we may love and eternally
thank you in heaven. Amen
-St. John Bosco