

September 20th, 2026: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel, Jesus moves from Galilee to teach in Judea where he is sought out by great crowds and tested by the Pharisees on issues such as marriage and divorce. Jesus also encounters a rich young man who is unable to accept Jesus' demand that he leave his possessions to follow him. Jesus' response to the rich young man sounds very much like the conclusion we will find in today's Gospel: the first will be last and the last will be first.

On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair. That is because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified.

A close read shows us that the landowner paid on the terms that were negotiated. The landowner, it seems, has acted completely justly. The parable goes beyond that, however, and we come to see that the landowner is not simply just, he is exceptionally just. He is radically just. He has given those who labored in the field for a full day their due pay. But he has also given a full-day's wage to those who worked only a single hour. No one is cheated, but a few receive abundantly from the landowner just as we receive from God more than what is merely justifiable or due. God, like the landowner, is radically just and abundantly generous. The workers who complain are made to look foolish as they lament the fact that landowner has made all workers equal. Indeed, what more could one ask for than to be treated as an equal at work or anywhere else?

The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways.

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AFTER-MASS SOCIAL:

On Sunday, September 20th, we will start our after-mass social. Bring a dish you wish to share, sandwiches, cookies, cakes, etc... We look forward to seeing you there.

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A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



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Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11:00 am.

Weekday Mass: Tuesday to Friday 10:00a.m.

BAD WEATHER – please call the office to verify if mass is cancelled & office closed.

Lohnes Complex* First Friday of each month at 2pm. *Sept. to June
Reconciliation: Before Mass or by request.
Marriages: Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended.
Baptisms: Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.
Family Connections: At www.rcchurch.com you will find a link to family connections.
St. Vincent de Paul: To assist those in need. Call 709-638-9010.

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September 12 & 13, 2026

Regular Sunday	2131.00
Loose Offering	177.00
Building Fund	80.00
Votive Candles	34.25
Mass Stipends	60.00
Living with Christ	8.00
Pope’s Pastoral Works	5.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Sept. 22 - 27, 2026

Sept. 22 - Tues.	The Late Michael Buckle
Sept. 23 - Wed.	The Late Members of the Canning, Pike, Lasaga & Noseworthy Families The Late Marc Alvin Sanpano
Sept. 24-Thurs.	The Late Daphne Brake
Sept. 26 - Sat.	The Late Jack Neville
Sept. 27 - Sun.	Mass Intentions of Parishioners

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sept. 26 – Saturday	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Marie Pennell	Marie Pennell
Sept. 27 – Sunday	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Dan Park	Brian Sparkes
Communion to the Sick – Eileen Moore	

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

The next meeting of Parish Council will be on this coming **Tuesday, September 22nd, 2026, at 6:30pm** in the church meeting room.

50/50 TICKETS & VOLUNTEERS:

Tickets are available from the office at **\$5.00** each. If you haven’t signed up to sell tickets at the stores, please call the office and let us know when you are available. Thank you.

ROSARY IN OCTOBER:

The Knights of Columbus invites everyone to participate in this great prayer during the month of October. It will be at our Holy Redeemer Cathedral church on **Thursdays 6:30pm**. This will be in the new form for public recitation as presented by St. Pope John Paul 11. With the sign of peace at the end, it takes on the form of a little liturgy complete with scripture, prayer, chants and action! Do come and join us on Thursday evenings, earmarked for renewal in our understanding of the mystery of Faith!

WALK-A-THON: September 19th, 2026:

The walk-a-thon is this **Saturday, 10:30 a.m., September 19th, 2026**. After the walkathon, Your sponsor sheets with the pledges can be dropped in the collection plate or at the office. Thank you.

SACREMENTAL PREPARATION:

Sessions will be starting soon. Forms are now available and registration is ongoing. You can contact Julia Myles-Hackett at juliahackettmyles@gmail.com for further information. Families will be notified of the dates the programs will be starting.

MASS INTENTIONS:

There will be **no weekday mass** from **October 5 to 9th, 2026** as Father Lainey will be away on priest retreat. **NOTE:** We will be having weekday mass the rest of October month.

SEPTEMBER BINGO:

The Sacred Heart Ladies Group will be holding bingo on Sunday September 27th, 2026, at 2-4pm. at the Sacred Heart Elementary School in the cafeteria. Doors open at 1pm. Bring a friend or two. Remember this is a scent free area. Thank you.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - OCTOBER 18, 2026:

Dear brothers and sisters, For World Mission Day 2026, which marks the centenary of a celebration established by Pius XI that is very dear to the Church, I have chosen the theme “One in Christ, united in mission.” Following the Jubilee Year, I wish to encourage the whole Church to continue its missionary journey with joy and zeal in the Holy Spirit. This requires hearts united in Christ, reconciled communities and, in everyone, a willingness to cooperate with generosity and trust.

As we reflect on being one in Christ and united in mission, let us allow ourselves to be guided and inspired by divine grace, “to renew in ourselves the fire of our missionary vocation” and advance together in the commitment to evangelization, in this “new missionary age” in the history of the Church (Homily, Jubilee of the Missionary World and of Migrants, 5 October 2025).

Exert from Pope Leo’s letter for World Mission Sunday,

a few copies are available at the back church if you wish to read the entire letter.

SEPTEMBER DANCE:

Last weekend we held our dance at the Royal Canadian Legion, and it was such a great success. Between ticket sales, 50/50 draw and donations we **manage to bring in \$3393.00** for the parish. The parish would like to thank everyone who volunteered in putting this together, as always, these events would not be possible without your help.

A special thank you goes out to everyone from the Midnight Crescent Band who volunteered their services and to Peter Butt for doing the sound and being the DJ when the band was on break.

PRAYER/REFLECTION:

‘My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are my ways your ways. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts,’ says the Lord.

How small our thoughts can be, and how poor our ways of seeing and judging. We think miserly thoughts, and act in miserly ways. Why? Because we have small minds and small hearts. Lord, open our minds and enlarge our hearts, so that we think more like you, and act more like you.

Let us not begrudge your goodness to others, knowing that we too are undeserving of your favours, and stand more in need of your mercy than of your justice.

Amen.