

September 24, 2023: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**“In the parable of the workers in the vineyard, Jesus teaches about God’s generous mercy.”
- Matthew 20:1-16**

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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Today is the Feast Day of Our Lady of Mercy.

[A Novena Prayer](#)

“For this mercy day, I will rest in the Word; I rise with the images of Mercy in my heart. I aspire to live and give, receive and encounter Mercy, this day and every day, inspired by Mary who mothered Mercy, and with the help of her Son, Jesus the Christ of Mercy. Amen.”

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

Pastor: **Rev. Lee Lainey**

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am.

Mass During Week:

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7 pm.
Friday at 10 am.

Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather.

Lohnes Complex

First Fridays - 2 pm at the Lohnes Complex.

Bible Study:

Post-poned until further notice.

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Post-poned until further notice.

Reconciliation:

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 638-9010.

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September 16th – September 17th, 2023

Regular Sunday	\$1,741.30
Loose Offering	67.00
Building Fund	110.00
Votive Candles	22.00
Mass Stipends	40.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	25.00
St. Vincent de Paul	160.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. 7 pm	Late Joan Rex Jones
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Thur. 7 pm	Late Joan Rex Jones
Fri. 10 am	No Mass Intention
Sat. 4:30 pm	Late English Family
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

September 30	
Lynette Taylor	John Carroll
October 1	
Mike Leonard	Bernadette Stone
Communion to the sick – Barbara Neville	

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER:

For people living on the margins- We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

CHANGE IN OFFICE HOURS: Please be advised of the new hours of the parish office, 1030 am up to 130 pm, Monday to Friday.

COFFEE TIME: Our Parish Outreach Committee will continue coffee time after masses on Sunday mornings. Come join us for a cup of tea or coffee and maybe a little snack. This is the time to share with your brothers and sisters and welcome new members. Baked good are always welcome.

PARISH OUTREACH: This committee, consisting of, Marie Pennell (709-388-5090), Gerard Deveaux (709-638-4411), Pat Moore (709-785-2440), and Tony Griffin (709-632-5755) are offering to bring communions and provide a pastoral visit to those who wish to have this ongoing contact. They are also exploring social activities for the parish as a whole. Please support them in their efforts. Please call them if you or a family member wish to avail of this service.

INSTALLATION OF FR. LEE LAINEY: A special mass to mark the official installation of Fr. Lainey will take place on October 12th at 7pm. Bishop Bart will be presiding the mass. Reception follows, and all are welcome to attend.

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES - SEPTEMBER 24TH:

The Church as been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) since 1914. It is always an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them as they face many challenges; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers. Every year the WDMR is the last Sunday of September. As the tile for his annual message, the Holy Father has chosen **“FREE TO CHOOSE WHETHER TO MIGRATE OR TO STAY”**. You can download the Pope’s message located on the internet.

OCTOBER DANCE: Sacred Heart Parish will be hosting a dance on Saturday, October 21st at the Canadian Legion. Tickets are \$10:00. Tickets can be purchased at the door or by calling Marie Pennell at 388-5090.

THE SEARCH: What is this journey in between the event we call “birth” and the one we call “death?” Is the journey taking you somewhere, or are you leading yourself to some kind of destination – a destination that could extend beyond your last breath? What do you want from your life during the in-between? The questions are there, and the answers are too. *THE SEARCH* is an innovative video series that tackles the key questions of every human heart. In seven beautifully filmed episodes, experts from multiple fields of science, medicine, psychology, art, and religion examine our place in the larger story of existence. The SEARCH is from the Augustine Institute that serves the formation of Catholics intellectually, spiritually, and pastorally to renew the Church and transform the world for Christ. Please register! *This program will be advertised outside of our parish communities. We need committed volunteers from the parish to come and help by participating in small group discussions, welcoming people into our Church, and to journey with people. Please use the contact information below to volunteer:*

When: Monday evenings 7 – 8:15 pm, September 11th – October 30th (Thanksgiving Monday excluded)

Where: Cathedral of the Most Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception
Registration: thesearchcb@gmail.com or by calling 631-4543

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: St. Vincent de Paul will be resuming monthly Poor Box collections this coming weekend, **September 23rd-24th**. Your donation helps to fund the Society's charitable works in our community. We thank you for your continued support.

THE FOOD BANK NETWORK THANKSGIVING DAY FOOD DRIVE:

We will be holding our annual Thanksgiving Day Food Drive this year. Please donate non-perishable food items to your child’s upcoming school food drive, at your church, at any local community fundraiser, or in the food collection bin located in the major grocery stores. Thank you for your continued support.

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY-Family Support Group: is held the **Last Wednesday** of each month at **3:00 pm** at the **Corner Brook LTC**.

HUMOUR:

