

ST MARK
THE  **EVANGELIST**
CATHOLIC CHURCH



65 West 138th Street, New York, NY 10037

25th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME



“Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous? Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

- Mt 20:13c-16

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Administrator

Fr. Jean Pierre Kapumet Tambwe, CSSp

One of The Catholic
Parishes of the Central
Harlem Deanery

MISSION STATEMENT:

**We are more than Sunday
Morning.**

**We are worship, service, and
fellowship.**

**We are a community of
Faith.**

All are Welcome

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday - 5: 00 PM

Sunday - 10: 00AM

12: 00PM (French)

Tue - Fri - 10:00AM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Friday from 10AM - 12PM

Confessions - anytime by appointment

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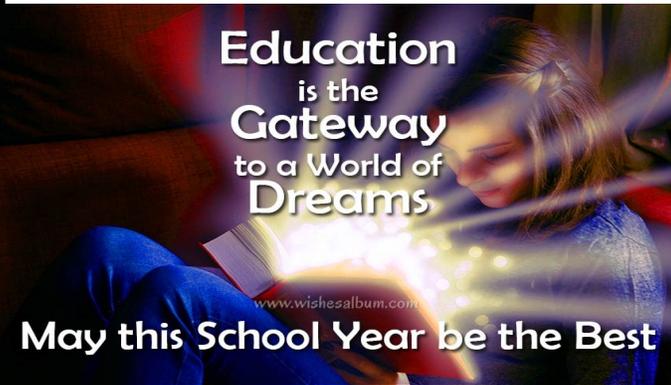
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September 20, 2020
Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

“We are more than Sunday Morning”

*Welcome back to all the children,
teachers and staff of our school .
We are happy to have you back. As we start
this new year , be assure of our prayer.
we want all of you to give the best of
yourself.
We wish you well.
To God be the glory in Him we trust !*



BAPTISM: Arrangements may be made by calling the office to make an appointment.

MARRIAGE: Before the date is confirmed, couples should meet with the priest. Please call the office to make an appointment . Pre-Cana is required.

SICK CALLS: For the ill, the Sacrament of the Sick is available. Please call the Rectory at any time

September Birthdays :

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| 1. Willie Jones | 11. Maria Jerez Galan |
| 2. Simplicite Ouedraogo | 12. Mary Thomas |
| 3. Jocelyn Caines-R | 13. Carol Tull |
| 4. Isidore Dally | 14. Emile Amako |
| 5. Kamali Dunbar-B | 15. Axel Acakpo |
| 6. Yilsonde Yabre | 16. Jeremiah Bain |
| 7. Ahykue Acakpo | 17. Adeline Sossa |
| 8. Margie Deal | 18. Brielle Davie |
| 9. Gloria Barnes | 19. Jose Francisco |
| 10. Wayman Carrasquillo | |

PASTORAL STAFF

Parish staffed by the Congregation of the Holy Spirit (Spiritans).

Fr. Jean-Pierre Kapumet Tambwe, CSSp:
Administrator

Parish Council
Dorothy McWhite - Chairperson

Finance Committee
Avis Thomas – Chairperson
Barbara Boggs - Vice - Chairperson
Molly Goodrich - Secretary

Bible Study
Every Wednesday
From 11PM –12PM

ADORATION EVERY FRIDAY
10:40AM - 12:00PM

September 12– 13,2020
Sunday Mass Attendance
5:00pm - 6
10:00 am - 29
12:00am - 18

Dear Parishioners & Friends of St. Mark,

We are thankful for your continue financial support of our church. Our parish relies very much on your generosity specially at this time that the pandemic of Covid 19 impact our lives and community. Because of that our collection went down almost 30% off. Please kindly increase your donation at our church in order to continue running our parish. Therefore you may also make your contributions via electronic giving. Just go to stmark138.com. Scroll down, until you see **Giving Online**, click and follow the instructions. **Thank you and God bless!**

Let us remember our loved ones living and deceased, through a mass intention. It is a beautiful way to remember and honor them.

You can have an intention said any day of the week. If you would like to schedule a mass intention, please visit or call the office.

If you need to contact the rectory at other times (for records, information, or Mass cards), please email:

stmark138@yahoo.com If you need a priest in an emergency, please call St. Mark Evangelist's Rectory (212-281-4931) at any time. A priest is always here to assist you.

Happy Birthday!

Reflection for the 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time-
September 27, 2020

In today's Scriptures, we are reminded that God's generosity is given to each of us. We sometimes become jealous of God's generosity to others, his sense of fairness, and the mercy he shares. God's covenant with us is for all times. It doesn't matter if you are the first or the last, God's blessing will be upon us. In the Gospel passage we read on this Sunday, the parable of the landowner and the vineyard shows that the same blessings promised to Israel, the first-called will be paid to the rest of the nations who were called last. God's ways are not our ways.

This parable presents Vineyard as the Kingdom and God as the landowner. As we labor in the vineyard we must not become jealous of God's blessing to others for we can be sure that God is already blessing us. The same generous God who watches and blesses the birds of the air is shining his grace and mercy upon us. The same mercy is shared with all those who walk in fear. God is an awesome God! We should not resent the mercy of our Generous God upon others. We are next in line. When we start looking at what blessings others receiving, we stop looking at the blessings we have already received. I can imagine that those who were hired first thought that they would receive more than those hired late in the day. They received the same blessing.

Working in the vineyard of the Lord is not easy. Our judgments about who should be blessed and when may be based on human logic but that is not the way that God thinks. I know what God has done for me. So, when others are blessed, I rejoice with them and for them. Nobody told me that road would be easy. I don't believe God has brought me is far to leave me now. As workers in the vineyard, we struggle and try to find ways to offer hope during these times in which we live. We do this because ultimately it is about offering God the praise and glory due His name. Do you recognize your blessings? Are you grateful that God blesses others even when we think that they don't deserve it? We must rejoice that God has compassion on all of us.

Sunday's Readings -

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

As high as the heavens are above the earth,
so high are my ways above your ways
and my thoughts above your thoughts. (Is 55:9)

Psalm: 145:2-3,8-9,17-18

The Lord is near to all who call upon him. (Ps 145)

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20c-24,27a

Brothers and sisters:

Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. (Phil 1:20c)

Gospel: Mt 20:1-16a

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Next week readings September 27, 2020

Sunday :

First Reading: Ez 18:25-28

Psalm: Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]

Second Reading: Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5

Gospel : Mt 21:28-32

Question Of The Week

How can I magnify Christ in myself?

How can I imitate God's Generosity?

Sunday Observances for the
week of Sept 20,2020

- **Monday September 21:**
St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
- **Monday Tuesday 22:** Autumn begins
- **Wednesday September 23:**
Memorial of St. Pius of Pietrelcina(Padre Pio)
- **Wednesday September 26:**
Memorial of Ss. Cosmas & Damian
Memorial of the Blessed Virgen Mary