

September 23-24, 2023: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOD IS GENEROUS

Are you envious because God is generous with everyone at all times? This is the question God asks all of us at end of this weekend's Gospel : the parable of the Landowner hiring laborer for his Vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16a). Envy, jealously are "human" emotions. Our main **relationship ought to be with God**, not with other human beings. Our main goal is to be at Peace with God while on earth in order to have eternal life with God in heaven.

In the Parable of the Landowner of the Vineyard, we know the Landowner is God, the triune God : Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The laborers hired for His Vineyard are all of us, the People of God. The Vineyard is the place where God has planted His Vine. Jesus, Son of God is the Vine, and we are the branches (John 15), producing fruits for the Landowner: God. How can we apply this Parable to our own parish, the local church?

One could say our landowner is Bishop Cardinal Gregory, and the OLHOC Pastor is the foreman acting on behalf of the Bishop. The Vineyard is our entire parish territory (half of the greater Waldorf area). The Vine is Our Lord Jesus Christ. The hired laborers are all our parishioners, the branches are the Vine, fed by Our Lord Jesus Christ, and producing fruits for our landowner, the Bishop representing Jesus as the head of the local Church.

The key questions for each one of us, including myself, are: What is my role in our local vineyard of Waldorf? What is my purpose? **Am I fulfilling God's Will to love Him and everyone (including my enemies) for His glory?** Or, am I pursuing my own will, my own self-centered interests (prestige, power, control, money)? Am I jealous/envious of others when they are successful?

It is very difficult to discern God's will. We are blinded by our human passions and desires. We know we are doing God's Will when our hearts are at **peace!** We need **prayers and frequent receipt of the Sacraments of Eucharist and Penance.** We need to let go of our grudges. We need to forgive everyone. As Jesus said last week, we need to forgive 77 times those who sin

against us. We need to be as generous as God is, who forgives all our sins! As we hear in today's First Reading (Isaiah 55:6-9): "*Call the Lord when He is near. Let the wicked turn to the Lord for mercy, to our God Who is generous in forgiving.*"

Last question: **Is the Lord calling you to a new assignment in His vineyard?** Perhaps to be a Consecrated Virgin, a Nun, a Monk, a Permanent Deacon, a Priest, a Catechist, a Eucharistic Minister to the Homebound, a member of our Outreach Committee, a Lector, an Usher, a Greeter, a Sacristan, and Altar Boy, a singer in our St. Cecelia Choir for Girls, an Altar Guild member, a Building Committee member, or a volunteer to help us redesign our IT systems (phones, computers, websites)? The psalmist summarizes the **generosity** of our **God** and His continued presence in our lives through **His never-ending love.** We only have to do one thing—**ask God for help.** "The Lord is near to all who call upon him, to all who call him in truth." (Psalm 145:18)

Let us pray: All-Generous, All-Merciful, Ever-Present God, Help us to call upon You and to understand what you want us to do in Your Vineyard!

One in Christ,

Fr. Alain



DIOS ES GENEROSO

Le da envidia que Dios sea generoso con todos siempre? Esta es la pregunta que Dios nos hace en el Evangelio de este fin de semana: La Parabola del Dueño contratando trabajadores para su vina (Mateo 20:1-16a). La envidia, y los celos son emociones “humanas”. **Nuestra principal relacion debe ser con Dios**, no con otros seres humanos. Nuestra meta principal es estar en **Paz** con Dios mientras estamos en la tierra para asi tener vida eterna en el Cielo con Dios.

En la Parabola del Dueño de la Viña, sabemos que el Dueño es Dios , trino: Padre. Hijo y Espiritu Santo. Los trabajadores contratados para hacer Su trabajo en la Viña, somos nosotros, el pueblo de Dios. La Viña es el lugar donde Dios ha plantado su Vid, Jesus, el Hijo de Dios es la Vid, y nosotros somos las ramas (Juan 15) produciendo frutos para el Dueño: Dios. Como podemos aplicar esta Parabola a nuestra propia Parroquia, la Iglesia local?

Podria decirse que el Dueño es el Cardenal Gregory, y que el Pastor de Maria Auxiliadora es el Encargado Jefe que actua en nombre del Obispo. La Viña es todo el territorio de la Parroquia (el cual es la mitad de la gran area de Waldorf). La Vid es el Señor Jesucristo. Los trabajadores contratados son todos nuestros parroquianos, las ramas de la Vid, alimentadas por el Señor Jesucristo, y produciendo frutos para nuestro Dueño, el Obispo representa a Jesus como la cabeza de la Iglesia local.

La pregunta clave para nosotros , incluyendome, es: Cual es mi puesto en la viña local de Waldorf? Cual es mi proposito? **Estoy cumpliendo la voluntad de Dios de amarlo y a los demas (incluyendo a mis enemigos) para Su gloria?** O, estoy buscando mi propia voluntad, mis propios intereses egoistas (de prestigio, poder, control, o dinero)? Estoy celoso o envidiando cuando otros tienen exito? Es muy dificil entender la voluntad de Dios. Estamos cegados por nuestras pasiones y deseos humanos. Sabemos que estamos haciendo la Voluntad de Dios cuando nuestro corazon esta en **paz!** Necesitamos **orar y recibir el Sacramento**

de Reconciliacion y Eucaristia con mayor frecuencia. Necesitamos deshacernos de nuestros rencores. Necesitamos perdonar a todos. Como dijo Jesus la semana pasada, Necesitamos perdonar 77 veces a quien a pecado contra nosotros. Necesitamos ser generosos como Dios, quien perdona todos nuestros pecados! Como escuchamos hoy en la Primera Lectura (Isaias 55:6-9): “*Buscad a Dios mientras este cerca. Que los malvados vuelan a Dios por su misericordia, quien es generoso en perdonar.*”

Nuestra ultima pregunta: **El Señor esta llamandote para un nuevo trabajo en Su Viña?** Quizas como una Virgen consagrada, una monja, un Monje, Un Diacono Permanente, Un Sacerdote, un Catequista, un Ministro de Eucaristia para las personas que no pueden salir de casa, un miembro del comite de ayuda, un Lector, Uno que da la bienvenida, un Sacristan, un acolito, un Ujier, un cantor en nuestro Coro de ninas Sta. Cecilia, una persona que ayuda a decorar la Iglesia, un miembro del comite que cuida el edificio, o un voluntario que ayude a rediseñar el sistema de comunicacion (telefonos, computadoras, pagina de internet) el salmista resume que la **generosidad** de nuestro **Dios** y su presencia continua en nuestras vidas a traves de **Su amor eterno.** Solo tenemos que hacer una cosa—**pedirle a Dios su ayuda.** “El Señor esta cerca de todos los que lo claman, y lo claman en verdad.” (Salmo 145:18)

Oremos: Dios Misericordioso, Generoso, y siempre presente Ayudanos a clamar a Ti y a entender que es lo que Tu quieres que hagamos en Tu Viña!

Uno en Cristo,
Padre Alain



***We are asked to pray for:**

George Gallagher
D'Vaughn Webster
Lynette Washington
David Mesler
Ken Housewright

Tiffany Chase
Monica Halloran
Kathryn & David Newman
Andrea Lewis
Carolyn Briscoe

Father Alain
Theodore Danneico Hall
Tess Franch
Margaret Ferguson
Mary Ott

Bonnie Mesler
Mirna Eugofoama
Ollie Johnson
Mike Sofield, Sr.



Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday, September 23,

9:00 AM: Anne Marcos
5:00 PM: Rigo Jansen (+)

Sunday, September 24,

8:30 AM: Cristin Wyner (+)
10:00AM: Clare Coles
11:30 AM: Daniella Okpa
1:00 PM: Bonnie Mesler
7:00 PM: Abraham Ugues

Monday, September 25,

9:00AM: In thanksgiving

Tuesday, September 26,

9:00AM: Engracio & Crispin Tecson

Wednesday, September 27,

9:00 AM: Eden A. Villanueva (+)

7:00 PM: For the sick

Thursday, September 28,

9:00 AM: Rolando Bernales (+)

Friday, September 29,

9:00: AM: Tony & Connee Valle

Outreach News

Our next Outreach meeting will be October 4th, 2023 at 7 p.m. in the Fr. Martin Hall.

Meetings last no longer than 1 hour. Everyone is welcome!

The next Shepherds Table will be October 19, 2023.

The collection of nonperishable foods for "Sharing Sunday" continues in the Fr. Martin Hall.

All donations go to the Food Bank, Women's Shelter, and, Children's Aid in Waldorf.

Thank you all!



Tuesday Scripture Study - Join us on Tuesday mornings after the 9 am Mass to study the readings for the next Sunday.

Friday Scripture Study - The Friday night scripture study is now online. Please call the office for information on how to join us.

First Friday - The first Friday of each month the evening Mass in Latin is dedicated to promoting the Priesthood. Following evening Mass, devotion to the Alliance of the two Hearts.

First Saturday - Join members of the Marian Group on the first Saturday of the month after the 9 am Mass. Learn more about consecrating your life to Jesus through Mary.

Divine Mercy - Join us on the first Saturday of each month as we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet as a community at 3 PM.

OLHOC Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, please call the parish office or send email office@olhoc.org.

Mass Readings for October 1, 2023

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

***First Reading**

Ezekiel 18:25-28 (136A)

***Second Reading**

Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5

***Gospel**

Matthew 21:28-32

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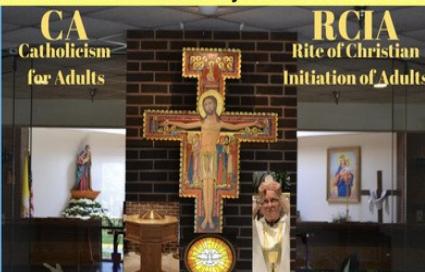


Interested in joining & learning about the Catholic Church for the first time?

Want to complete a Sacrament (Baptism, Eucharist and/or Confirmation)?

Want to learn and understand your Catholic Faith better?

For more info. or to sign-up please contact Deacon Rich deacon@olhoc.org



The Rite of Christian Initiation is designed for adults who seek to learn more about God, our Faith & desire to enter the Christian faith!

Classes Meet on Wednesdays at 7 pm
Location - Fr. Martin Hall

All parishioners are welcome and invited to join us!

OLLC Early Learning Center Giving Tree

Please visit our Giving Tree across from the office to help the Early Learning Center.

Giving Tree/Supplies:

Tissues
Paper Towels
Napkins
Kitchen Trash Bags for the classroom
Unscented Baby Wipes
Zip Lock Bags
(snack, sandwich, gallon, 2 gallon)
Glue Sticks



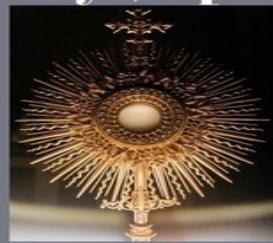
Rito de Iniciacion Cristiana para Adultos (RICA)

Esta interesado en unirse o aprender sobre la Iglesia Catolica por primera vez? Desea completar sus Sacramentos (Bautismo, Eucaristia y/o Confirmacion) Quiere aprender o entender mejor la Fe Catolica El Programa del RICA (Rito de Iniciacion Cristiana) disenado para 18 años y adultos. Empezamos el 27 de Agosto 2023

Informacion con Milton Galvan/ Maria Lam 240-551-3295 Las Clases son los Domingos a las 4:30 pm Salon 103

Holy Hour of Reparation Thursdays, 8 pm - 9 pm

Spend some time with Jesus and pray for priests !



Hora Santa
jueves, 8 pm - 9 pm

New Format:

Evening prayer

Silence

Litany of Prayer for Priests

Benediction



Join Fr Alain & Fr Jan pray for priests who are struggling & those who don't pray.
Invite other priests and lay people to join.



Parish School of Religion (CCD) 2023-2024

CCD Registration is Open for 2023-2024

Please visit the website www.olhoc.org/re

(?>s, contact Sr Rosario sister@olhoc.org)



NEW CCD Sessions for 2023-2024

Sundays Session 1 (8:45 AM - 9:45 AM) (for students in 1st & 7th grade, RCIC 1A & RCIC 2A)
Session 2 (10 AM - 11 AM) (for students in PK/K, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th & 8th)

Mondays Session 3 (5:45 PM - 6:45 PM for students in RCIC 1B & RCIC 2B)
Session 4 (7 PM- 8 PM) for students in PK/K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th)

Registration for First Holy Communion 2023-2024 is open
visit www.olhoc.org/1communion

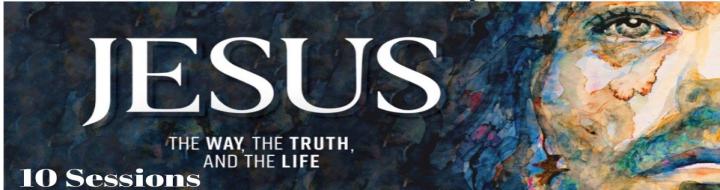
Registration for Confirmation
2023-2024 is open visit
www.olhoc.org/confirmation-1



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Join the Catholic Faith Explorers as we delve into

Engaging video presentation by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Edward Sri, followed by a lively group discussion and fellowship.



10 Sessions

THE DEFINITIVE STUDY OF JESUS CHRIST
The marvelous treasures of the Catholic Faith—the Eucharist, Mary, the saints, and the Creed—are all centered on a single figure: Jesus Christ. Jesus is more than a historical or theological figure. He is our savior, our redeemer, our Lord, and our God. While many of us know a lot about him already, how well can we say that we really know him?

Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life is a new and fresh look at Jesus—
who he is, what he is really like, what he taught, and what he did for our salvation.

This encounter with Christ will inspire and empower you to center your entire life around him as you come to know and love him in an ever deeper and more intimate way.



When: Starts Sunday, September 17th

Time: 9:30 AM **Where:** Fr Martin Hall or Virtually via Zoom Meeting

Questions Contact: Julia Ehman julehman@msn.com



Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, September 30th

9:45 AM (after the 9 AM Mass)

Bring your pets and have them blessed!

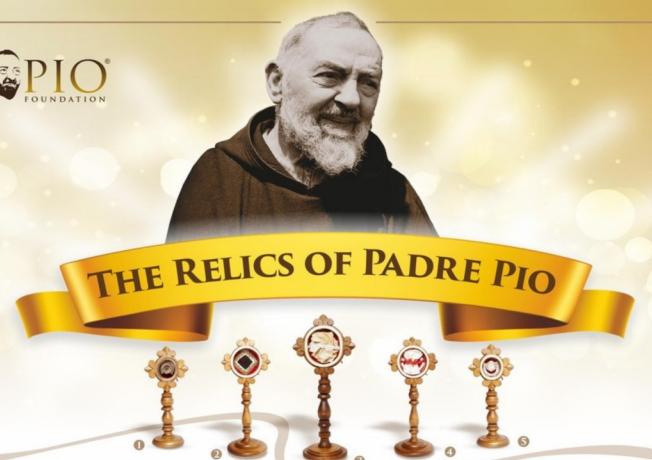
Please meet by Mary's statue.



**St Francis is the patron saint of animals.
His feast day is October 4th.**



**Join us for a very special opportunity to venerate
the Relics of Saint Padre Pio!**



1 SAINT PIO'S CRUST OF THE WOUNDS 2 A PIECE OF SAINT PIO'S MANTLE 3 GAUZE WITH SAINT PIO'S BLOOD STAINS 4 SAINT PIO'S HANDKERCHIEF 5 A LOCK OF SAINT PIO'S HAIR

**Saturday,
October 7th**

Veneration of Relics

8 AM - 7 PM

9 AM Mass

For Details visit:

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