

Guardian Angels Catholic Church and School

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St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule

(Note: All Masses are at Guardian Angels until further notice)

Ω—indicates a live-streamed Mass which can be found at:
<https://gachaska.org/live-mass-and-mass-video-archive/>

Weekdays:

Tuesday: 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 8:00 a.m.Ω
Thursday: 8:00 a.m.Ω
Friday: 8:00 a.m.Ω

Weekends:

Saturdays: 4:00 p.m.
Sundays: 8:00 a.m. /
10:00 a.m.Ω
Sundays: 12:30 p.m. (Mass in Spanish)

Reconciliation:

Saturdays: 3:15-3:45 p.m.

Eucharistic

Adoration:

Thursday: 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Today's Readings

First Reading — Turn to the LORD who is generous in forgiving (Isaiah 55:6-9).

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

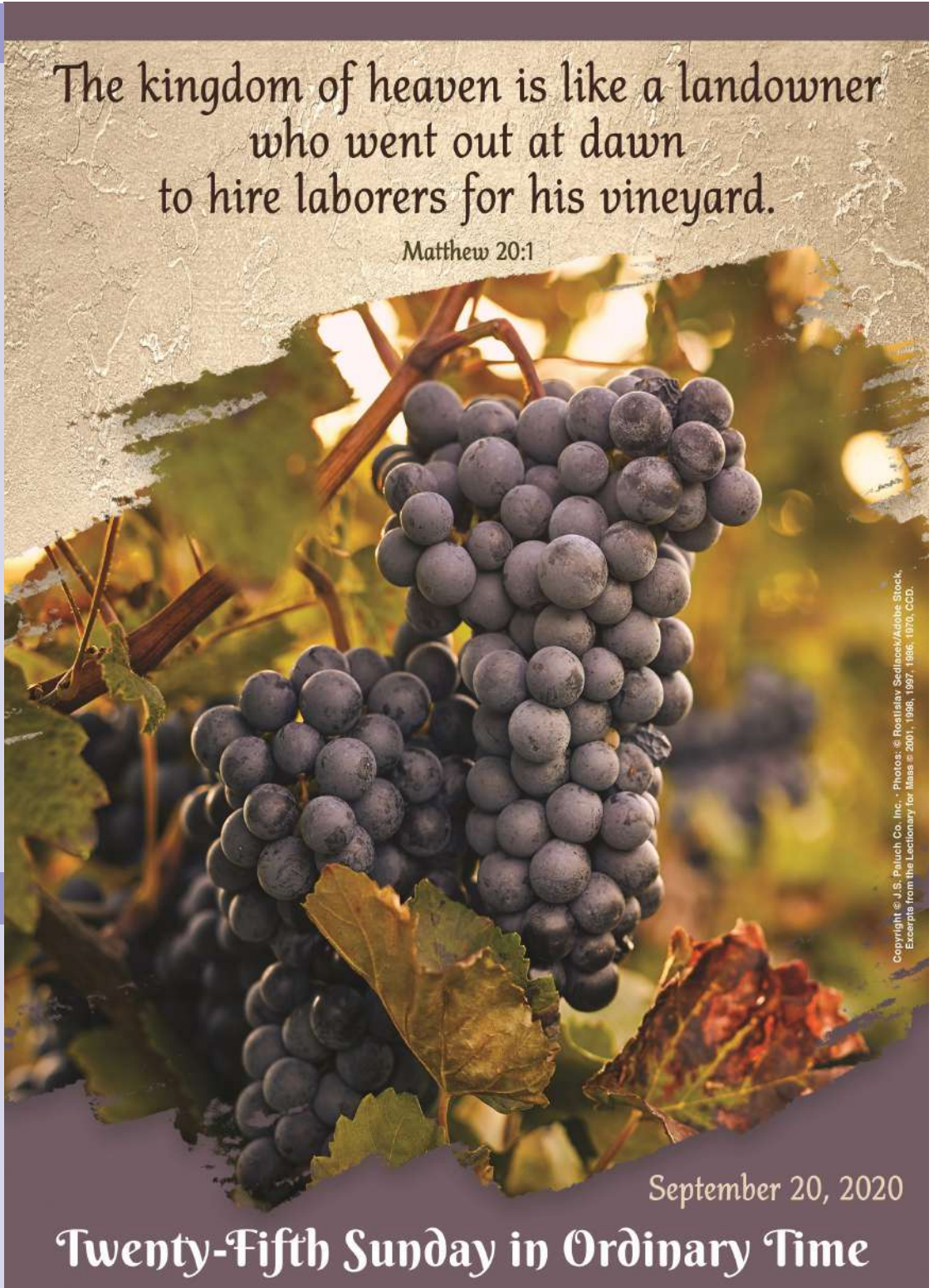
Second Reading — Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a).

Gospel — The last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:1-16a).

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The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard.

Matthew 20:1



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September 20, 2020

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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JoAnn Hasse, Cemetery	612-708-4118
Darlene Mahowald, Prayer Chain/ Funeral	952-448-4464
Prayer Garden	952-913-4964

Mass Intentions: Mass intentions may be for the living and/or the departed, with a † designating in the bulletin a deceased person. There is a \$10 suggested donation per Mass intention. Permission from the sick person or his/her family must be granted before a name's inclusion in these prayers. To schedule a Mass intention, call the Parish Office.

Baptism: Sacramental preparation is required for all parents. Godparents and Grandparents are also encouraged to attend. Baptismal prep sessions are given every other month and Baptism Masses are held once a month. Call the Parish Office to schedule a child for Baptism and the parents for baptismal prep.

Penance: Saturdays at Guardian Angels or by appointment.

Matrimony: Pre-registration required at least one year in advance; marriage preparation course is required. Initial contact: 952-227-4000, or e-mail: info@Gachaska.org.

Anointing: If you wish to receive an anointing please call the Parish Office: (952) 227-4000.

Communion for the Homebound: When we come together to pray at our Eucharistic liturgy, we do not forget the members of our community who are unable to be with us because of ill health. We remember them in our prayers, and we wish to include them in our Holy Communion. Members of our community bring the Blessed Sacrament to them to comfort them and to unite us in the Eucharist. We are not always aware of those who have this need. Please call the Parish Office to let us know if you or a member of your family would like to have Holy Communion brought to them. That way we can schedule a time for our ministers to visit and bring the Sacrament.

Hospital, Nursing Home, Homebound Visits: Churches are no longer notified by hospitals or nursing homes when a parishioner is admitted unless the family has requested it. If you or a family member are homebound, hospitalized or in a nursing home and would like a visit from a member of the ministry staff, please call the Parish Office.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA: Thinking about becoming Catholic or just want to learn more about Catholicism?

Have you or someone you know...

- Expressed an interest in exploring the possibility of becoming Catholic?
- Wanted to learn more about the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Faith?
- Wanted to expand your understanding of the Sacraments?
- Been baptized Catholic as a child, but have not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation or Eucharist?
- Have a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and practices of the Church and assist in discerning the call to become Catholic. The sessions will prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm, accepting setting.

We also invite all Catholics to join us for a refresher and re-invigorate your faith journey.

Sessions begin Tuesday, October 6 at 6:30 pm at Guardian Angels. For more information, call the Church office at 952-227-4000.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program has launched with sessions being held 9:15AM to 10:00AM in Guardian Angels School, Room 003.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori-

based Faith Formation program and as such, typically needs works made from natural materials and simple items. Thank you to all who have donated items and special thanks to those praying for this program thus far. With that, take a look at some of the materials that will be used this year!

We will meet once a month this year in order to have enhanced cleaning. Due to the "child-led" nature of the program, we are happy to announce that registration for 3-6 year olds is OPEN and will be accepted through Sunday, October 28th. If you or someone you know is interested in enrolling your little one, please stop in for a registration form in the parish office or email at goodshepherd@gachaska.org.

---Danielle Campos and Emily Maxwell





Faith Formation

Please join us as we start the 2020-21 Faith Formation season with an

ADULT ONLY session, for parents/guardians of youth in grades 1-8, on **Wednesday, September 23rd** in St. Francis Hall from **6:15-7:30pm**.

There will not be any classes or childcare scheduled.

High School youth and their parents will meet on Sunday, September 27th.

With the health and safety of our entire Guardian Angels community as a priority, we will be following all social distancing and mask recommendations to ensure that this year's Faith Formation program can occur safely and effectively.

Blessings,

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Neal Maxwell (Coordinator - Grades 6-10)
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Launch Ministries Fundraiser, Sept. 23rd

Launch Ministries is holding a virtual fundraiser on Wednesday, September 23rd at 7:00 PM.

Launch Ministries fights homelessness in and near the city of Chaska.



Some of the ministry's highlights this past year:

- ♥ Supported 22 different youth throughout Carver County in our apartment-based housing program.
- ♥ Provided resources for nearly 300 youth at our Chaska drop in center.
- ♥ Provided 6 hotel rooms each night since March for youth in emergency crisis situations.

Visit <http://www.tinyurl.com/launchministry> to register and visit the same website at 7:00 PM on Sept. 23rd to attend the event.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. **Amen**



Church Calendar

Monday, Sept. 21
OFFICE CLOSED at 12:30 pm

Tuesday, Sept. 22
5:30 p.m. Mass at GA

Wednesday, Sept. 23
8 a.m. Mass at GA † Ray Heiland

Thursday, Sept. 24
8 a.m. Mass at GA † Teresa Fritz

Friday, Sept. 25
8 a.m. Mass at GA

Saturday, Sept. 26
Noon - 4 p.m. PARISH COOK OUT / CAR SHOW
4 p.m. Mass at GA † Delora Mueleners

Sunday, Sept. 27
8 a.m. Mass at GA † Clara & Marvin Pylka
10 a.m. Mass at GA † Lori Borak
12:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish at GA—Mass for the People

St. Nicholas Update from Deacon Jim Bauhs - Parish Life Administrator

A brief update on the progress for meeting our assigned task from the Archbishop. Due to the pandemic we are unable to hold in-person listening sessions. In order to gather information from as many people as possible, we will be using a survey to collect input and ideas for the future of St. Nicholas. The survey and cover letter will be sent soon, via US Mail, to all registered and active parishioners. The letter and survey will also be made available on the St. Nicholas website and facebook page. The survey can be filled out on paper or online. I have asked the St. Nicholas Trustees and members of the Finance Council to be the working group to help summarize the responses and form our recommendations to the Archbishop. I expect that we would have information to share with you in the later half of October. Please continue to pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit and for the protection and health of all. May God continue to bless you and your loved ones. I can be reached at deacon.jim.bauhs@gmail.com or (612) 405-0116.

Sunday Readings

September 20, 2020

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1

Is 55:6-9

Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call him while he is near.
Let the scoundrel forsake his way,
and the wicked his thoughts;
let him turn to the LORD for mercy;
to our God, who is generous in forgiving.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
As high as the heavens are above the earth,
so high are my ways above your ways
and my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm

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

R. (18a) The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

Every day will I bless you,
and I will praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the LORD and highly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
The LORD is good to all
and compassionate toward all his works.

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

The LORD is just in all his ways
and holy in all his works.

The LORD is near to all who call upon him,
to all who call upon him in truth.

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

Reading 2

Phil 1:20c-24, 27a

Brothers and sisters: Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. And I do not know which I shall choose. I am caught between the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit.

St. Nicholas
Prayer Garden

Greetings from Friends of St Nicholas.

We have been blessed with some fabulous autumn weather with sunny clear blue skies and fewer mosquitoes! A special thank you to all of our visitors and many pilgrims who have visited our beautiful prayer garden throughout this year. We continue to finish up some light construction on a few shrines and we have installed a new sign structure. The sign graphics will be installed very soon to enhance and guide you through your prayer garden visit. The new and improved engraved bricks, benches Kasota stone niche and granite slabs will be installed over the next few weeks. As we prepare the prayer garden and St Nicholas Church campus grounds for the long winter, we invite you to join us for fall clean-up. Saturday, Oct 17th and Saturday, October 24th. More information will be provided closer to the event!

www.stnicholaspryergarden.org email FOSNinfo@gmail.com
952-913-4964

Gospel

Mt 20:1-16a

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o'clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.' So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o'clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.' When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.' When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.' He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. 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."

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THE
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Article on Cremation for Parishes

“Show me the manner in which a nation cares for its dead, and I will measure with mathematical exactness, the tender mercies of its people, their respect for the laws of the land and their loyalty to high ideals.” Wm Ewart Gladstone

In 1989, when the revised Order of Christian Funerals was promulgated, cremation was not the usual way of disposition of a body. The Church advocated that we follow 3 stages of ritualizing the life of the deceased: The Vigil/Wake, the Funeral Mass and the Final Commendation of the Body, which primarily was burial in the earth. We had the entire body present for all three ceremonies. We would never have considered keeping the body at home after the Mass to be buried at a future time.

In 1997, the Catholic Conference of Bishops approved a rite to be used in special pastoral circumstances, when cremated remains were to be present at a Funeral Liturgy. The expectation was that the faithful would still follow the wake, Mass and burial. There was also the expectation to continue to view and treat these remains as the human body, and thus would hold them in esteem, as “a temple of the Holy Spirit” and its destiny “for future glory at the resurrection of the dead.”

In 2020, it appears that we have lost the knowledge around treating cremated remains with the “fundamental dignity of a human person.” CANA (Cremation Association of North America) states that by 2025 48% of Americans will be cremated. In 2019 the MN cremation rate was 67.9% and it is predicted that we will only level off once we move closer to 75%. What does this mean for how we treat the cremated remains of our loved ones?

If choosing cremation, every family needs to answer these questions:

- Q. What are you going to do with your loved ones cremated remains?
Often the answer is, “we’re going to keep them at home.”

While initially, that plan sounds fine at that moment, we never have the answer to the follow-up question.

- Q. So, what’s the long term plan? Who will care for them after you have died?

There usually isn’t an answer to this question. Yet, because these are human remains, there needs to be a plan that includes the survivors. When there is no plan, often human remains become abandoned or left behind.

It has been said that we protect and secure the things we hold dear. Yet, often we find cremated remains left in attics, closets, garages, storage facilities and even in Good Will stores. Some are left abandoned at church doors or never picked up at funeral homes. Some people scatter the cremated remains at a lake cabin, bury them in their own back yard, or dump them on a relative’s grave at a cemetery. Some are made into jewelry, tattoo ink or put into bullets. None of these methods show respect for one who was baptized into a community of love-one who was a child of God.

If we are honest about it, we know that there are conflicting messages about cremation. Because the state of MN says that cremation is the final disposition of the body, family members often are not instructed that the cremated remains should be buried or interred at a cemetery. For some individuals, there may be financial difficulties in providing a final resting place. For others, society’s attitude of “death as an inconvenience” means that there is no ritualization, no memorialization and no burial.

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Calvary Cemetery, St. Paul | Gellitsemann Cemetery, New Hope | Resurrection Cemetery, Mendota Heights | St. Anthony's Cemetery, Minneapolis | St. Mary's Cemetery, Minneapolis

At Catholic Cemeteries, our mission is to bury the dead. We believe that all are destined for eternal life with God and that all individuals are part of the great communion of saints. Because of this and our knowledge of cremated remains that are often forgotten, we have begun a program entitled, "Bringing Them Home." We can provide a dignified burial option.

On October 24, 2020, we will have an opportunity for those in Catholic parishes who have cremated remains at home to have them interred in a communal crypt at the Resurrection chapel mausoleum in Mendota Heights. For \$200.00, families will have an opportunity to:

1. Have a permanent resting place in which the cremated remains of their loved one will be secure.
2. Have a place that provides peace of mind for the family, knowing that their loved one will be perpetually cared for.
3. Know that by interring the cremated remains, it affirms the worth of the individual by providing a final home.
4. Have a formal record of burial at the cemetery and the name of the deceased on display in a Book of Remembrance in the Chapel Mausoleum.

Requirements for this program are:

- Cremated remains need to be at least 5 years old or we will also accept anyone who has died of Covid-19 in the last year.
- We need the full name of the deceased and date of death
- We need the legal next of kin to authorize the burial of the deceased
- We need a copy of the cremation certificate
- Once cremated remains are interred in the communal crypt, they will be unable to be disinterred.
- Individuals will need to make an appointment with a family service counselor to walk through the process, do paperwork for records, review size of container, and learn about interment process and memorialization options.

After having met with a family service counselor, cremated remains may be dropped off at the Resurrection Cemetery Office beginning on September 2nd and no later than October 2nd in order for them to be interred. They will be placed in a communal crypt prior to the October 24th committal prayer service.

With this ministry, we are trying to accompany people through the grieving process, allowing some closure in knowing where the loved one will be permanently housed and cared for as well as having a place where the whole family can come and memorialize their loved one. The deceased need not be Catholic to be interred here. We will care for them forever.

Archbishop Hebda will lead a committal service on October 24, 2020 in the Chapel Mausoleum at Resurrection. Because of Covid-19, we will not be able to open the service to the public, but we will tape it and have it on the Catholic Cemeteries website on November 1st. www.catholic-cemeteries.org

Families will have a permanent place to visit as well as a maintained permanent record of their presence. Our mission is to honor, respect and bury the dead. Every person is a child of God and deserves a resting place and to be remembered.

For more information or questions, please call Sr. Fran Donnelly at 651-255-0537.

Saturday
September 26th*



Guardian Angels
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*This is an outdoor event and will be canceled for rain-out
except for the Mass.

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El Reino de los cielos es semejante a un propietario que, al amanecer, salió a contratar trabajadores para su viña.

Mateo 20:1

20 de septiembre de 2020
Vigésimo Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

SUÉLTAME

En nuestra vida diaria, y en la oración y la adoración, nos encontramos con un Dios que no comprendemos completamente. A veces nos encontramos con un Dios misterioso y sorprendente, cuyas acciones y designios están más allá de nosotros, “tan alto como los cielos están sobre la tierra”. Nuestras lecturas de esta semana describen la confusión, la alegría y el desafío de este encuentro. Las lecturas nos invitan a “dejarnos ir”. Isaías nos invita a dejar de tratar de encajar a Dios en nuestras propias maneras cómodas de pensar. Pablo, sabiendo que podría enfrentar la muerte en cualquier momento, describe su alegría por haber dejado de intentar controlar su futuro. La parábola de Jesús en el Evangelio de Mateo nos desafía a dejar de en medio limitar la generosidad de Dios a los demás. Que nuestros encuentros con nuestro Dios misterioso pero digno de confianza transformen nuestros corazones y mentes, y profundicen nuestra confianza en Dios.

UN DIOS GENEROSO

La parábola del Evangelio de hoy identifica una tendencia fuertemente humana de creer que cada uno debe obtener lo que se merece. Si logramos más que otros, merecemos recibir más: más dinero, más privilegios, más honor. Y así anticipamos que Dios nos recompensará más libremente a aquellos que han hecho más por Dios.

Jesús dice que Dios hace las cosas de manera diferente. El salario de un día, en la historia es como el don de perdón y salvación, compartida igual y abundantemente con todos. Los trabajadores de tiempo completo se quejan diciéndole: “le pagas lo mismo que a nosotros que soportamos el peso del día y del calor”. Les molestaba que no les hayan pagado más que a los otros, rechazando aceptarlos como iguales. Jesús dice que en medio del pueblo de Dios no hay tal jerarquía. Independientemente de antecedentes o logros, podemos aceptar a todos como hermanos y hermanas, y alegrarnos en la generosidad de Dios para todos.

EL PRIMERO Y EL ÚLTIMO

En la parábola de hoy, había empleados que trabajaron todo el día y a los que les pagaron primero; ellos probablemente nunca hubieran conocido que los empleados que empezaron tarde su jornada habían recibido la misma paga y no habrían estado celosos. En la forma en que la historia se cuenta, tanto la justicia y la misericordia de Dios se revelan. El patrón dio un salario justo a los que trabajaron todo el día; y fue generosamente misericordioso con aquellos que trabajaron menos horas.

Cuando Jesús dice que “los últimos serán los primeros, y los primeros, los últimos”, él apunta hacia el Reino de Dios. Este es un reino donde la opresión termina y las divisiones entre las personas son sanadas. Dios trae justicia y misericordia al mundo que gravemente las necesita. En el libro del Apocalipsis, Jesús llama a “los primeros y los últimos”, el Alfa y el Omega. En Jesús, los primeros y los últimos se reúnen para sanar el mundo de Dios. Cuando trabajamos por justicia y mostramos misericordia, nos unimos en el ministerio sanador de Jesús.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Isaías 55:6-9

Salmo 145 (144):2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Filipenses 1:20c-24, 27a

Mateo 20:1-16a

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Lecturas de Domingo

20 de septiembre de 2020

Vigésimo Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Primera lectura

Is 55, 6–9

Busquen al Señor mientras lo pueden encontrar,
invóquenlo mientras está cerca;
que el malvado abandone su camino,
y el criminal sus planes;
que regrese al Señor, y él tendrá piedad;
a nuestro Dios, que es rico en perdón.

Mis pensamientos no son los pensamientos de ustedes,
sus caminos no son mis caminos, dice el Señor.
Porque así como aventajan los cielos a la tierra,
así aventajan mis caminos a los de ustedes
y mis pensamientos a sus pensamientos”.

Salmo Responsorial

Sal 144, 2–3. 8–9. 17–18

R. (18a) Bendeciré al Señor eternamente.

Un día tras otro bendeciré tu nombre
y no cesará mi boca de alabarte.
Muy digno de alabanza es el Señor,
por ser su grandeza incalculable.

R. Bendeciré al Señor eternamente.

El Señor es compasivo y misericordioso,
lento para enojarse y generoso para perdonar.
Bueno es el Señor para con todos
y su amor se extiende a todas sus creaturas.

R. Bendeciré al Señor eternamente.

Siempre es justo el Señor en sus designios
y están llenas de amor todas sus obras.
No está lejos de aquellos que lo buscan;
muy cerca está el Señor, de quien lo invoca.

R. Bendeciré al Señor eternamente.

Segunda lectura

Fil 1, 20–24. 27

Hermanos: Ya sea por mi vida, ya sea por mi muerte,
Cristo será glorificado en mí. Porque para mí, la vida es Cristo,
y la muerte, una ganancia. Pero si el continuar viviendo en este
mundo me permite trabajar todavía con fruto, no sabría yo qué
elegir.

Me hacen fuerza ambas cosas:
por una parte, el deseo de morir y estar
con Cristo, lo cual, ciertamente, es con
mucho lo mejor; y por la otra, el de
permanecer en vida, porque esto es ne-

cesario para el bien de ustedes. Por lo que a ustedes toca, lleven
una vida digna del Evangelio de Cristo.

Evangelio

Mt 20, 1–16

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a sus discípulos esta parábola: “El Reino de los cielos es semejante a un propietario que, al amanecer, salió a contratar trabajadores para su viña. Después de quedar con ellos en pagarles un denario por día, los mandó a su viña. Salió otra vez a media mañana, vio a unos que estaban ociosos en la plaza y les dijo: ‘Vayan también ustedes a mi viña y les pagaré lo que sea justo’. Salió de nuevo a medio día y a media tarde e hizo lo mismo.

Por último, salió también al caer la tarde y encontró todavía a otros que estaban en la plaza y les dijo: ‘¿Por qué han estado aquí todo el día sin trabajar?’ Ellos le respondieron: ‘Porque nadie nos ha contratado’. Él les dijo: ‘Vayan también ustedes a mi viña’.

Al atardecer, el dueño de la viña dijo a su administrador: ‘Llama a los trabajadores y págales su jornal, comenzando por los últimos hasta que llegues a los primeros’. Se acercaron, pues, los que habían llegado al caer la tarde y recibieron un denario cada uno.

Cuando les llegó su turno a los primeros, creyeron que recibirían más; pero también ellos recibieron un denario cada uno. Al recibirlo, comenzaron a reclamarle al propietario, diciéndole: ‘Esos que llegaron al último sólo trabajaron una hora, y sin embargo, les pagas lo mismo que a nosotros, que soportamos el peso del día y del calor’.

Pero él respondió a uno de ellos: ‘Amigo, yo no te hago ninguna injusticia. ¿Acaso no quedamos en que te pagaría un denario? Toma, pues, lo tuyo y vete. Yo quiero darle al que llegó al último lo mismo que a ti. ¿Qué no puedo hacer con lo mío lo que yo quiero? ¿O vas a tenerme rencor porque yo soy bueno?’

De igual manera, los últimos serán los primeros, y los primeros, los últimos”.

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EL REINO DE LOS CIELOS

ES SEMEJANTE A UN PROPIETARIO QUE, AL AMANECER,
SALIÓ A CONTRATAR TRABAJADORES PARA SU VIÑA.

~ Mateo 20:1

