

# Getting Ready for Sunday!



# **Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Jesus speaks to us through the medium of a parable this Sunday. A parable is a story which Jesus tells to deliver a particular message.**

**The parable is about workers in the vineyard.**

**The image of the master in the vineyard relates to God the Father.**

**The work in the vineyard relates to our own work, vocation and purpose in life.**

**The giving of payment presents an image of the last judgment.**

**At the end of the days work, all received the same payment regardless of the time spent. God is generous to all: both to those who came to work first and those who came last.**

**This presents a challenge to our own capacity for generosity, forgiveness, mercy and love!**

# Matthew 20:1-16



*The Labourers in the Vineyard*

***For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard.***



*When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went.*



**When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them:**



***Because no one has hired us.***

***Why are you standing here idle all day?***

***You also go into the vineyard.***

***When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first."***



***When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage.***





*These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.*

*Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?*




***Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?***



***So the last will be first, and the first will be last.***



The image features three black crosses of varying heights and positions, set against a background of a sunset or sunrise. The sky is a gradient of orange and red, with the sun low on the horizon. The crosses are simple, consisting of a vertical post and a horizontal bar. One cross is on the left, one is in the center, and one is on the right. The text is overlaid on the central cross.

"Thus, the last will be  
first, and the first will be  
last."

(Matthew 20:16)

# Bible Search

Read **Matthew 20:1-16** in your family Bible-this is the Gospel reading at Mass this Sunday.



# Consider



**How generous are you with your time and talents?**

# Praying to Jesus



**Pray for the grace to accept  
God's generosity to you.**

**Ask God to help you to let go of  
hurts and regrets.**

