

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24, 2017

Not Fair!

Occasionally I would make a little spending money from my folks when I was kid. The cash fall of 50 cents or a dollar or two occurred only when I went above and beyond my normal chores. I was jealous of those kids who got allowances from their parents. The O'Donnell kids did not get an allowance. Of course, it was a consensus amongst my siblings that this was not fair!

The hardship of washing dishes, raking leaves, washing windows and taking out the trash, should certainly have some sort of remuneration, thought this punky kid. Any attempt to unionize would have been squashed by the authorities (i.e., mom and dad). Plea bargaining got us nowhere. The only option left to us was to suffer through the physical and mental anguish and long for the day when we could get jobs and get paid for our work.

Dad and mom said we would understand when we got older how this supposed injustice was actually very just. My folks wanted to teach us that everything we received was a gift. A roof over our heads, food on the table, and clothes to wear was the payment that we couldn't calculate. Everyone pitched in at home because it was what had to be done to be a family. And more than all the other gifts combined, the greatest gift we received which could never be measured was the gift of love.

When mom or dad "hired" a few boys from the neighborhood and gave them money for doing what I did for free I wanted to call my lawyer but I did not have one, or even know what one was. At the time, I could not comprehend that they paid for a service that I did for nothing. Of course, in time I grew up and I realized the value of work and understood that these neighborhood boys that my folks had hired lived in extreme poverty and that everything mom and dad did for them and the whole family was always done in charity. Mom and dad's generosity reflected our heavenly Father's generous mercy for all his children. Their generosity to others did not deprive me of anything but actually gave me a great lesson of life which I still treasure. Let us strive to be generous with all that we have and desire for everyone to receive the reward of eternal life.

God bless,
Fr. Matthew

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday: Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Luke 8:19-21
Wednesday: *Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest (Memorial)*
 Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6
Thursday: Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9
Friday: *Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels (Feast)*
 Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; John 1:47-51
Saturday: *St Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)*
 Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45
Sunday: Ezekiel 18:25-28; Matthew 21:28-32

This Week's Program Schedule

Monday, September 25

8:00AM	Mass	Church
8:30AM	Bible Study	Lounge
6:00PM	Adoration/Reconciliation	Church

Tuesday, September 26

8:00AM	Mass	Church
6:30PM	Charismatic Prayer Group	Lounge
6:30PM	Baptism Class (Pre-register)	Conf. Rm

Wednesday, September 27

10:00AM	Bible Study	Conf. Rm
1:00PM	Mass @ CSUS	Lakeside Rm.
4:00-5:00PM	1 st Session CRE	Church
5:15-6:30PM	2 nd Session CRE	Church
6:45-8:00PM	3 rd Session CRE	Church

Thursday, September 28

Friday, September 29

7:00AM-3:00PM	YLI Yard Sale	Parking Lot
4:30PM	Mass	Church

Saturday, September 30

6:15AM	That Man is You!	Church
7:00AM-2:00PM	YLI Yard Sale	Parking Lot
3:30PM	Reconciliation	Church
5:00PM	Mass	Church

Sunday, October 1

9:00AM	Mass	Church
9:00AM	Children's Liturgy	Conf. Rm
10:00AM	Hospitality	Lobby
6:00PM	Mass	Church
7:15PM	CSA	Lounge

Something for our Children!

Can you unscramble the following words from today's Gospel?

AARPEBL	EYAINVRD	GWEA
WNORE	STAL	RTSIF

Answers on the next page→

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Give back to the Lord a sacrifice, a share of what the Lord has so generously given to you.

Last Sunday's Offertory: \$5,339.50

Community Assistance: \$2,068.61

Thank you and God bless you!

MASS INTENTIONS

5:00PM	Sat., Sept. 23	All Saints Community
9:00AM	Sun., Sept. 24	Maria Luisa Valencia†
6:00PM	Sun., Sept. 24	Teresa Dores†
8:00AM	Mon., Sept. 25	Jerome Neu†
8:00AM	Tues., Sept. 26	Edna Mae Milnor†
4:30PM	Fri., Sept. 27	Jose I. Lopez†

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS: We would like to extend our special congratulations and prayers to **Lane Menezes**. On Saturday, September 23, Lane Menezes received the Sacrament of Holy Orders to the Permanent Diaconate from Bishop Blaire at the Cathedral of the Annunciation. Lane, and six other men, received the Ordination to the Order of Deacon. Please share in Lane's first Mass as Deacon on Sunday, September 24 at 9:00am. He will be joined by his brother, Fr. Wade Menezes, CPM of the Fathers of Mercy in Kentucky as a concelebrant. Please share our joy at a reception for Lane following the 5:00pm Mass on September 30. We are sincerely happy and blessed that Lane will remain here at All Saints as a Deacon.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Our 19th Annual Fall Festival will be on **October 8 from 10AM to 2PM**. Our 2nd annual *Church Cheers* will be held on Saturday, October 7 from 6PM—9PM. Tickets are \$50 each and will be sold after all Masses. We only have a few tickets left so purchase your ticket(s) soon. Call Cathy with any questions at 678-2357.

PLEASE BRING YOUR SILENT AUCTION ITEMS: Please remember that we need your donations of gift cards, baskets and items that can stand alone for our silent auction. Items can be dropped off at the office during regular office hours by Monday, October 2, or you may contact Cathy Morelli at 678-2357. If you need additional raffle tickets, please contact Cathy or the church office. God bless you for your continued support!

THIS SUNDAY'S 2nd COLLECTION will be for the benefit of our local Catholic Charities (Stockton Diocese). Catholic Charities Sunday will now be in the month of September rather than May each year. Please make your check payable to Catholic Charities.

YLI HUGE YARD SALE: YLI will hold their yard sale on **Friday, September 29** from 7AM—3PM and on **Saturday, September 30** from 7AM—2PM in the All Saints parking lot. More furniture and large toys, and anything else you would like to donate would be greatly appreciated. Proceeds from this sale will be for the benefit of the college students in our CSA. Contact Sherry Mailloux at 413-561-6018 if you have any questions.

NEXT WEEKEND'S 2ND COLLECTION will be for **Respect Life Sunday**. Your donation to the Respect Life efforts in our diocese is essential to a ministry that offers: Post-abortion reconciliation and healing; education for natural family planning; support for parish committees promoting the dignity of all life; education outreach on all life issues. Thank you for your generous support for the continued work of our Diocesan Life and Dignity ministry.

This week's helpers include ...

Altar Linens ~ Mary Sai

Thank you and God bless you for your unselfish service!

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Please pray for our sick community members and friends:

<i>Gustavo Delgado</i>	<i>Socorro Aguilar</i>	<i>Ed H</i>
<i>Peggy Howard</i>	<i>Rita Yonan</i>	<i>Victor Rodriguez</i>
<i>Diane Anderson</i>	<i>Linda Seymour</i>	<i>Stephen...</i>
<i>Jim Perdomo</i>	<i>Don Soares</i>	<i>Lois Jumper</i>
<i>Arline Carnemolla</i>	<i>Catherine Harris</i>	<i>Fe Moran</i>
<i>Cynthia Basco</i>	<i>Jackie Ferreira</i>	<i>Linda Crabtree</i>
<i>Roland & Edie Ferrari</i>	<i>Leontina Pereira</i>	<i>Sharon...</i>
<i>Patti & Tom Scott</i>	<i>Robert A. France</i>	<i>Ed Rocha</i>
<i>Jo Marie Drouillard</i>	<i>Manuel Castillo</i>	<i>Giovanni Sahagun</i>
<i>Joanne Mattos</i>	<i>Isabel Rodriguez</i>	<i>Taylor A.</i>
<i>Ed & Stephanie Chambers</i>	<i>Carlos Perales</i>	<i>Carol Parks</i>
<i>Jim Drouillard</i>	<i>Artie Romero</i>	<i>Raul Campusano</i>
<i>Guadalupe Ramirez-Villegas</i>	<i>Russell Van Hook</i>	<i>Kevin Downs</i>
<i>Kathy Guinnane</i>	<i>Kathy Molina</i>	<i>Shelly...</i>
<i>Edward Lytle</i>	<i>Ray Morris</i>	<i>Taylor Holt</i>
<i>Michelle Basco-Rogers</i>	<i>David Brian Baca</i>	<i>William Jackson</i>
<i>Josephina Camacho</i>	<i>Ann Nguyen</i>	<i>Janet Fiorini</i>
<i>Efren Ramirez</i>	<i>Kristy B.</i>	<i>Eddie Sai, III</i>
<i>Elena Sandoval</i>	<i>Beto Garcia</i>	<i>Ubaldo Sanchez</i>
<i>Wayne Maass</i>	<i>Matthew ...</i>	<i>Hector Acosta</i>

Your special prayers for these and others suffering from illness are gratefully appreciated. Thank you and God bless you!

Notify the office if you have anyone you would like to place on our list of persons in need of prayer due to illness. So that space will always be available for your loved ones, names will be kept on our list for three months. (However, your prayer requests can be renewed.)

RCIA

Any adult wishing to embrace the Catholic faith or any Catholic wishing to be confirmed should contact Michael Fuller by calling the church office at 669-0473.

CRE

There will be a mandatory 2nd Year Confirmation parent meeting this Wednesday, September 27 during your child's classtime. Please meet in your child's classroom. Please make sure to sign in before the meeting.

CATHOLIC STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (CSA)
Movie Night, Sunday, September 24 at 7:15PM: Please join the CSA in the lounge after the 6:00PM Mass.

We Care (Feeding the Homeless), Saturday, September 30 at 5:30am.

All college students are welcome.

WALKING WITH PURPOSE: Coming this fall to Our Lady of the Assumption, Walking with Purpose is a Catholic Bible study for women that aims to bring women to a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ by offering personal study and small group discussion that link our everyday challenges with the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Roman Catholic Church. Come to the Open House at OLA on Thursday, Sept. 28 at 7PM to learn about the program. Contact Gina Ceja (620-2835), Dalila Armendariz (485-3941), or Jean Alt (756-8030) for more information.

THE FACTOR BAKE SALE: Your generosity is needed! The Factor is holding a bake sale after all masses *this weekend*, September 23-24. God bless you for your continued support!

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS: PARABLE, VINEYARD, WAGE, OWNER, LAST, FIRST. How did you do?