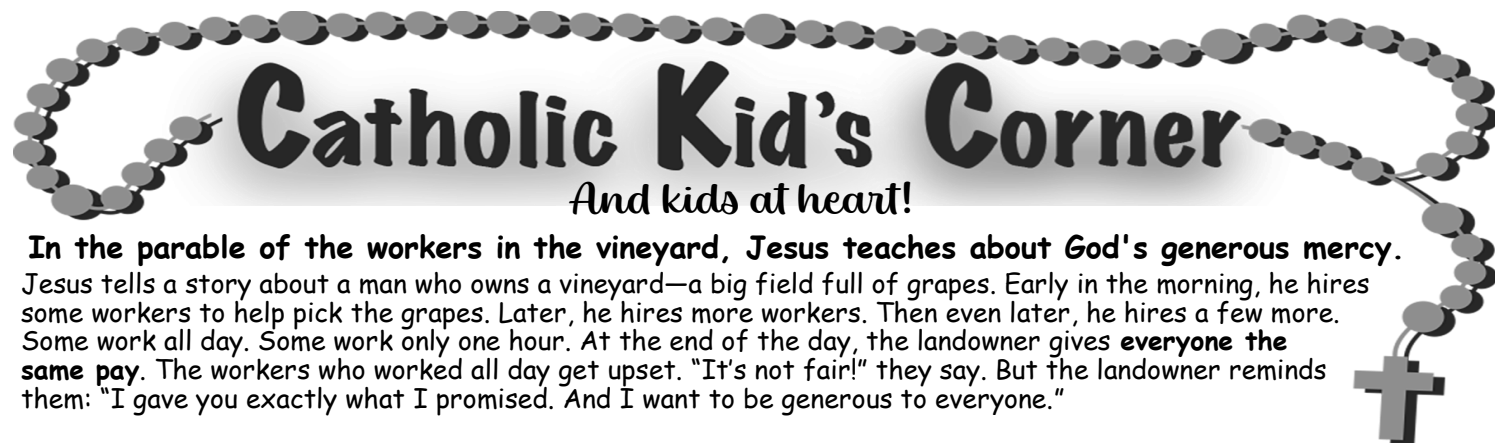




Catholic Kid's Corner

And kids at heart!

In the parable of the workers in the vineyard, Jesus teaches about God's generous mercy.

Jesus tells a story about a man who owns a vineyard—a big field full of grapes. Early in the morning, he hires some workers to help pick the grapes. Later, he hires more workers. Then even later, he hires a few more. Some work all day. Some work only one hour. At the end of the day, the landowner gives **everyone the same pay**. The workers who worked all day get upset. "It's not fair!" they say. But the landowner reminds them: "I gave you exactly what I promised. And I want to be generous to everyone."

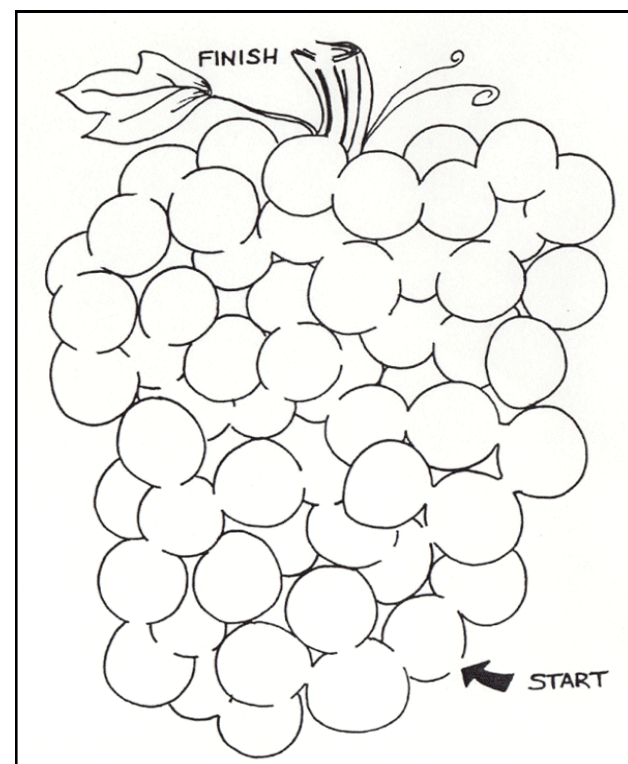
Matthew 20:1-18

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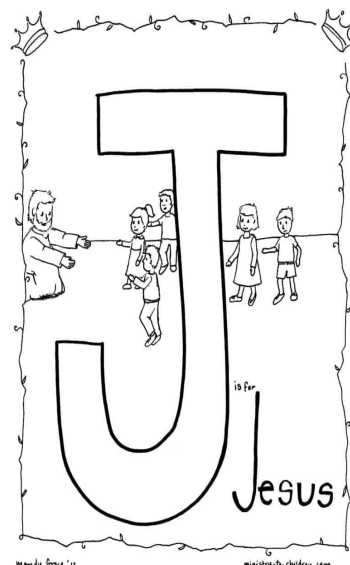
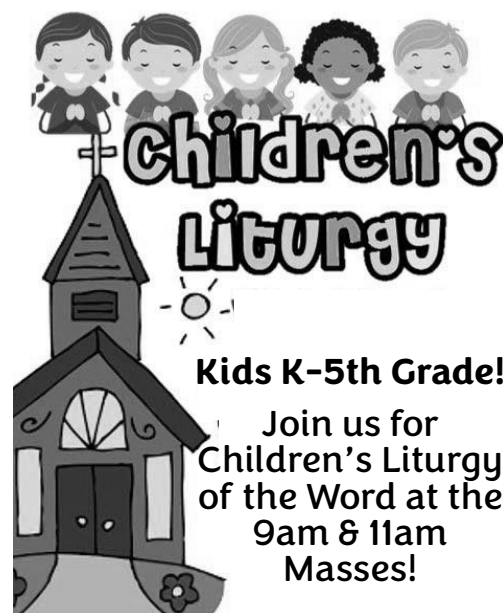
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(MATTHEW 20:1-16)



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September 20, 2026

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Clergy

Rev. Charles Ugochukwu, Pastor
Deacon Mark Bussemeier
Deacon Manuel Garcia
Deacon Tim Parker

Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday & Thursday: 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday: 7:00 a.m.

First Fridays: 7:00 a.m.

Holy Days are Announced

Reconciliation

Tuesday & Thursday: 11:00 a.m.
until the beginning of Mass

Saturday at 3:00pm

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism Classes: Contact the parish office
to register for the next scheduled date.

Please contact the parish office or visit the
parish website for more information on all
other Sacraments

Anointings

Please contact the Parish Office.

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Matthew 20:1-16

*In the parable of the workers in the vineyard, Jesus teaches
about God's generous mercy.*

In today's Gospel, Jesus moves from Galilee to teach in Judea where he is sought out by great crowds and tested by the Pharisees on issues such as marriage and divorce. Jesus also encounters a rich young man who is unable to accept Jesus' demand that he leave his possessions to follow him. Jesus' response to the rich young man sounds very much like the conclusion we will find in today's Gospel: the first will be last and the last will be first.

On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair. That is because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified.

A close read shows us that the landowner paid on the terms that were negotiated. The landowner, it seems, has acted completely justly. The parable goes beyond that, however, and we come to see that the landowner is not simply just, he is exceptionally just. He is radically just. He has given those who labored in the field for a full day their due pay. But he has also given a full-day's wage to those who worked only a single hour. No to be treated as an equal at work or anywhere else?

The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways.

SO THE LAST WILL BE
FIRST, AND THE FIRST
WILL BE LAST."
— MATTHEW 20:16

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, September 19th

4:00pm - + George Ohama, + Evelyn Orosco, + Lucy Keller, +John Grabowski Jr., + Yolanda Pacheco

Sunday, September 20th

7:00am - + Jesus Gutierrez & + Nila Velasquez, + Enzo Pepe, + Jake & Lourdes Maestas

9:00am - + Zacarias Salazar, + Margaret Marinez, + John Geekie

11:00am - + Yvonne Perea, + Bernadette Carrasco, + Jesus Duran, Blessings for Kent & Wendy Sloggett

Monday, September 21st

Tuesday, September 22nd

11:30am - + Ernest Gonzales, + Mary Catherine Fordice, + Roger Baca, Blessings for Jacob & Consuelo Baca

Wednesday, September 23rd

7:00am - For The People

Thursday, September 24th

11:30am - + Kenneth P. Hetes, Blessings for Michael A. Hetes, Blessings for Alejandro Griego



In Loving Memory of Fr. Tom Noesen

We regret to inform the parish of the passing of Rev. Thomas Noesen. We give thanks for his faithful ministry among us and hold his family and all who loved him in our prayers. Further information about funeral arrangements will be posted.

There will be a second collection September 26-27, to help cover some of the cost to transport Fr. Andrew Ifele, a Nigerian Priest whom Fr. Charles accompanied home to Nigeria for burial.

CHESTERTON OPEN HOUSE

SEPTEMBER 24, 2026



Chesterton Academy Albuquerque will host a fall Open House on Thursday, September 24, 2026,

from 6-7:30 in the parish hall of Queen of Heaven Church. Bring the whole family and come to hear about our joyful, classical, affordable Catholic high school! You are invited to tour the campus, meet the faculty and learn about the outstanding curriculum. Please Park in the church lot and enter the parish hall from the parking lot. Call 505-544-4544 for more information or www.chestertonabq.com.

We ask our faith community to keep these individuals in your prayers:

• JoAnn • Ray Rivera • Carlos Garcia • Anna Armijo • Richard Connick • Mary Lou Trujillo • Margaret Trujillo •

Carmen Aranda • Charlotte Romero • Kyle & Vianina Murphy • Tom & Bob Matuszak • Joe & Angela Lobato • Jonathon Lancot •

• Joe Ribando • Richard Ribando • Ben Miner • Donna Harris • Marianne Nichols • Mackie Fischer-Aragon • Lisa Gates •

Sister Maria Luisa Vasquez • Daniel Miranda • Sofia Blackwood • Raquel Rodriquez • Jared Miranda • Martha Lopez • Toni Sisneros •

Koa Banez • Roger Banez • Gloria & Jay Luc •

To add a name to the prayer list, please contact the office, or submit your request through our website. The names remain in the bulletin for four weeks.

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, September 21st

Knights of Columbus Meals on Wheels off-site

Tuesday, September 22nd

Morning Prayer 8:30am, Church
Divine Mercy 10:00am, Rm 4
Adult Book Study 10:00am Youth Center
Confessions 11:00am
Mass 11:30am
Alcoholics Anonymous 12:00pm, Rm 4

Wednesday, September 23rd

Mass 7:00am
Morning Prayer 8:30am, Church
OCIA 6:00pm, Library

Thursday, September 24th

Morning Prayer 8:30am, Church
Confessions 11:00am
Mass 11:30am
Young Adult Apologetics 6:00pm, Youth Center

Friday, September 25th

Morning Prayer 8:30am, Library
ALANON 12:00pm, Youth Center
Bridge 12:00pm, Rm 3

Saturday, September 26th

Gambler's Anonymous 3:30pm, Youth Center
Mass 4:00pm

Sunday, September 27th

Masses 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am
Young Adults Lectio Divina 12:15pm

Mass of Remembrance

In honor of the Suicide Prevention Month, the Office of Family Life will host a special Mass of Remembrance for those who have lost their loved one to suicide. Join us at Risen Savior Catholic Community Parish located at 7701 Wyoming Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109 on **Saturday, September 26, 2026 at the 4:00 pm Mass. All those who attend are invited to bring a tabletop framed photo of their loved one to the Mass so it can be displayed in the lobby.** For more information, call the Family Life Office at 505-831-8117.

Adult Book Study Group

New Session—New Book
Beginning Tuesday, September 15th @ 10:00am
In the Youth Center

For more Information contact: Susan Tessier at 505-261-0377 or email: mssusantessier@gmail.com



Weekly Votive Intentions

September 19th - September 25th

Our Lady of Guadalupe

In loving memory of Yolanda Pacheco



Sacred Heart of Jesus

In loving memory of Peter Maioriello

St. Michael, St. Francis, Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Joseph, Our Lady of Grace, Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary PRAY FOR US!

Votive Candles

We have votive candles available for your intentions at our seven statues in the Church. The dedicated votives will burn from Saturday through Friday and will be replaced every Saturday. Contact the parish office.

Children's Liturgy
of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sundays at the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses.

Open Positions: Youth Faith Formation Director

Risen Savior is hiring a Youth (6th-12th) Faith Formation Director. For more information, please contact Barb in the parish office at barbaram@risensaviorcc.org or 505-821-1571.

The Women's Guild will have their first meeting after summer break on Monday, September 21, 2026 at 1:00pm, in the Marian Center. We will give an update on activities since our last meeting in May. We will be collecting our annual dues of \$20 at this meeting. We welcome new members to join our ministry.

The Women's Guild
Risen Savior Catholic Church

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SEPTEMBER 19-20

JOIN US IN THE MARIAN CENTER
AFTER ALL MASSES.
COFFEE, COOKIES AND MINISTRY

THE
CATHOLIC
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God's justice is not a calculation—it's a gift.

The parable of the workers in the vineyard invites us to see God's justice in a new light. At first glance, the landowner's actions seem to violate our sense of fairness. Those who worked longer hours should receive more pay. Yet Jesus uses this very tension to reveal something essential about the heart of God.

The landowner pays each worker exactly what was promised. No one is cheated. But some receive more than they could ever have earned. This is not injustice—it is generosity. It is a reminder that God does not distribute grace as wages for labor. Grace is not earned; it is given. And God gives abundantly.

The workers who grumble are not upset because they were wronged. They are upset because others were blessed. Their resentment grows from comparison, not from injustice. Jesus exposes how easily our hearts slip into the same pattern. We may be tempted to believe that our efforts, sacrifices, or faithfulness should earn us more of God's favor than others. But God's mercy cannot be measured or portioned out according to human standards.

In the Kingdom of God, the last are made first not because they worked less, but because God delights in lifting up those who have little. His generosity is radical, overflowing, and equal for all who come to Him—early or late, weary or eager, seasoned or searching.

This week, let us ask for the grace to rejoice in God's generosity wherever it appears. May we receive His gifts with gratitude, and celebrate the blessings He pours out on others. In doing so, we learn to see as God sees—and to love as God loves.

“When we have lost our way and find ourselves brought low by sin and suffering, we can know with confidence that the Lord will never abandon us. No

matter what sins we have committed or how many times we have chosen to

separate ourselves from the flock, we can know that Christ's mercy and

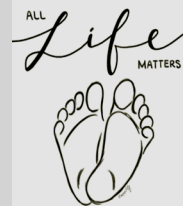
kindness await us. There is nothing we can do, no sin so great, that cannot be

overcome with the infinite mercy of Christ.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,

“Hope After Abortion”

To learn more about Risen Savior's Respect for Life Ministry, please contact us at rsrespectlife@gmail.com



CATECHISTS NEEDED!

We are in need of Catechist for Confirmation and Middle School Faith Formation. If you are interested and can volunteer your time, please call Barb in the Parish Office.



Christian Women Outdoors



The Christian Women Outdoors ministry is needing help leading walks or hikes in parks, Bosque, and foothills, from Sept. - Feb. with a break during the holidays. Leader will pick a day/time/place that is convenient. Once or twice monthly is helpful. Let's make this a terrific year of community together. For more information, call the front office or email: kayhockey@comcast.net.