

St. Anthony de Padua Catholic Church



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MASSES

Monday thru Friday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am, 8:30 am (*Spanish*), 10:30 am & 12:30pm

Confession (*Parlor*): Thursday 9:35 am & Saturday 3:30 pm

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Must be registered parishioners for a minimum of six months

First Communion & Confirmation: Contact Parish Office

Marriage: Contact Pastor one year prior to Marriage and registered parishioners for a minimum of six months

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

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Fr. Kevin's Korner

An Unfair Story

Some consider the story of the workers in the vineyard an unfair story. What happened seems patently unjust. It seems to favor the idler at the expense of the hard worker. Not so. The story goes out of its way to stress that no injustice has been done. To understand it we need to keep the following in mind.

The eleventh-hour people were not idlers. They wanted to work. It was just that nobody had hired them. In effect, they were rejected. The idea that any employer would take such people on at the eleventh hour, and pay them a full day's wage, was unthinkable. Yet that is exactly what the owner of the vineyard did. This is the strong point of the parable.

Justice is very important. To realize how important it is, all we have to do is think of its opposite. Anyone who has the experience of being treated unjustly will know what a deep hurt it can cause.

However, the story is not about justice. It is about generosity. Justice is a great thing, but it does not have the sweetness of generosity. Generosity touches the heart in a way that justice never does. Though the story is about generosity, it is not about human generosity. It is about the generosity of God.

To be more specific, the story is about God's generosity to sinners. There were some who criticized Jesus because of his kindness to sinners. In their eyes he was betraying the virtuous. They assumed that God works on the merit system. According to this system, you must earn your graces by hard work. Jesus did not agree with them. He told them so in this story.

His audience knew exactly what he was getting at. The vineyard was the Kingdom of God. Those who had been working all day long were the Pharisees and the Jews in general. The eleventh-hour people were sinners and the Gentiles.

Which of us would like to be treated by God according to strict justice? Do we not all stand more in need of God's mercy than of God's justice? Where God is concerned, we should never expect anything as a right. Therefore, when we come before God, let us not parade our rights and entitlements. We cannot put God in our debt. But we do not have too. God is generous beyond our imagining.

God's generosity is a great comfort to us, but it is also a great challenge. If we have experienced that generosity in our own lives, far from begrudging it to others, we will try to imitate it in our dealings with others.

A conversion is required before we can begin to think and act like God. The conversion that is required is not an intellectual conversation, but a conversion of the heart.



Una historia injusta

Algunos consideran que la historia de los trabajadores en el viñedo es injusta. Lo que ocurrió parece claramente injusto. Parece favorecer al holgazán a costa del trabajador esfuerzo. No es así. La historia se esfuerza en recalcar que no se ha cometido ninguna injusticia. Para entenderla debemos tener en cuenta lo siguiente.

La gente de último momento no era holgazaneabunda. Querían trabajar. Simplemente nadie los había contratado. En efecto, fueron rechazados. La idea de que cualquier empleador aceptara a esas personas en el último momento y les pagara un día completo de salario era impensable. Sin embargo, eso es exactamente lo que hizo el dueño del viñedo. Este es el punto fuerte de la parábola.

La justicia es muy importante. Para darnos cuenta de lo importante que es, solo tenemos que pensar en su opuesto. Cualquiera que haya experimentado ser tratado injustamente sabrá el profundo daño que puede causar.

Sin embargo, la historia no trata sobre justicia. Trata sobre generosidad. La justicia es algo grandioso, pero no tiene la dulzura de la generosidad. La generosidad toca el corazón de una manera que la justicia nunca logra. Aunque la historia trata sobre generosidad, no trata sobre la generosidad humana. Trata sobre la generosidad de Dios.

Para ser más específicos, la historia trata sobre la generosidad de Dios hacia los pecadores. Hubo quienes criticaron a Jesús por su bondad hacia los pecadores. A sus ojos, él estaba traicionando a los virtuosos. Asumían que Dios actúa según el sistema de méritos. Según este sistema, hay que ganar las gracias con trabajo duro. Jesús no estaba de acuerdo con ellos. Se lo dijo en esta historia.

Su audiencia sabía exactamente a dónde se refería. El viñedo era el Reino de Dios. Quienes habían estado trabajando todo el día eran los fariseos y los judíos en general. Los de última hora eran pecadores y los gentiles.

¿Quién de nosotros querría ser tratado por Dios según la estricta justicia? ¿No necesitamos todos más la misericordia de Dios que la justicia de Dios? Cuando se trata de Dios, nunca deberíamos esperar nada como un derecho. Por eso, cuando nos presentemos ante Dios, no ostentemos nuestros derechos y deberes. No podemos ponerle a Dios en deuda con nosotros. Pero no tenemos por qué hacerlo. Dios es generoso más allá de lo que imaginamos.

La generosidad de Dios es un gran consuelo para nosotros, pero también un gran desafío. Si hemos experimentado esa generosidad en nuestras propias vidas, lejos de resentirla a otros, intentaremos imitarla en nuestras relaciones con los demás.

Se requiere una conversión antes de que podamos empezar a pensar y actuar como Dios. La conversión que se requiere no es una conversación intelectual, sino una conversión del corazón.



El Dios generoso

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 20th

7:00 AM

✠Mardi Feder by the Wueste family

Special Intention for the health of Joy & Jonas Costa by Rume Rozano

Special Intention for the healing of Carol Bentley by Judy Crawford

8:30 AM

✠Luis, ✠Valeriano y ✠Josefina García de parte de Josefina García

✠Vicenta, ✠Bartolo y ✠Manuel Reyes de parte de Josefina García

✠David Alberto Lozano by St. Anthony de Padua

10:30 AM

For all St. Anthony de Padua Parishioners

12:30 PM

✠Maggie Estes lovingly by Sylvia Cooke

In Thanksgiving for Flocy Gracias & family by Janice Gracias

Special Intention for Thomas Ford & the Ford family by Judy Crawford

Monday, September 21st 9:00 AM

✠Frances Castro on her heavenly anniversary by Barrera & Castro family

Special Intention for Joy & Jonas Costa education by Ruma Rozario

In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony by Elizabeth Martinez

Jose Antonio Gracias by Janice Gracias

Tuesday, September 22nd, 9:00 AM

Special Intention for David E. Cruz on his birthday by his mom

In Thanksgiving for Cieny Fernandes by Elsommy Fernandes

✠For the soul of Philomena D'souza by her grandson Sywel

Wednesday, September 23rd, 9:00 AM

In Thanksgiving for the recovery of Joy's health by Ruma Rozario

✠For the soul of Agustino Dsouza by his grandson Sywel

✠Dr. Gordy Hall by Eleanor Scott & Sons

Special Intention for Frank Shanahan on his birthday by his loving family

Thursday, September 24th, 9:00 AM

Special Intention by Socrates Costa

✠For the soul of Antoneta Costa by her grandson Sywel

✠Stephen Walker Mabie by Eleanor Scott & Sons

Friday, September 25th, 9:00 AM

✠Margaret Rudd & ✠Brunilda LaRue by Rudd family

Special Intention for Annette Boyce on her birthday by Pryor Boyce

✠For the soul of Sebastian Costa by his grandson Sywel

Saturday, September 26th, 5:00 PM

Special Intention for the birthday of Cori Jett by Annette & Pryor Boyce

✠Ron Greenberg by the Matt Wueste family

✠Jimmy Salazar on his heavenly birthday by his loving family

Sunday, September 27th

7:00 AM

✠R.J. Cotter by Rosie Felan

✠For the soul of John Philip Costa by best friend Sywel

Special Intention for the healing of Mary Esther Class by Judy Crawford

8:30 AM

✠Carlos Sánchez Buendia y ✠Sr. Miguel Avalos de parte de su familia

Special Intention for the healing of Erasmo Guzman by Rigoberto Sanchez

✠En el aniversario del fallecimiento de Antonieta Sánchez de parte de Rigoberto Sánchez

10:30 AM

✠For the soul of Sarina by close friend Sywel

Special Intention for the December marriage of Sywel

Special Intention for Alice & Arthur Harrison & family by Isabel Howard

12:30 PM

For all St Anthony de Padua Parishioners

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**Offertory for September 6, 2026
and September 13, 2026
will be included in next
weekend's bulletin.**

A Gentle Reminder

At all times, out of reverence for the sacred space of our sanctuary, we kindly ask that only those who are serving in the Mass enter the sanctuary area. We appreciate your loving cooperation in helping us maintain this space as a place of prayer, worship, and encounter with our Lord. Thank you, and may God bless you!

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 20, 2026

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, September 20th

7:00 AM Mass—Church
7:30 AM KC Breakfast—Parish Hall
8:30 AM Mass (Sp.)—Church & Livestream on Facebook
9:00 AM RE Elementary Class—FFC
10:30 AM Mass—Church & Livestream on Facebook
10:30 AM RE Pre K & Kinder Class—FFC
11:00 AM RE Middle School, Conf. I & Conf. II Class—FFC
12:30 PM Mass—Church

Monday, September 21st

9:00 AM Mass—Church & Livestream on Facebook

Tuesday, September 22nd

9:00 AM Mass—Church & Livestream on Facebook

Wednesday, September 23rd

9:00 AM Mass—Church & Livestream on Facebook

Thursday, September 24th

9:00 AM Mass—Church & Livestream on Facebook
9:30 AM Confessions—Parlor

Friday, September 25th

9:00 AM Mass—Church

Saturday, September 26th

3:30 PM Confessions—Parlor
5:00 PM Mass—Church

Sunday, September 27th

7:00 AM Mass—Church
8:30 AM Mass (Sp.)—Church & Livestream on Facebook
9:00 AM RE Elementary Class—FFC
10:30 AM Mass—Church & Livestream on Facebook
10:30 AM RE Pre K & Kinder Class—FFC
11:00 AM RE Middle School, Conf. I & Conf. II Class—FFC
12:30 PM Mass—Church

ESTA SEMANA EN NUESTRA PARROQUIA

Domingo, 20 de septiembre

7:00 AM Misa—Iglesia (Ingles)
7:30 AM KC desayuno—Parish Hall
8:30 AM Misa—Iglesia y en vivo en Facebook (Espanol)
9:00 AM RE Elementary Class—FFC
10:30 AM Misa—Iglesia y en vivo en Facebook (Ingles)
10:30 AM RE Pre-K & Kinder Class—FFC
11:00 AM RE Middle School, Conf. I & Conf. II Class—FFC
12:30 PM Misa—Iglesia (Ingles)

Lunes, 21 de septiembre

9:00 AM Misa—Iglesia y transmisión en vivo en Facebook

Martes, 22 de septiembre

9:00 AM Misa—Iglesia y transmisión en vivo en Facebook

Miércoles, 23 de septiembre

9:00 AM Misa—Iglesia y transmisión en vivo en Facebook

Jueves, 24 de septiembre

9:00 AM Misa—Iglesia y transmisión en vivo en Facebook
9:30 AM Confesiones—Parlor (en ingles)

Viernes, 25 de septiembre

9:00 AM Misa—Iglesia en vivo en Facebook

Sábado, 26 de septiembre

3:30 PM Confesiones—Parlor
5:00 PM Misa—Iglesia

Domingo, 27 de septiembre

7:00 AM Misa—Iglesia (Ingles)
8:30 AM Misa—Iglesia y en vivo en Facebook (Espanol)
9:00 AM RE Elementary Class—FFC
10:30 AM Misa—Iglesia y en vivo en Facebook (Ingles)
10:30 AM RE Pre-K & Kinder Class—FFC
11:00 AM RE Middle School, Conf. I & Conf. II Class—FFC
12:30 PM Misa—Iglesia (Ingles)

WEEKLY READINGS

9/20 Sun: Matthew 20:1-16a
9/21 Mon: Matthew 9:9-13
9/22 Tue: Luke 8:19-21
9/23 Wed: Luke 9:1-6
9/24 Thu: Luke 9:7-9
9/25 Fri: Luke 9:18-22
9/26 Sat: Luke 9:43b-45



LECTURAS DE LOS DÍAS LABORABLES

9/20 dom: Mateo 20:1-16a
9/21 lun: Mateo 9:9-13
9/22 mar: Lucas 8:19-21
9/23 mié: Lucas 9:1-6
9/24 jue: Lucas 9:7-9
9/25 vie: Lucas 9:18-22
9/26 sáb: Lucas 9:43b-45

“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his 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.’” -Mt 20:1, 8



“El Reino de los cielos es semejante a un propietario que, al amanecer, salió a contratar trabajadores para su viña...Al atardecer, el dueño de la viña le dijo a su administrador: ‘Llama a los trabajadores y págales su jornal, comenzando por los últimos hasta que llegues a los primeros’”. -Mt 20, 1. 8



Renewal of Wedding Vows

Renewal of wedding vows
for couples married in the months of
September and October will take
place at all masses **THIS** weekend
September 19th and 20th



THE ST. ANTHONY LAMP WILL
SHINE FOR A SPECIAL INTENTION &
IN THANKSGIVING OF:
Stephen Danko
BY LOVING FAMILY

ST. ANTHONY'S BREAD BOX REPORT FOR **TUESDAY, SEPT. 15, 2026**



HELPED: 34 FAMILIES
(89 TOTAL PEOPLE)
GAVE: \$1,700.00 HEB GIFT CARDS
(FOR PERISHABLE FOOD)

**FOOD WE CAN USE: CANNED FRUIT
CANNED GREEN BEANS • CEREAL
PEANUT BUTTER • CHUNKY SOUP
MAC & CHEESE** *Thank you for your continued support!*

PRAY FOR OUR SICK!

Remember in your prayers the members of our parish who are seriously ill. If you know of a parishioner who may be sick, in need of prayer, or bedridden and would like to receive the Eucharist, please contact the parish office. *After 4 weeks, names will be removed.*

SCARLETT SANCHEZ, ELENA CABLAO, CARRIE STAVINOHA,
MARGARET COLLAZO, PABLO MUÑOZ, GRISELDA ULLOA,
STELLA RUIZ, JULIO CESAR RAMON, JUAN CASTILLO,
ALICIA ESPINOSA, MEGHAN LOGEAS, TOM ELIAS,
MITCH LOGEAS, MARIA DEL CARMEN BROESICKE,
PAULA RAST, JC CANE, MICHAEL BEGIN, GINA FERNANBINI,
DUNCAN WHITE, VALERIE SAN MIGUEL, CAROLINA MACIAS

*We're pleased to continue worshiping
with you online!*

Beginning this weekend, we will be streaming
our Sunday Masses at **8:30 a.m. and
10:30 a.m.**, as well as our **weekday Masses
at 9:00 a.m.** Whether you are joining us from
home, traveling, or unable to be with us in
person, we are grateful to remain connected
as one parish community. We look forward to
praying and celebrating the Eucharist with you
online!

*¡Nos alegra seguir celebrando el culto con
vosotros en línea!*

A partir de este fin de semana, transmitiremos
en línea nuestras misas dominicales a las **8:30**
y a las **10:30** de la mañana, así como nuestras
misas entre semana a las **9:00 de la mañana**.
Tanto si os unís a nosotros desde casa, como
si estáis de viaje o no podéis estar con
nosotros en persona, estamos agradecidos de
poder seguir conectados como una sola
comunidad parroquial. ¡Estamos deseando
rezar y celebrar la Eucaristía con vosotros en
línea!

PRAYER TO ST. ANTHONY DE PADUA



Lord, may our faith in you open us to a new life
that springs from the Spirit and is sustained by
you. May it make us part of a Spirit-filled
humanity, whose fruits are love, peace, and joy.
Grant through the intercession of St. Anthony that
we may continue to grow in our faith. In following
the witness of his life, may we live in peace. In
union with St. Anthony let us raise our hearts to
you, our source of hope and consolation. Amen.

PRAY FOR OUR DEPLOYED!

*Please remember those who are deployed in your daily
prayers. Call the parish office if you would like
someone added to this list or if you have a loved one who
has returned home. After 9 months, names will be removed.*

ADAM SIFUENTES, ALLEN ESCOBEDO, CHRISTIAN CHÁVEZ,
CODY GRANBY, CODY SWIERC, CONNOR HALLORAN,
DAVID RAMIREZ, ISABEL ESCOBEDO, JAMES LOWE,
JOHN BOUCHARD, JOHN L. QUINLAN IV, JOSHUA PALOS,
JUAN CARLOS RIVERA CEDEÑO, LARRY WILLIAM JR.,
ROGER GONZALES, WILLIAM PALOS, PATRICK YZNAGA JR.,
LUKE SIMERLY, JUNIPER WEIDNER.

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HORA SANTA A LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA

"Expiraste, Jesús, pero la fuente de vida brotó para las almas, y el mar de Misericordia se abrió por el mundo entero. Oh fuente de Vida, insondable

*Misericordia divina, abarca el mundo entero y derrámate sobre nosotros. Jesús en ti confío! (Diario 1319) Primer Martes de cada mes a las 6:00 pm Dirige: Diacono Rudy Mendez Estan cordialmente invitados, este martes **octubre 6, 2026**, trae a tu familia y amigos!*

JESÚS EN TI CONFÍO!

CENACULO DE LA DIVINA

MISERICORDIA

en ESPAÑOL



Cuando: Todos los martes de 6:00 a 8:00 pm Lugar: Librería, salón de conferencia *Ven y participa de Su amor misericordioso con nosotros para más información contacte a Catalina Navarro (210) 833-8860.*

Gentle Reminder

As a small reminder, out of respect for the sacred space of our sanctuary, we kindly ask that only those who are serving at Mass enter the sanctuary area.

Thank you for helping us keep this beautiful space a place of prayer, reverence, and encounter with our Lord. We truly appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

May God bless you and your family!

AFF MOVIE NIGHT



Les Misérables is based on a novel of the same name by French author, Victor Hugo. It tells the fictional story of Jean Valjean, a man unjustly condemned to nearly two decades of prison for stealing a loaf of bread to save a starving child. The story is set in Paris and involves the misery of the Parisian underclass. (The dramatic version we will show features Liam Neeson, Geoffrey Rush, and Uma Thurman, 1998) Running time 134 Minutes PG 13

Date: September 30

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Location: Parlor

(Spanish subtitles are not available for the version to be shown but contact Catalina Navaro if the musical version—2012, with Spanish subtitles is desired.)



REMINDER: NO BEVERAGES, FOOD OR GUM ALLOWED IN THE CHURCH!

Please be mindful of this request by respecting the sanctity of our place of worship.

RECORDATORIO: ¡NO SE PERMITEN BEBIDAS, COMIDA, o CHICLE en la IGLESIA!

Tenga en cuenta esta solicitud respetando la santidad de nuestro lugar de adoración.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION | September 20, 2026 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 20:1-16 — Father John Muir

Every December, the priests of my diocese gather for a Christmas dinner with our bishop. Nearly 200 of us in one room: newly ordained and long retired, pastors of large parishes and quiet confessors, men full of energy and others moving more slowly. Some carry visible success; others bear hidden wounds. It is a tapestry of vocations and lives. When the bishop thanks us, I am always moved. For a moment, none of our differences matter. What matters is that we belong to one another.

I usually leave that evening with a deep sense of peace, but also with a sober realization. Nothing drains joy from the vineyard of the Lord faster than comparison. The quiet habit of measuring, ranking, and resenting can creep in even among those who sincerely serve God.

That is what Jesus exposes in today's parable of the workers in the vineyard. The early laborers are not upset because they were treated unjustly; they are angry because others were treated generously. Their resentment blinds them to the gift already in their hands. When the landowner asks, "Are you envious because I am generous?" he names the real wound.

This tension echoes throughout salvation history: the elder brother resenting the prodigal, the faithful servant scorning the latecomer. Jesus does not deny the labor of those who have borne the heat of the day, but he refuses to let God's mercy become a zero-sum game.

In the end, the vineyard's reward is not about fairness but belonging. The joy offered is communion with a generous Father, who delights in gathering early and late, strong and weak, into one household of grace.



ADULT CONFIRMATION

Are you 18 years or older and seeking to receive the sacrament of Confirmation?

Please join us for our upcoming class on November 14th at 9am in the Parlor of the Parish Hall.

For Questions or to Register please contact Valerie in the parish office at 210-824-1743 ext 1007 or email at valerie@stanthonydepadua.org

St. Anthony de Padua
R.E. Program

BIBLE STUDY

FOR
YOUNG ADULTS!

On Mondays - In the Faith Formation Center
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Session	Date
Session 4	September 14th 2026
Session 5	September 28th 2026
Session 6	October 12th 2026
Session 7	October 26th 2026
Session 8	November 9th 2026
Session 9	November 23rd 2026
Session 10	December 7th 2026

Contact: Maritza Reyes (Bible Study Leader) (210) 617-8298 maritza@stanthonydepadua.org

Contact: Sonya Sanchez (Director of R.E. Program) (210) 824-1743 ext. 1010

JOIN US FOR A DAY

DEANERY RETREAT

Friday, October 9th, 2026 | 9:00am - 3:00pm
St. Anthony de Padua Catholic Church
102 Lorenz Road, San Antonio, TX 78209

Spend one day with the Religious Education community and reflect on this year's Catechetical Sunday theme!
All Religious Education Directors, Staff, Catechists, and Volunteers are welcome!

This Retreat will have:

- Morning Mass led by Fr. Kevin Shanahan
- Guest Speakers: Sr. Elsa Garcia (CDP), Fr. Abraham Antony, Anastacio Hinojosa, and Alex Pacheco
- Adoration
- Discussions
- "Build your own Bible cover" Activity (Please bring your own Bible)
- Breakfast & Lunch
- And more!

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... to bring good news to the poor" Lk 4:18

REGISTRATION IS \$15
Please scan the QR Code to register!

For questions, please contact:
Yvonne Fierro or Gracie Taylor
210-824-1743 ext. 1024
gracie@stanthonydepadua.org

JOIN US FOR LECTIO DIVINA in Community

Start Your Week with Reflection & Connection

Looking for a meaningful way to begin your week? Come experience the contemplative practice of lectio divina - a peaceful, prayerful reflection on Scripture-together in community.

WHEN: MONDAY'S AT 9:45 AM, RIGHT AFTER MASS

WHERE: LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM

Whether you're new to lectio divina or have practiced before, all are welcome. Join us as we read, meditate, and share insights, nurturing our spirits and deepening our faith in fellowship. No RSVP needed-just bring an open heart!

Parish Zoom Scriptural Rosary Sponsored by: KC's

When: 7pm (every Wed.)

Meeting ID: 819 2362 3053 Passcode: 10927

Meeting normally opens about 5 minutes before for reflection and sharing and the rosary begins at 7pm with special intentions and dedications. **First Wednesday of each month is reserved for Healing Rosary. Please text to 210-865-3179 (Nilan Ratnayeke) if you have any questions or trouble connecting.**



MEDITACION DE EVANGELIO | 20 de septiembre de 2026 XXV Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Mateo 20:1-16 — Father John Muir

“Buenos días, Señor, a ti el primero encuentra la mirada del corazón, apenas nace el día: Tú eres la luz y el sol de mi jornada. Buenos días, Señor, a ti te busco, levanto a ti las manos y el corazón, al despertar la aurora: quiero encontrarte siempre en mis hermanos. Buenos días, Señor resucitado, que traes la alegría al corazón que va por tus caminos ¡vencedor de tu muerte y de la mía!” (Liturgia de las Horas). Mientras tengamos vida, debemos ir en la búsqueda de Dios hasta encontrarlo, recordando siempre que sus proyectos no son los nuestros y que sus planes son muy distintos a los nuestros (cf. Isaías 55).



El Evangelio de hoy es una muestra de cómo Dios ama a todos sus hijos e hijas por igual. Él los busca a distintas horas del día para que entren a formar parte de su Reino y, al trabajar en su viña, todos convivan como hermanos. Sin embargo, el relato nos dice que, al momento del pago, los trabajadores de la primera hora se quejaron, pues esperaban recibir más que aquellos contratados al final de la jornada. La enseñanza es clara: Dios es desconcertante, bondadoso y trata a todos por igual. Lo merezcamos o no; su amor no tiene precio ni medida. ¡Gracias Dios por tu bondad! ¿Qué actitudes egoístas debo quitar de mi vida para entender la bondad de Dios? ¿Dónde veo su misericordia en el mundo, a pesar de las adversidades que nos rodean? ¡Vamos todos a trabajar en la viña del Señor, Él nos espera!



Blessing for Catechism Class

Dear God,
Bless our classroom and each of us gathered here.
May every moment we spend together be one of grace.
Be with the Catechist who prepares and presents —
giving them the right words to convey Your truth.
Be with the students, opening their hearts and minds to learn Your will.
Amen.

Bendición para la Clase de Catecismo

Querido Dios,
Bendice nuestra clase y a cada uno de nosotros reunidos aquí.
Que cada momento que pasemos juntos sea de gracia.
Acompaña con él o la catequista que prepara y presenta —
dándoles las palabras adecuadas para transmitir tu verdad.
Acompaña a los estudiantes, abriendo sus corazones y mentes para
aprender Tu voluntad. Amén



Today is Catechetical Sunday. This year's theme ***"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... to bring good news to the poor."*** (Lk 4:18; cf. Is 61:1)

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is a time when all the Church rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.



The parking lot around the FFC will be a high traffic area on Sunday mornings as RE Classes resume. Please be patient and mindful as parents drop off or pick up their children. We ask that you use caution as you enter and exit the parking lot !!

October Mass Attendance Count

The Archdiocese of San Antonio is asking all parishes and missions to participate in a **Mass Attendance Count throughout the month of October**. This count will include all Sunday Masses, as well as Saturday Vigil Masses.

The information gathered helps the archdiocese better serve the faithful by reviewing Mass schedules, planning for clergy assignments, monitoring long-term attendance trends, and responsibly allocating financial resources. The attendance information is also being requested by the Holy Father in preparation for the **Ad Limina visit next year**.

This year's count will include specific categories and age groups. Attendance will be recorded for **children, teenagers, and adults (20 years and older)**, as well as by gender.

Our **staff will assist with taking the attendance count** at each Mass during the month of October.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation and assistance as we help the archdiocese gather this important information and continue to serve our parish communities effectively.
Thank you for your cooperation!

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