

September 24, 2023 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 - Matthew 20:1-16a

St. Vincent de Paul Pray For Us- Feast Sept. 27th Laborer of Love, Patron Saint of Charity...

St. Vincent de Paul was born in southern France in 1581 to a poor family that struggled to make ends meet. The saint spent the majority of his early years pursuing money and fame. His family encouraged his ambition to escape poverty and one day better the family's wealth and fortune. De Paul's intelligence was evident at a young age, and his parents labored to provide him an education. In his first years of instruction, he was taught by the Franciscans. Young de Paul eventually decided that the priesthood would be the best way to achieve his desire for security and respect. De Paul used the money he acquired while working as a tutor to pay for his education at the University of Toulouse, where he studied theology. He was ordained a priest in 1600 at the young age of 19.

Many remember young de Paul to be rough and irritable. One account states that his father went to see the young man when he was in seminary, and he rejected his father at the sight of his shabby appearance. De Paul was ashamed of his upbringing and spent the majority of his time surrounding himself with the elite. He was well received among the higher circles because of his intelligence and wit. By nature, he once wrote of himself, he was "of a bilious temperament and very subject to anger." Without divine grace, he declared, he would have been "in temper hard and repellent, rough and crabbed." With grace, he became tenderhearted to the point of looking on the troubles of all mankind as his own. His tranquillity seemed to lift him above petty disturbances.

In 1605, de Paul was travelling by sea when a group of pirates ransacked the ship and captured him. He was auctioned and sold into slavery where he would remain in bondage for the next two years. It was during this time that de Paul's life began to change. He prayed fervently to God and promised he would dedicate his life to the poor and suffering if he could be set free. During these-

Cont...years of suffering, the Lord reformed de Paul's heart and made him new. Suffering is a great grace; through suffering the soul becomes like the Savior; in suffering love becomes crystallized; the greater the suffering, the purer the love. DePaul's slave master eventually converted to Christianity and set him free.

Upon returning to France, de Paul pursued his studies in Rome where he came under the tutelage of Frs. André Duval and Pierre de Bérulle and under their guidance, de Paul's fiery temper and hostility turned to gentleness and sensitivity. His ambitions for the empty pleasures of the world receded, and his love for God pervaded his soul.

"The most powerful weapon to conquer the devil is humility. For, as he does not know at all how to employ it, neither does he know how to defend himself from it," said St. Vincent de Paul. "We should strive to keep our hearts open to the sufferings and wretchedness of other people, and pray continually that God may grant us that spirit of compassion which is truly the spirit of God."

St Vincent de Paul spent every hour in service to the poor and suffering. One of his rules was that, so far as possible, a man ought not to speak of himself or his own concerns, since such discourse usually proceeds from and strengthens pride and self-love. He preached the message of God to deprived communities and established hospitals to provide care for them. De Paul's connections with the higher circles of society aided him in his quest to help these communities. He instituted the Confraternities of Charity, an association of wealthy lay women who visited and cared for the poor, providing them with food and medicine.

In 1633, de Paul founded the Daughters of Charity, an apostolic religious association of women that was dedicated to active charity.

At a time when there were not many priests in France and what priests there were, were neither well-formed nor faithful to their way of life. Vincent helped reform the clergy and the manner in which they were instructed and prepared for the priesthood. He did this first through the presentation of retreats and later by helping develop a precursor to our modern day seminaries. At one point his community was directing 53 upper level seminaries. His retreats, open to priests and laymen, were so well attended that it is said he infused a "Christian spirit among more than 20,000 persons in his last 23 years." De Paul would become the superior for the Congregation of the Mission, a group of priests that vowed poverty, chastity, and obedience. The ignorance and laxity among the men was prevalent when de Paul entered, and the saint was able to light them on fire with passion and zeal in their work for the people.

After pouring out his life in service of everyone he met, de Paul died in Sept. 1660. On June 16, 1737 he was canonized by Pope Clement XIII.

It has been reported that St. Vincent wrote more than 30,000 letters in his lifetime and that nearly 7,000 had been collected in the 18th century. There are at least five collections of his letters in existence today.-Divine Mercy

**Do you hear God's call to serve him in charity?
How will you respond?**

Readings For This Sunday

Reading I: Isaiah 55:6-9

Reading II: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a

Readings For Next Sunday

Reading I: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Reading II: Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

FINANCE

1st Collection=\$2,919

Seminarians=\$771

Eureka Holy Mass Schedule:

Saturday, September 23

3:15 pm Confessions

St. Joseph Church

4:00 pm Int. Mark & Deb Allen

St. Joseph Church

Sunday, September 24

7:30 am +Paul Hoffman

St. Joseph Church

9:00 am +Marie Giampaolo

Sacred Heart Church

10:30 am Mass for the People

St. Bernard Church

12:15pm +Irma Olosagaste

Sacred Heart Church

Monday, September 25

12:15 pm +Bettie Albright

St. Bernard Church

Tuesday, September 26

7:30 am +Lowell Allen

St. Joseph Church

Wednesday, September 27

12:15 pm Int. Sylvia Clark

St. Bernard Church

1:00 pm Adoration & Confession

St. Bernard Church

6:00 pm Adoration & Confession

Sacred Heart Church

7:00 pm No intention

Sacred Heart Church

Thursday, September 28

7:30 am Int. Millie Perrone

St. Joseph Church

11:30 am No intention

St. Joseph Hospital Chapel

Friday, September 29

12:15 pm +Robert Allen Rode

St. Bernard Church

Saturday, September 30

3:15 pm Confessions

St. Joseph Church

4:00 pm Int. John Jr.

St. Joseph Church

Sunday, Oct 1

7:30 am +Ila Fisher

St. Joseph Church

9:00 am +Gary Shouse

Sacred Heart Church

10:30 am +Alan Burns

St. Bernard Church

12:15pm Mass for the People

Sacred Heart Church

Please Pray For: Jason Bonhote, Adriana Barrett, Lily Ennis & Family, Joyce Marty, Karla Kincade, Caroline Brooks, Santos and Basil Mainus, Josephine Silva, Judy Weber & Family, Dn. Steve Justus, Biesecker Family, Hinton Family, Colleen Huddleston, Caden Naylor, Diane Kerr, Jim Mowery, Sharon P., Stormie C. Myers, Amber, Peter John A., Robert Francis, Dan, Stella, Sandra, Maureen Sullivan, Martha Fosnaugh, John Hinds, Marian Griffin, Margaret Knight, Julie Dolan, Millie Perrone, Star Salazar, Barbara, Shawn, Laurie Morales, Anderson Family, Judy Mill, and Monika Rose Cleenewerck

Please Pray For Our Beloved Departed:

+Lee Berning, Marie Giampaolo, Stella's Siblings, John Conant, Maryanne Elise Biesecker, Marilyn Zibilich, Felipe de Jesus, Manuel Machado, Bettie Albright, Deacon Frank Weber, Deborah Justus, Jon Albert Mitts, John Eyeler, Patricia Kinsella Jurkovich, Jeff Hemsted, Robert Kerr, Merle Myers Jr., Faith Reyna-Sanchez, Dave Silverbrand, Judy Williamson, Rosemary Buss, Betty Lutje, Vivian LaMont, Chet Branum, and Tom Bronchetti

Surpassed 3,000 Holy Rosaries Prayed!!!

Rosaries this week=54 Cumulative total= 3,021

Thank you to all those individuals who have honored our Lord by praying the Rosary. Please continue to place your rosary totals in the marked baskets. Thank you and may God bless and keep you.

Reminder-Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

will be during the **First Friday October 6th devotion.**

Schedule is as follows: Please join us!

12:15 pm Holy Mass

1:00 - 4:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

4:00 - 4:45pm Confession

5:00pm Benediction

2024 Church Calendars Have Arrived - Thank You



Again Knights! The church calendars have arrived and have been placed in the churches. Please take some time to thank the Knights of Columbus for their most

generous donation of the calendars for the parishioners of St. Bernard, Sacred Heart and St. Joseph Churches. May God bless you Catholic gentlemen. Well done!

WHAT IS GOD'S DREAM FOR YOU? Explore your VOCATION with the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. See what being a Sister is all about. September 29-October 1, 2023 in Los Altos Hills, CA. Stay with us *Pray with us* Ask questions *Get to know us* Become your best self. *Live your best life. For Single Catholic Women 18-40. More information: www.DAUGHTERS-OF-CHARITY.COM/retreats/

Santa Rosa Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

News... This year's *Woman of the Year Event* will be held on October 14, 2023 at St. Francis Solano Parish, Sonoma CA. The deadline for nominations is September 8, 2023 (forms are in the church). Registration at the event begins at 9:30am, Rosary at 10:30am, and Mass at 11:00am followed by a luncheon. We will be sending out the luncheon reservation forms on or about September 10, 2023. Depending on the number of participating parishes, the number of luncheon attendees may be limited for each parish. The mission of Santa Rosa DCCW is to support, empower and educate the women of the diocese. Please let us know if you have any suggestions of how you would like us to offer additional support for the women of your parish. Email: SantaRosaDCCW@gmail.com or call Gloria Krzyzanowski, 707-763-3354

Help Request For Mass Attendance

Victoria Harvey would be very grateful for a ride to the 10:30am Mass on Sundays. She lives at Silvercrest and can be ready in the lobby for pick up. She is going blind and would appreciate the comfort of our Lord in the Holy Eucharist. If you would be willing to help (even once a month) please call her at (707) 951-2226.

A Special 'Thank You' to all the parishioners who help to prepare the church for Holy Mass with flowers, cleaning, organizing, delivering bulletins and liturgical assistance. The pews are shiny, the candles are attended, liturgical items laid out, tables are organized. You are so appreciated! May Jesus and Mary love you.