

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

(Lec. 133)

- 1) Isaiah 55:6-9
- 2) Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a
- 3) Matthew 20:1-16a

**25TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

FOCUS: God rewards those who place their trust in him.

It is hard not to relate to the worker who toiled all day and then was jealous of the worker who was paid equally for his one hour of work. But if we unite ourselves to the heart of Christ, we can understand God's pleasure in the conversion of all souls, whether they were faithful their whole lives or came to him right before death. Thank God for the mercy shown to each of us.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Isaiah proclaims that God is merciful and that his ways are above our ways. In the second reading, Paul is torn between his desire to be in heaven with Christ and the responsibility of his ministry on earth. In the parable of the workers in the vineyard, a landowner pays all the workers equally, despite varying hours of labor.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Aware of God's quiet presence at work in our lives, we place our needs before him.

- 1) For those entrusted with spreading the Gospel, may God strengthen them in faith and bless their efforts, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For civic leaders, may God guide them in governing in an ethical manner, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For all people who are seeking purpose and meaning in their lives, especially those facing difficulty amid times of transition, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For our faith community, may the grace of the Holy Spirit help us to grow in virtue, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may they be welcomed to eternal joy in heaven in the company of the angels and saints, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Almighty and ever-living God, we humbly place our prayers before you, and ask that you hear and answer them, through Christ our Lord.

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