

Christ Child Catholic Church
*Dedicated to Growth in Church and to
the Challenges of Loving Service*
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**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
September 24, 2017**

Today's readings are all about the sense of **justice** and the **extravagant grace of a merciful God.**

While God is both just and merciful, God's mercy often overrides His justice and hence, God pardons us unconditionally and rewards us generously by opening Heaven for the Gentiles and the Jews.

"That's no fair!"

How many times, in the course of a given day, have you heard someone protest, "That's no fair!" Children on a playground shout when they detect a foul play: "That's no fair!" Siblings doing household chores may complain, "I'm doing more work!" or "My chores are more difficult; that's no fair!" Students at school may resent the extra attention given to a classmate... "She's the teacher's favorite; that's no fair!" A brother thinks his piece of pie is smaller than his sister's – "That's no fair!" Someone at work receives a raise in salary when another person thinks he/she is more

deserving. "I have seniority, I've been here longer, that's not fair!" The coach of the Little League baseball team always puts her child in as starting pitcher; other players are annoyed... "That's not fair!" Tax payers bristle at the fact that increasing numbers of people are applying for and receive welfare from the government... "I have to work hard to make a living for me and my family. So should everyone else... that's not fair!"

In each of these several examples, human sensibilities regarding fairness and patience have been offended, precisely because of the fact that they are human. Most of us think that good work, seniority and experience should be rewarded, that all should be subject to the same rules, like "First come, first served," that everyone should be treated impartially and that there should be no exceptions and no favorites!

Therefore, when confronted with a situation such as that put before us in today's Gospel parable of identical wages for different numbers of hours of work, our sense of fairness is provoked.
(Patricia Dactchuck Sánchez)
This is probably one of the most controversial parables ever uttered by Jesus Christ, creating heated debate about the unusual generosity of a benevolent vineyard owner.

We need to follow God's example and show grace to our neighbor.

When someone else is more successful than we are, let us assume he needs it. When someone who does wrong fails to get caught, let us remember the many times we have done wrong and gotten off free. We must not wish pain on people for the sake of fairness. We become envious of others

because of our lack of generosity of heart. Envy should have no place in our lives. We cannot control the way God blesses others, only rejoice that He does so, just as He blesses us. We need to express our gratitude to God in our daily lives. We need to practice generosity.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By request or appointment

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Call the office for an appointment

Anointing of the Sick

Celebrated biannually at Mass or individually call, for an appointment

For Pregnancy Support:

Birthingright 241-8444 or 800-550-4900

Prayer Groups in the Parish

Every Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. all Women and All Men

MASS INTENTIONS September 23 - 29

Saturday 5:00 p.m. The Roberts Family

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Virginia Stehly

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Adolph Donato Jr.

Thursday 9:00 a.m. + Marie Ann Shore

+ Harry Furlong

Friday 8:00 a.m. + Marie Ann Shore

Stewardship of Treasury

Report Sunday September 16 & 17, 2017

Total Plate	\$ 920.00
EFT	\$ 638.00
TOTAL	\$1,558.00

Second Collection Diocesan Seminarians was \$ 356.00

**Please help us, we need you!!!
God bless you.**

We pray the ROSARY together every Saturday at 4:30 PM Please come to pray for the families and our Country!

START CLEANING OUT YOUR CLOSETS!!!

The **ANNUAL CHRIST CHILD COAT DRIVE** will start on **October 14, 2017**. Your effort and generosity benefits families of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Greenfield, CA. We'll gladly accept all sizes and gender of winter clothing. Thank you. Need information – contact Andrea Bruna [408 353-3101](tel:4083533101)

Women's Club/Prayer Group

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month from 1 to 2:30 PM. - **September 27th** - our focus is social and spiritual at the same time. Please contact Ruth McCormick ruthmcc@flash.net

Christ Child Men's Club

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 PM. on Wednesday, **October 11, 2017**
"Together, supporting each other, we can do great things."

Religion Education Program

Time for Registration for all children for the Sacrament of First Communion and grades after First Communion!!!
Looks like there is also a child that has signed up for the 3rd/4th grade class too.
Christine Magnin would do that class.

If you're a single, Catholic woman between the ages of 18-38 years, we invite

you to spend a day of discernment with the Cloistered Dominican Nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery in Merlo Park, CA. Contact Sister Joseph Marie, O.P. at vocations@nunsmenlo.org or visit our website at <http://nunsmenlo.org/discernment-day>