

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 20, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Praise be Jesus Christ, now and forever! I want to reassure you of my prayers for your bodily and spiritual wellbeing. I know that the Lord God our Merciful Savior will bring us back together soon and very soon. We live in very stressful times. News are overwhelming: fires in California and Oregon, floods, unemployment, pandemic, civil unrest, and the list would go on and on. Faced with many evils around us we are in danger of losing hope. Therefore, as the pastor of Nativity I would like you to encourage you with the message of hope. Saint Paul reminds us in the second reading of this Sunday in the letter to the Romans: "For to me life is Christ, and death is gain." There is Good News – Jesus Christ is offering us Eternal Life! Death does not have power over us. Jesus Christ destroyed death forever! Do not be afraid. Jesus Christ is the Lord! He is the Lord over my health, He is the Lord over my finances, He is the Lord over my work, He is the Lord period! Therefore, He has everything under control. King David said: "let us fall into the hand of God, whose mercy is great, rather than into human hands." (2 Sm 24:14) God is merciful, humans are not. God will forgive you and will forget your sins, man will say that he/she forgives you but will never forget. God is merciful and just.

Today's Gospel reveals us true heart of God. The parable depicts God as a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. He went out four times: early in the morning, at noon, at three in the afternoon, and at five in the evening. He promised to pay a just wage. However, those who started early in the morning believed that they should receive more than those who worked only one hour. But not as man God thinks. My thoughts are not your thoughts, says the Lord, and my ways are not your ways. The owner of vineyard simply answered: "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?"

In the eyes of God each one of us has an equal opportunity. Think about the Good Thief who have stolen Heaven few minutes before his death on the cross: "Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom." I assure you, said Jesus, today you will be with me in Paradise." Thus, the first will be last, and the last will be first. If God is with us, who can be against us? Love you,

Fr. Pawel.



September 19 - 26, 2020

Sat.	19-Sep	8:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory
		5:30 PM	Special intentions
Sun.	20-Sep	8:00 AM	Alvin Hudgins III
		10:00AM	Joey Candice Cole
		1:00 PM	People of the Parish
Mon.	21-Sep	12:00	+Fr. Dominic De Blase, SDB
Tue.	22-Sep	12:00	Anna & Henryk Sass
Wed.	23-Sep		NO MASS
Thu.	24-Sep	11:00	Funeral
			+Margarietta E. Jackson
Fri.	25-Sep	12:00	Sister Donata
Sat.	26-Sep	8:00 AM	Ronald Matthews
		5:30 PM	Mr. & Mrs. Jason Medina