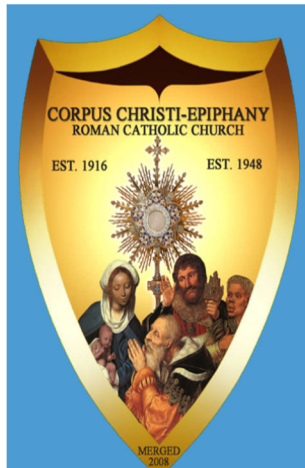




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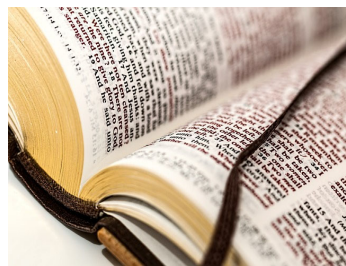


SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Are you envious because I am generous?” Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.” - Mt 20:15-16



**SEPTEMBER 24,
2023
24TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

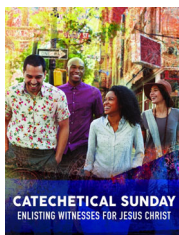
Scripture Insights

Today's parable from Matthew is notoriously difficult. Some have questioned the landowner's statement that he can do whatever he likes with his money, as it implies that he may be exploitative if he pleases. The parable seems to focus, however, on the landowner's generosity by juxtaposing two economies to make a statement about drastic change or complete reversal.

The economies on display are an exchange economy and a gift economy. An exchange economy is based on a tit-for-tat agreement: you know what you will get in exchange for what you give. This economy is generally to the advantage of the owner, centering on cost, price, and profit. Laborers, in exchange for their work, receive wages, but they will receive only what is rightfully earned and rarely more. An exchange economy can be described by the words *debt* and *obligation*: laborers owe owners service or toil, and owners are obligated to pay laborers money.

In contrast, a gift economy declines this tit-for-tat calculation to operate by another principle. It goes by unmerited favor or extravagant generosity. Instead of something negotiated or agreed on, it turns calculated exchange into ungrounded magnanimity or, in Christian terminology, grace.

God's generosity with us should model our interaction with each other. We see this in Paul's willingness to stop calculating what would benefit him and forego his personal preference, so he can imitate Christ and give to the Philippians.



Everyday Stewardship

**RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR
ORDINARY MOMENTS**

Be Sure to Look the Part

I used to coach my oldest son in soccer when he was younger. As he got older, he would go to tryouts for select and high school teams. I was no longer the coach, but I always shared with him one piece of advice before any tryout: Be sure to look the part. I told him that if he showed up looking like a soccer player, there was an increased chance of him being seen as a soccer player. If he showed up looking like a kid that plays soccer in video games as opposed to the real thing, he might not be taken seriously. As he grew older, that same advice was then applied to getting a job. It's advice I have heeded myself all my life. You can even say it is like another common phrase: "Fake it till you make it."

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we certainly do not want to fake it, but we do need to look the part. The world looks at those of us who proclaim to be Christians to see if there is anything to this way of life. If they see us looking and acting like people transformed by Jesus Christ, they will be more likely to take Christianity seriously. If they look at us and see nothing different, then they can easily conclude that there is nothing different about Jesus Christ. He just becomes simply another religious figure of history. Can the world see the power of Christ in you? How will do you look the part?

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. (Is 55:8)

Psalm:

The Lord is near to all who call upon him. (Ps 145)

Second Reading:

Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or
by death.

For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. (Phil 1:20-21)

Gospel:

"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?" (Mt 20:14-15)

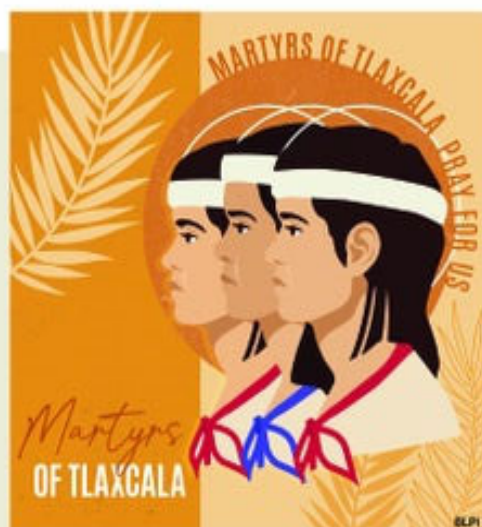
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Let us never make the grave mistake of assuming
we earn our salvation in the same way we earn a
wage. It is a gift lavished upon us by a God who
does not count the hours of our labor or measure
the amount of our output.

Observances for the week of September 24, 2023

- Sunday:** 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Priesthood Sunday
- Tuesday:** Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
- Wednesday:** St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
- Thursday:** St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz
and Companions, Martyrs
- Friday:** Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael,
Archangels
- Saturday:** St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of
the Church
- Next Sunday:** 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Respect Life Sunday



Saint of the week

In Tlaxcala, Mexico, in the early 1500s,
three indigenous boys embraced
Catholicism after encountering Spanish
Franciscan friars. Their names were
Cristóbal, Antonio, and Juan. Each was
martyred for their faith, making them the
first Catholic martyrs on the continent.

Prayer

Holy Trinity, I deeply venerate your
generosity and infinite majesty, for the
firmness that you granted to the children
Cristóbal, Antonio, and Juan, who, at the
beginning of the evangelization of Mexico,
and despite their young ages, were filled
with immense love for carrying the word
of your kingdom without stopping to think
about the fear of suffering.

With their verve and their martyrdom, we
inherited an example of an unbreakable
and sincere faith. For the preference you
had for these children, confer the special
grace that, through their intercession, I ask
of you (make your request).
Amen.



Rev. Henry J. Davis,
SSJ, VF

Lord, God, whose mercy and faithfulness are never-ending and unfailing, we beseech you now to look with favor upon your servant, Fr. Henry Davis, SSJ. We ask you please rain down your graces and blessings upon him in abundance for the healing of his body, his mind, and his spirit. We ask, if it please you, Lord, to restore him to full health, that you might be glorified once more to witness him presiding at your Eucharistic table and shepherding again the faithful flock that you have entrusted to his pastoral care. We know that you have invited all your faithful ones to partake of your suffering by sharing in your cross and bearing daily our own crosses with grace and dignity, so we implore you that his acceptance of this cross might bring your glory. We know that through his priestly ordination he declared his willingness to drink whatever chalice the Father might call him to imbibe. Our trust in you is complete, as we make this prayer through, with and in Christ, you Son, our loving, merciful and obedient Savior. Amen

St. Joseph, Pray for him



SCRIPTURE STUDY

Do you want to learn more about the Word of God found in Sacred Scriptures? If your answer is yes come and join Corpus Christi-Epiphany Bible Study Ministry in studying God's Words and understanding the Sunday Readings. Bible Study will resume, in person, every Wednesday beginning September 6, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the Community Center. Please contact Deacon Larry at (504) 495-4940. If you have any questions, please contact me. God Bless



IN NEED OF GRIEF SUPPORT?

GRIEF SHARE MINISTRY SIGN UP

We are beginning a Grief Share Ministry at Corpus Christi Epiphany Parish. This ministry is for adults who are grieving the death of a family member or friend, an estranged child, a loved one with chronic illness, or loss/grief of any kind, you are welcome to join. If you are interested, please sign up at the back of the church after mass



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⇒ **WEDNESDAYS- BIBLE STUDY**



⇒ **SEPTEMBER 24, 2023**

• **Catechetical Sunday- Catechists Blessing**

⇒ **OCTOBER 8- Parish Family Picnic**

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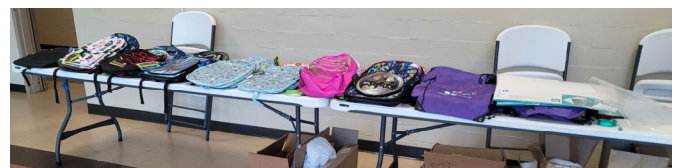
⇒ **OCTOBER 15- Choir Tailgate Party**

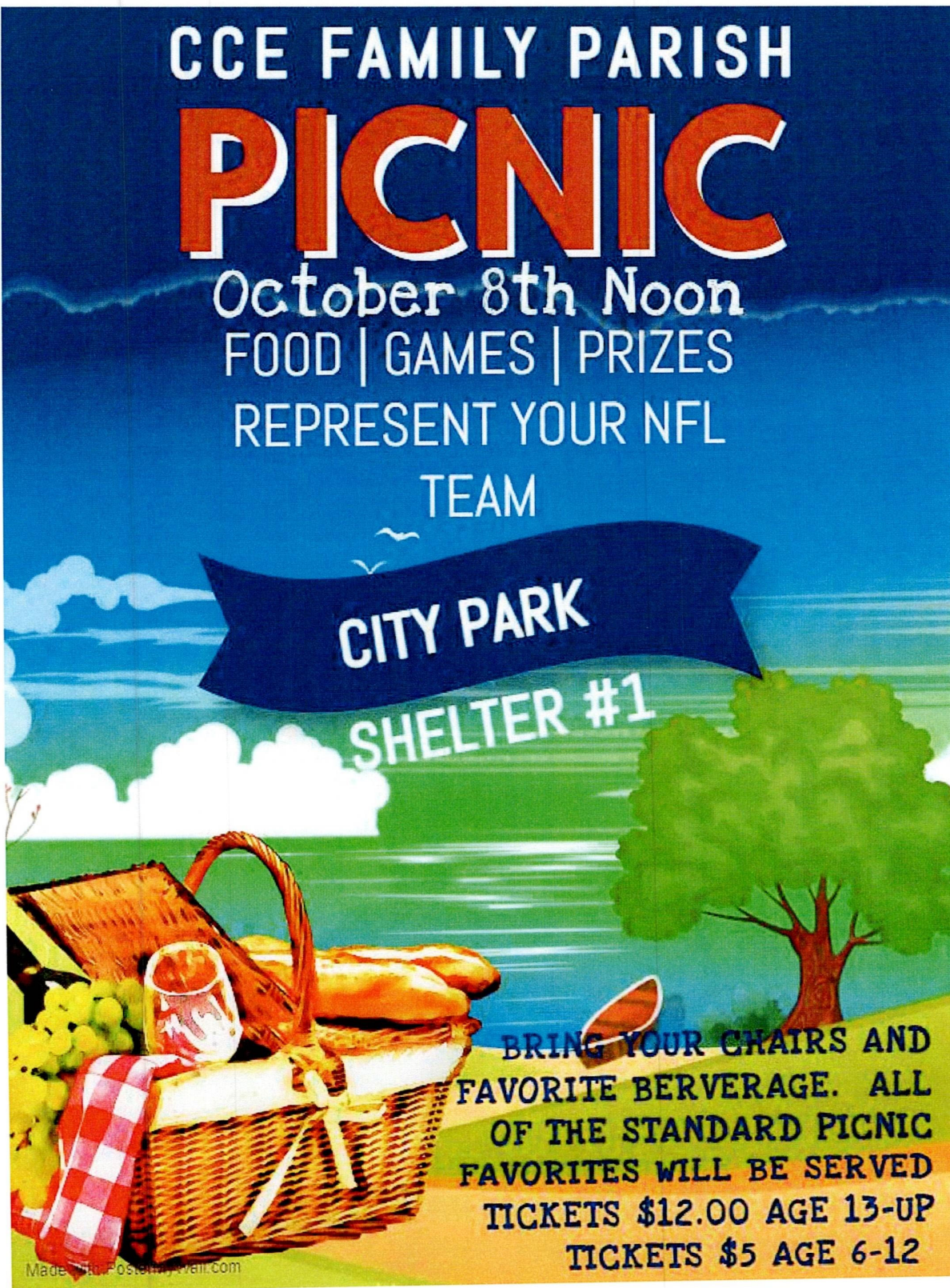
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⇒ **OCTOBER 28- Men In Christ Halloween Dance**



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September

23, 2023, 4:00 p.m.

Joseph & Yvonne Bechet, **memorial** by son; Barry, Stanley Cuillier, Jr., **memorial**, by family, Valma Narcisse, **memorial**, by family, Jerry Moran by Jerry's Friends, Wilson Jones, **memorial**, by Margin-Sutton Family

Sunday, September 24,

2023 7:30 a.m.

Jerry Moran by Jerry's Friends, Armand P. Mercadel, Sr., **memorial**, by wife & family, LaSalle Rattler, **memorial**, by wife, For the people of the parish

10:00 a.m.

Jerry Moran by Jerry's Friends, For the people of the Parish

Monday, September 25,

2023

Jimmel Willis, B'Day, by family

Tuesday, September 26,

2023

Willis James, **memorial**, by Margin-Sutton Family

Wednesday, September 27,

2023

Tamria Barnes by family

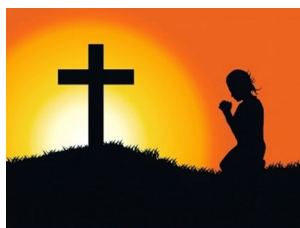
Thursday September 28,

2023

Stanley Cuillier, Jr. by family

Friday, September 29, 2023

Lasalle Rattler, **memorial**, by wife, Angela



SICK & SHUT-INS **PRAY FOR THEM**

Dorothy Melton, Joseph Narcisse, Marguerite Ragas, Angela Frick Rattler, Alce Delille, Bernadine Prevot, Mary LeBlanc, Landry Hingle, Semella Rawles, Emelda Fortune, Agnes Honore, Corey Peters, Raymond V. Morrell, Cynthia Robertson, Sheryl Allen, Ruth Byers, Leo Jones, Bernice Ferdinand, Aaron La Cabe, Jr., Marcel Fortune, Mary Warr, Kenneth Thompson, Sr., Terry W. Joseph, Vernon Dobard, Leo Dobard, Ethel Ancar, Irene Foy, Shirley Brown, Vanessa Galle, Gloria Scott, Joycelyn Brown, Beatrice Romant, Una & Nolan Millet, Lorraine Smith, Carolyn Mercadel, Gerard Willis, Joshua Mercadel, Lillian Bouttee, Maria Hebert, Myrtle Dorsey, Yvonne Washington, Delores Robert, Louise Maldonado, Louise Romant, Lorraine Condoll, Cheryl Lucius, Delores Jett, Oliver Lucius, Phyllis Mercadel, Niley Bieniemy, Laura Davis, Octavia Kennedy, Shirley Ward, Alcide Delille, Yvonne Guidry, Louise Sonnier, Rosie Francis, Kermit McGuilles, Michael Condiff, Earl Raymond, Betty Quiet, Kenneth DeGruy, Garielle Winfield, Lurlyn Lacour, Rochelle Saunders, Elsie Bailey, Audrey Fleury, Mildred Perrin, Tabitha Barnes, Michelle Robair, Erica Condiff, Lawrence & Phyllis Cuillette, Jacquelyn Lucius, Sybil Condiff, **Fr. Henry Davis, SSJ, VF.**, Ashleigh Francis, Ida Lewis, Gwendolyn Lampkin, Willie P. Wilson, Sr., Harold Luke, Jr., Selma Nicolls, Cynthia Delay, Melvin Sentmore, Lydia Barrow, Wilbert Clementin, Nelda Jones, Assunta Jackson, Agnes Honore, Doris Cuillier



**PRAY THE
ROSARY
DAILY**

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS/ ANNIVERSARIES

- 1) Jewel Hunter, Joseph Howard, Joycelon Dupart, Richon Saunders
- 2) Geri Willis, Sonya Howard
- 3) Samella Rawles
- 4) Jennifer Thompson, Robert Burns
- 5) Brandon Williams, Myrna Keys
- 6) Una Millet,
- 7) Barry Bechet, Louis Henderson, Darrow Joseph
- 8) Selma Nicholl, Sharon Thomas, Justine Perriatt, Darrell Frazier
- 9) Beverly Vappie
- 10) Earl Raymond, Lester Perriatt, Lisa Triplett
- 11) **"Happy Birthday to you..."**
- 12) Jalyann Perry
- 13) Kodi Dunn,
- 14) Ernest Ancar, Sandra Evans, Demetric Mercadel
- 15) Mark Brooks
- 16) **"Happy Birthday to you..."**
- 17) Heaven Howard
- 18) Shannon Glapion
- 19) Gilbert Knight, Warren Atkins, Joanna St.Cyr
- 20) Nolan Millet
- 21) Joy Doucette
- 22) Johnell Thomas
- 23) **"Happy Birthday to you..."**
- 24) Cheryl Turner, Nichole Jasmin
- 25) **"Happy Birthday to you..."**
- 26) Dana Butler
- 27) Oleta Pratts, Donald Peters
- 28) **"Happy Birthday to you..."**
- 29) **"Happy Birthday to you..."**
- 30) **"Happy Birthday to you..."**

**God's Blessings be upon
you on your Birthday and/or
Anniversary**



**SANCTUARY CANDLE
FOR
YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS
OF THE PARISH**

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to all who attend our church. We hope that you will find our parish community a place where your life of faith will be nourished. We also hope that you will share your special gifts within the community. Your prayers, your presence and your talents are most welcome. Please, introduce yourself during the welcome to visitors and new parishioners. **God Bless You! Very Reverend Henry J. Davis, SSJVF, Pastor**

MISSION STATEMENT

Continuing the legacy of our establishing founders, The Josephites, whose exclusive apostolate is to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ in the African American Community. We, the Faith Community of Corpus Christi-Epiphany Roman Catholic Church are called and sent by Christ, to live gratefully the life God has given us, and to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to all we meet. We conduct our mission in a spirit of Faith, Service and Community, thus allowing us to become closer to God as we bring God closer to others.

Ministries/Organizations

- Altar Servers
- Altar Society
- Bereavement
- C.C.D
- Church Environment
- Counters
- Ministers of Hospitality
- Music Ministry
- Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist
- Fatima Rosary Group
- Finance Council
- Garden
- Holy Name of Jesus Society
- Knights of Peter Claver # 60
- Parish Council
- RCIA
- Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court # 60
- Knights of Peter Claver Junior Daughters
- Lectors
- Legion Mary
- Liturgical Movement
- Men in Christ
- Sacristan
- Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

- **Weekend Masses:** Saturday Vigil 4:00pm. Sunday Morning 7:30am and 10:00am.
- **Daily Masses:** Monday -- Friday at 7:00am (In Church).
- **Novenas:** Tuesday; Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena, Wednesday; St. Joseph Novena Friday; Sacred Heart Novena, after the 7:00am Mass.
- **Adoration:** Saturdays in St. Katharine Drexel Chapel (Building D) 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.

SACRAMENTS

- **CONFESSIONS:** 1 hour before weekend Masses or anytime by request.
- **WEDDINGS:** Make arrangements with office staff 6 months before event to begin the required preparation process.
- **BAPTISMS** Every Third Sunday of the month. Classes for Baptism are held the Wednesday before the scheduled baptism from 6-7 p.m. in the rectory.

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