

It's Not Fair

The story in the Gospel doesn't sound fair. Some people worked from early morning until evening; others joined them at the end of the workday. But they all got the same pay. How can that be fair? Perhaps fairness isn't the point of the story. But then, what is?

The landowner, symbolizing God, hired the workers "after agreeing with them for the usual daily wage" (Matthew 20:2). If the earliest workers presumed that the agreed-upon wage would be changed, does that make God unfair? Those workers expected God to conform to what they considered just—and justice certainly is a very important value. However, God acted out of divine generosity—a quality we hope to benefit from but which might engender resentment when it is bestowed upon others.

As difficult as this story might seem to us, it raises some important questions about ourselves. Perhaps the story is not so much about God as it is about our

own attitudes. If we are faithful to what we believe is God's will for us, do we then presume that God owes us some kind of compensation? Do we expect that God will act according to our standards of retributive justice (this-for-that) rather than restorative justice (bring-it-back-to-life)? Do we resent God's graciousness toward others?

It is better that we all look to God for generosity than for justice. If we do, we will find, as the psalm response tells us: "The LORD is gracious and merciful" (Psalm 145:8).

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

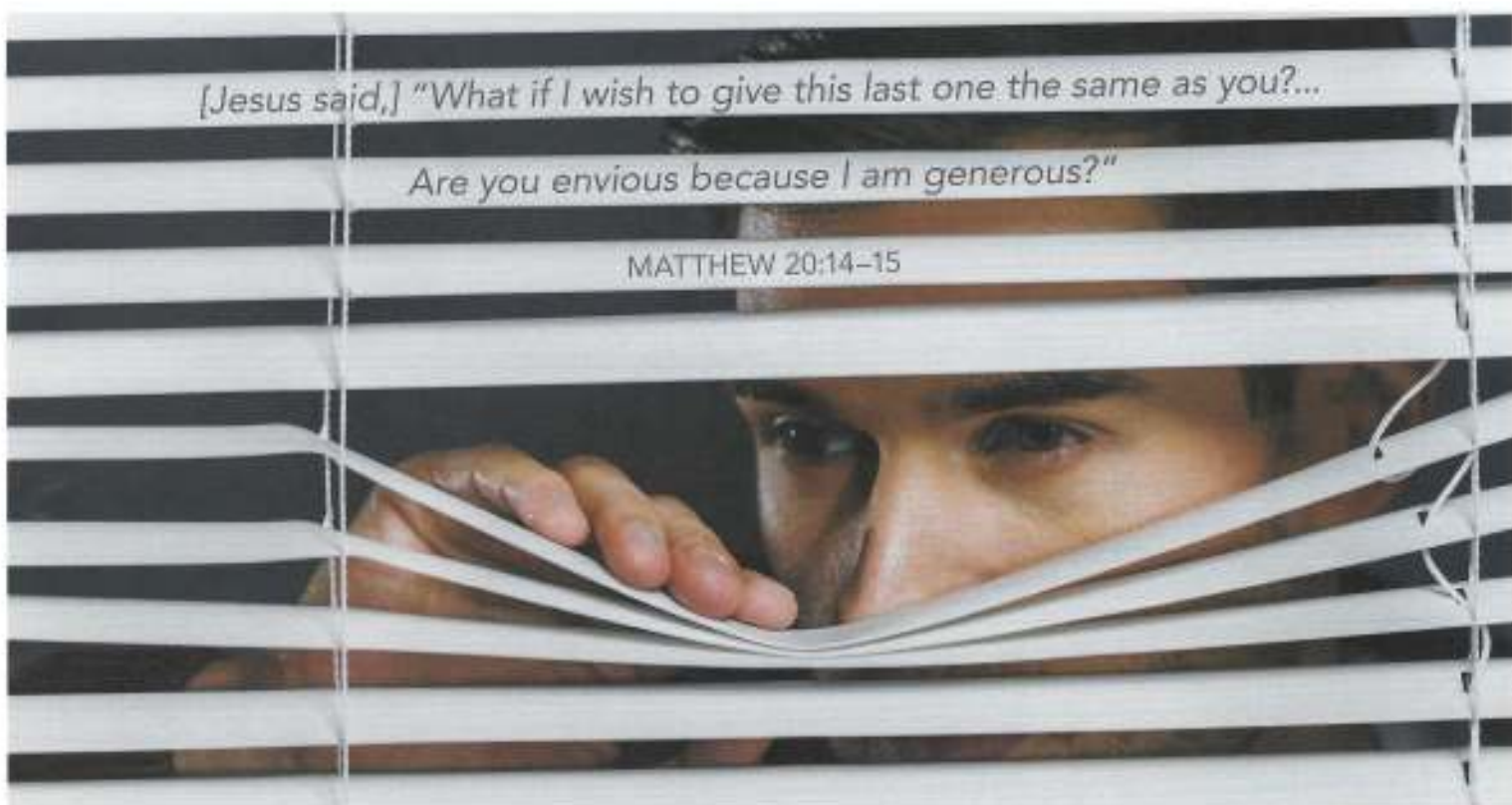
FOR *Reflection*

- ★ Do you resent others who seem to have an easier life? Does this lead you to question God's justice?
- ★ Pray for the insight to realize that we earn nothing; everything is a gift from God.

[Jesus said,] "What if I wish to give this last one the same as you?..."

Are you envious because I am generous?"

MATTHEW 20:14-15





Holy Trinity Catholic Church



St. Thomas More Catholic Church



St. Patrick Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule

Weekdays - Tuesday 12:15pm and

Thursday - 8:30am

Saturday Confessions - 3:15-3:45 PM

or by appointment

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM

Sunday Mass - 8:30 AM

***Pastor of the Three Churches**

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****Upcoming Events At Church****

All Events On Hold

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Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass -

Wednesday & Friday - 8:00AM

Saturday Vigil Mass - 5:30 PM

Sunday (Last Chance) Mass-

5:30 PM

Adoration Room

Open Monday-Friday 8AM-8PM

Saturday & Sunday -

8AM Until After 5:30PM Mass

Divine Mercy Prayers

Every Friday 3:00PM

****Upcoming Events At Church****

All Events On Hold

St. Patrick Church

(Office at Holy Trinity Church)

106 Church St.

Arlington, IL 61312

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Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

***3 Churches Pastoral Assistant**

Julie Hollinger

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****Office Hours****

Holy Trinity - Tues, Thurs, & Fri.

- 9AM-12PM

St. Thomas More -

Wed - 9AM - 12PM

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****Upcoming Events At Church****

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**Daily Mass Intentions for
Masses the Week of September 21, 2020**

Monday

****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 5:30PM**HT**

Tuesday

****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00AM**HT**

Wednesday

****Facebook Link - 9:00AM**SP**

Thursday

****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00AM**HT**

Friday

****Facebook Link - 9:00AM **STM**

Offered For

† For The Parishioners

† Doris Schwamberger

† Dorothy Flaherty

Special Intention (Sick)

† No Mass

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of September 26-27, 2020

Offered For

Saturday:

****Facebook Link - 4:00PM **STM**

† Betty Corsolini

Sunday:

****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00 AM**HT**

† Joyce Gillan

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† No Mass

****St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 6:00 PM (Last Chance Communion)**

† No Mass (Only Holy Communion)

(Recommendation Watch Our Mass Online Or EWTN Mass Before Receiving Communion)**

Latest Offering's

Holy Trinity - \$0.00
St. Patrick - \$0.00
St. Thomas More - \$0.00

Visit Venerable Fulton Sheen At Cathedral in Peoria

Monday - Friday 12pm - 2pm
Saturday 3pm - 5pm
(Re-Opened Again)

Ministry Schedule For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - ?

Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

?

Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

COUNTERS

Sunday - 8:30AM -

? & ?

Mass Intentions

We are in need of Mass Intentions for weekday Masses. The Masses on the web are a great occasion for family members not living in this area to pray with us for family members who have died. Please consider having a weekday Mass for a deceased member of your family and thank you. Mass intentions can be paid through our online giving program, mail or dropping by our office.

Recurring Special Church Events

Wednesday's - Rosary - 6PM (On Website)

(Rotates Between 3 Churches)

Friday's - Divine Mercy Chaplet - On Website -

3PM - St. Thomas More Adoration Chapel

Third Monday of the Month -

Mass for Reparation of Sins & Rosary -

5:30PM (No Wednesday Rosary That Week)

Our Limited Church Reopening

We have two churches being used for Masses presently on the weekends but all three for Masses during the week. The occupancy for the three is as follows: St. Thomas More (Dalzell) - 40, Holy Trinity (Cherry) - 30 and St. Patrick (Arlington) - 45.

For weekends, it is best to sign up for a place to sit in social distancing seating through our website. During the weekdays, it is helpful but if you forget to sign up or call in, there is plenty of seating so just come. At St. Thomas More, come through the front door of the church. At Holy Trinity, come through the doors on the parking lot side of the church. And at St. Patrick, come through the front doors unless there is a physical impairment then use side door.

Please remember, masks are to be worn during Mass, except when receiving Holy Communion, and then when leaving the Church. There are arrows in the aisles for the flow of people traffic during Holy Communion. And Holy Communion will be offered after the Final Blessing at each Mass. And we have been asked to not congregate in Church after Mass or in the parking lot. (And yes I know this is one of joys of coming to Holy Mass!)

Currently, we are using St. Patrick Church on the next three Sundays for the Sacrament of Confirmation at 3pm. After we are finished, we will reopen for a weekend Mass.

St. Thomas More confessions will be in the hall going forward. There is a kneeler in the corner of the hall closest to burn pit outside hall. It is setup for face to face or behind the screen. The kneeler or chair will be sanitized in between penitents. Please wear a mask! Please enter through the adoration room vestibule door. Thank you!

Confessions

The next confessions will be at St. Thomas More in hall in northeast corner on Saturday, October 3rd from 11-11:45am.

This Week's Update

I would like to mention first why I share the messages from Heaven frequently. The messages that are given are meant to be shared. While they are private revelation, they are meant for people to hear them to adjust their lives to live more in union with Christ today. The messages always end with these words or similar, "share this message with everyone." People living according to them are more in union with Christ than many of those who don't. It does seem that there are more and more people coming out with messages. Many I don't trust! The ones I do trust have proven to be true by what is in them coming to fruition.

Yes these messages now are getting scarier. However, I would much rather be prepared than not for the challenges that are not far off to affect us. So as soon as we have confirmed all the young men and women, I will be starting my look at the Holiness Code. This seems more appropriate as we approach the "Illumination of Conscience" coming very soon. We need to know the expectations of us by God to know where we are wrong in our lives and make the necessary changes.

If you haven't picked up a current missalette, we have at the church for you. Just come to Mass, drive-up communion, or the office, and we will get one to you

This weekend we celebrate the 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time. The message this week is that until we stand before Christ it is never too late to live our faith. We all have family who in some way or another don't live their faith. Now is the time for us to encourage them, save souls! Fr. Pat

Dear Padre,

My nephew has a chronic illness. My father is saving money to send to him so he can send it to a faith healer my dad has seen on TV. What can I say to my dad to convince him this is a bad idea?

The Catholic Church teaches that "those who dwell in heaven" regularly intercede with God on our behalf (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 956), and those intercessions include healings.

But living people with the power to instantly heal physical and mental ailments are rare. Some "healers" have accomplices who fake illness or disability and are then "cured" for the sole purpose of getting people to

give money to the "healer." We should be very skeptical about these claims, because scam artists understand how easy it is to take advantage of people who are desperate for relief of pain or for the cure of a chronic or terminal illness.

One thing is certain: healing ultimately comes from God. Anyone who claims he or she is the healer and not simply God's instrument is unquestionably a fraud.

Suggest to your dad that he talk to his priest before he sends any

money to the "healer." The best way for him to help his grandson is to pray for him and donate any money he has saved to an organization that does research into the condition. That way, your father will be helping everyone with the condition—not just your nephew.

—Fr. Rick Potts, CSSR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Jesus wants to make us contemplate the gaze of that landowner: the gaze with which he looks upon each of the laborers searching for work and calls them to go to his vineyard....It is a gaze which calls, invites one to get up and begin a journey because he wants life for each of us.

—ANGELUS, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017



Calendar

Monday

SEPTEMBER 21
St. Matthew,
Apostle and
Evangelist
Eph 4:1–7, 11–13
Mt 9:9–13

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 22
Weekday
Prv 21:1–6, 10–13
Lk 8:19–21

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 23
St. Pius of Pietrelcina,
Priest
Prv 30:5–9
Lk 9:1–6

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 24
Weekday
Eccl 1:2–11
Lk 9:7–9

Friday

SEPTEMBER 25
Weekday
Eccl 3:1–11
Lk 9:18–22

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 26
Weekday
Eccl 11:9–12:8
Lk 9:43b–45

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 27
Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Ez 18:25–28
Phil 2:1–11 or 2:1–5
Mt 21:28–32