

DAY	FEAST	READINGS	TIME
Mon 21	ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST	Eph 4: 1-7, 11-13; Mt 9: 9-13.	5:30 PM
Tues 22	25 th Week of Ordinary Time Psalter Week I	Prov 21: 1-6, 10-13; Lk 8: 19-21.	5:30 PM
Wed 23	25 th Week of Ordinary Time Psalter Week I St Pius of Pietrelcina	Pro 30: 5-9; Lk 9: 1-6.	5:30 PM
Thu 24	25 th Week of Ordinary Time Psalter Week I	Eccl 1: 2-11; Lk 9: 7-9.	5:30 PM
Fri 25	25 th Week of Ordinary Time Psalter Week I	Eccl 3: 1-11; Lk 9: 18-22.	12:15 PM
Sat 26	25 th Week of Ordinary Time Psalter Week I SS. Cosmas & Damian	Eccl 11: 9—12: 8; Lk 9: 43-45.	5:30 PM
Sun 27	26 th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Psalter Week II	Ez 18: 25-28; Phil 2: 1-11 (or 2: 1-5); Mt 21: 28- 32.	8:00 AM 5:30 PM



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25TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

Reading I: Isaiah 55: 6-9

Responsorial Psalm: 144: 2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Reading II: Philippians 1: 20-24, 27

Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16



Revised Roman Missal: 563 (Bahasa 1461)

REFLECTION: For Me, Life Is Christ

In today's second reading, St. Paul displayed the depth of his trust in Jesus. He said, *"Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ."* St. Paul did not centre his life on worldly comforts, material possessions or achievement. He was certain that his life belonged to Christ, and therefore, he gave his time on earth to serving others. Today, let us echo St. Paul's words with conviction: *"Life to me is Christ."* Therefore, we too should live in a manner that pleases Christ alone.

In the Gospel, Jesus shared a parable a landowner who paid every worker the same wage, regardless of the hours they worked. Even those who arrived at the last hour received the same amount as those who worked all day. The workers who worked all day felt resentment as they compared their efforts to those who worked only briefly. However, the landowner explained that he had not acted unjustly, rather, he had chosen to be generous to all. The message for us is that God's mercy is limitless. His heart has a place for everyone, whether they have served Him for many years or have come to faith late in life. We need to live for God and work faithfully in His vineyard, not out of rivalry or a desire for recognition, but out of gratitude.

Reflective question:

Can I say the words of St. Paul, "Life to me is Christ"? What would that look like in my life now?

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Second Collection

Today's second collection is for the Parish Event Fund. Thank you for your generous support.

Collection for Migrants

Throughout September, parishioners are invited to donate non-perishable food items for our migrant brothers and sisters. Donations may be brought to the Parish Office or offered during Sunday Masses. Distribution will take place on Migrant Sunday, 27th Sep.

Iban Community 43rd Anniversary Mass (20th September)

The Iban Community's 43rd Anniversary Mass will be celebrated today at 5.30PM.

COOL Fitness Program (23rd September)

Missed the previous session? No worries! Come and join us for the next COOL Fitness Program on 23rd September at 7:30PM.

Vicariate Friendship Day 2026 (27th September)

St John's Parish will host the Vicariate Friendship Day 2026 on 27th September from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, at St John's School Multipurpose Hall. Theme: *"Friends in Christ, United in Love."*

Liturgy Committee Meeting (27th September)

All Liturgy Committee members are reminded of the meeting on 27th September at 10:30AM. If you are unable to attend, please arrange for a representative to attend on your behalf.

Rosary (1st October)

October is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Beginning Thursday, 1st October, the Rosary will be prayed daily after the 5:30PM Mass, in place of Vespers. On 1st October, flowers will be available for purchase and may be offered to the Blessed Mother after the final blessing.

Book of Remembrance

The Book of Remembrance will be available in the Church Foyer from 1st October until the end of November. Parishioners are invited to write the names of their deceased loved ones to be remembered in prayer during the month of All Souls.

Family Mass (4th October)

The next Family Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, 4th October at 10:30AM. All Sunday School children, parents and catechists are expected to attend.

A Full Day's Wages

Today in the Gospel, Jesus tells a story of several men who were hired to work at a vineyard. The owner of the vineyard went out at different times to find men to work. At the end of the day, he gave each man a whole day's wages, even though some had only worked for a little while!

**WOW! HE PAID US
A FULL DAY'S WAGE!**



**THAT'S NOT
FAIR - THEY
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PAY!**



Jesus tells us that the Kingdom of Heaven is like this too: some people spend their whole lives working for God, and some people only turn to Him at the last minute. God opens Heaven to all the people who choose to love Him.

At first this doesn't seem fair. After all, some people give their whole lives to God and some give hardly any! But here is why it is fair: the only reason that any of us turns to God is because He gave us that grace. Some people have to live their whole lives without God's grace until the very end, but some of us have been given grace all our lives.

**I PAID YOU
AS MUCH
AS I
SAID I
WOULD.**

