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- Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
- Sunday: 8am, 10:30am
- Weekday Mass: 8:00am (Chapel)
(Monday-Friday, Rosary after)
- First Tuesday: Anointing of the Sick & Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (after 8am Mass)
- Fridays: Devotion To Sacred Heart (8:00am)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

- Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 pm
(Before Sunday Masses and by Appointment)

Adoration

- Tuesday: 8:00am - 6:00pm
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TODAY’S READINGS

Reading 1 Is 55:6-9

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

R. **The Lord is near to all who call upon him.**

Every day will I bless you, and I will praise your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD and highly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

R. **The Lord is near to all who call upon him.**

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. The LORD is good to all and compassionate toward all his works.

R. **The Lord is near to all who call upon him.**

The LORD is just in all his ways and holy in all his works. The LORD is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.

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Reading 2 Phil 1:20c-24, 27a

Brothers and sisters: Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain.

If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. And I do not know which I shall choose. I am caught between the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit. Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Mt 20:1-16a

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o'clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.' So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o'clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.' When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.' When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.' He said to one of them in reply, '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?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us the parable of a landlord who hired laborers at five different times during the course of one day to work in his vineyard, but paid the same living wage for a full day's work to all of them. Here the landowner is God; the workers are the disciples who, at different times of their lives, respond to the call and the vineyard is the Christian community. This story presents the landlord whose love and generosity to all of us demonstrates the difference between God's perspective and ours. The landowner treats the laborers who worked 12 hours equal with the laborers who worked only one hour. The Scripture says; "You shall not exploit a poor and needy hired servant, whether one of your own kindred or one of the resident aliens who live in your land, within your gates. On each day you shall pay the servant's wages before the sun goes down, since the servant is poor and is counting on them. Otherwise, the servant will cry to the LORD against you, and you will be held guilty" (Dt 24:14,15).

The parable teaches us that: 1) God does not take into account the merits of our labor but his own justice principles in a free and open way. He gives everyone according to their need and the first to benefit is the last and the poorest.

The wages God distributed are not in proportion to the work done but in response to the real need of the worker. That is of course is not the justice formula of the world. It is God's justice which has other names such as mercy, compassion, divine benevolence and bounty.

3) No one can think of themselves as superior to others because no one can consider themselves as old hands just because they were converted first or practices the Gospel more faithfully.

4) No one is the master of the 'vineyard'. We are all workers, brothers, sisters) Jesus destroys the self-righteous way of relating to God. The love of the Lord is never bought or conquered or assessed according to our good works. It is received freely and in proportion to our need.

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Saint Michael the Archangel isn't a saint, but rather he is an angel, and the leader of all angels and of the army of God. This is what the title "Archangel" means, that he is above all the others in rank.

St. Michael has four main responsibilities or offices, as we know from scripture and Christian tradition.

- The first is to combat Satan.
- The second is to escort the faithful to heaven at their hour of death.
- The third is to be a champion of all Christians, and the Church itself.

And the fourth is to call men from life on Earth to their heavenly judgment.

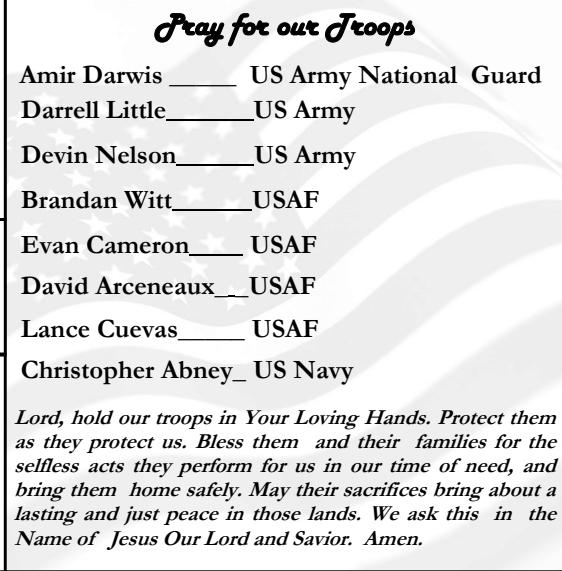


Very little is known about St Michael other than what we know from scriptures, which themselves are sparse.

In Daniel, St. Michael is mentioned twice. The first time as one who helped Daniel, and the second time he is mentioned with regard to the end times of the world when he will stand for the "children of thy people."

His next mention comes in the Epistle of St. Jude, where St. Michael is said to guard the tombs of Moses and Eve and has contended with Satan over the body of Moses.

The final mention is in Revelation, where St. Michael and his angels, do battle with the dragon.

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		<i>MASS INTENTIONS</i>	<i>Prayer Request</i>
<p>St. Jerome (born c. 347, Stridon, Dalmatia – died 419/420, Bethlehem, Palestine; feast day September 30), biblical translator and monastic leader, traditionally regarded as the most learned of the Latin Fathers. He lived for a time as a hermit, became a priest, served as secretary to Pope Damasus I, and about 389 established a monastery at Bethlehem. His numerous biblical, ascetical, monastic, and theological works profoundly influenced the early Middle Ages. He is known particularly for his Latin translation of the Bible, the Vulgate, and is considered a doctor of the church. (https://www.britannica.com)</p>		<p>Saturday September 23 4pm- Peggy Ladner† Sunday September 24 8:00am- Jerry & Linda Bellocq 10:30am- Parishioners Monday September 25 8:00am- Marge Blaisdale† Tuesday September 26 8:00am- Jean Lee† Wednesday September 27 8:00am- Mable Rhode† Thursday September 28 8:00am- Marge Blaisdale† Friday September 29 8:00am - Linda Bellocq</p>	<p>Donna Battaglia Emilee Battaglia John Battaglia Brandon Boudreaux Debbie Byrnes Kay Cerisier Michel Giardina Jennie Hoda Carla Santiago Konnor Peterson Trudy Pecoul Barbara Boston Clifton Moran</p> <p>Donald Koenn Patsy Ladner Carol Moragas & fly Wilmah Necaie Janet Palmer Joy Patin Abby Rolison Brooke Rolison Timothy Odom Gayle Duet Amy Moran Pete Moran</p>
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