

As high as the heavens
are above the earth,
so high are my ways
above your ways
and my thoughts
above your thoughts.

ISAIAH 55:9

TWENTY-FIFTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 20
2020



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc. - Excerpt from the Dictionary for Masses 2019. All rights reserved. Photo: Shutterstock/Alexa Stock

Jesus' parable depicts workers who "punch the clock" at various times throughout the long day: dawn, nine, noon, three, and five o'clock. Regardless of when they began working in the vineyard, the laborers all receive the same reward. The reward seems lavish to the latecomers, of course, and shockingly unfair to the long-faithful workers. The landowner soothes his most dutiful laborers, however, delighting in them as friends and transforming their bitter confrontation into a reflection on generosity. The laborers who arrived at five o'clock might have been late to the job, but those who began at the crack of dawn were last to understand the extravagant bounty of the landowner. Seen in this way, the parable discusses not only God's generosity toward "unworthy" believers, but also the Lord's inexhaustible patience toward those who thought they had nothing more to learn.

BEGINNING AGAIN

Today's readings provide sweet refreshment to all of us who know the bitterness of discouragement. No matter how stubbornly we determine to improve ourselves, the human

condition often leaves us in puddles of failure and regret. Jesus has a new plan for us. Today's Gospel parable demonstrates the mercy of God, mercy that rejoices in fresh beginnings. We take comfort in knowing that God accompanies us in our labors—and works for us—whether we struggle with caring for our bodies, striving for patience, avoiding gossip, making time for prayer, being generous, overcoming addiction, remaining in recovery, or simply attending to our daily work. Jesus shows us that he actively engages with us each time we fall short. From dawn to dusk, the Lord seeks us out, calling us to join him in the vineyard. Now, today, right this moment, is our dawn. Or our nine o'clock. Or noon? Ignore the clock! Jesus invites us to forget past failures; divine mercy wipes them away. Today's psalm insists that the "Lord is near to all who call upon him." In hope, then, we begin again.

Today's Readings: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18;
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

Copyright © 2020, J. S. Paluch Company, Inc., 3708 River Road, Suite 400,
Franklin Park, IL 60131-2158 1 800 621-5197. With Ecclesiastical Approbation.

PASTOR: Rev. Michael T. "Mike" Snider
PERMANENT DEACON:

Temporary
Mass Times: Sat., 5:00PM & Sun., 9:00AM
Tues. - Fri. 8:00AM
Confessions: Tues. & Wed. 9:00-10:00AM

Reconciliation:
Saturday & Sunday: 45
minutes before Mass

Marriage or Baptism:
Contact the parish office six
(6) months prior to the
anticipated date 903-769-3235

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

1612 S. FM 2869
Holly Lake Ranch, TX 75765

Church Phone: 903-769-3235

Fr. Mike Snider
Cell Phone: 903-490-3883

www.holyspirthollylake.com
holy.spirit2@yahoo.com

Welcome Visitors! We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us and felt welcomed in our church as your "home away from home." Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years, you are invited to join our parish family. Please come again!

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Jim Hayes. Jess Corrigan. Dianne & Gary Laudt. Gayle McCloskey. Randy Epp. Shay Mikalonis. Dwight Nunley. Wanda & George Duke. John Ott. Fleming Family. Carolyn Shannon. Doris Hoffman. Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Patricia Guy. Jacob Stephens. Randy Burris. Albert Hernandez. Karina Hawkins. Frankie Durst. Susie Strickland. Doug Lawson. Dana Moffatt. Emly Walker. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Ester Coronel. Diane Stanley. Chase Larsson. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Rose Kennedy. Judy Fazzio. Marsha & Marty Blahitka. Carolyn Edwards. Joshua Larsson. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda Stephens. Wanda Thompson. Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month.

Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish community:

New active recruit, Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike & Wanda Stephens). 2LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Senior Airman, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. Col. William P Shea. (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana. U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Ensign Gary Buchanan; 2ndLt. Blake Gaughan (Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (Son of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & brother of Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

DIRECTION

Isaiah tells us something that we already know, and yet seem to forget every now and then. He tells us, essentially, that God is God and we are not. When we're confused and troubled and can't figure everything out, it might be wise to recall Isaiah speaking on the Lord's behalf and explaining that God—who is on a much more, well, Godly wavelength than we are—moves in ways we can't even imagine.

Saint Paul, by comparison, has everything figured out. Kind of. At least he understands his calling in life—to magnify Christ in every thing he does. That should give all of us the direction we need. Jesus gives us direction, too, explaining to us once again in the parable of the workers in the vineyard that the last will be first, and the first, last.

POPE'S UNIVERSAL INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

Respect for the Planet's Resources

That the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.



Mass—Intentions

Sat 9/19 Brandon Bonicard (Carolyn Bonicard)
Sun 9/20 Marie Mailliard+ (Bob Mailliard)
Tue 9/22 Deacon Len Sanchez+ (M/M Ellis)
Wed 9/23 Collins Bonicard+ (Carolyn Bonicard)
Thurs 9/24 Deacon Len Sanchez+ (M/M Ellis)
Fri. 9/25 Carlos Gallardo+ (M/M Ellis)
Sat. 9/26 Rita Joyce Aucoin+ (Carolyn Bonicard)

PARISH SUPPORT

Average weekly amounts through August 31, 2020:

Expenditures (excluding parking lot repairs) \$ 3,633
Regular and debt & maintenance collections \$ 3,698

Attendance 9/12 Sat. 35 & 9/14 Sun. 39

One can Give without Loving...
But one cannot Love without Giving.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Turn to the LORD who is generous in forgiving (Isaiah 55:6-9).

Psalms — The Lord is near to all who call upon him (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a).

Gospel — The last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:1-16a).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

AUTUMN

Listen! The wind is rising,
and the air is wild with leaves,
We have had our summer evenings,
now for October eves! —Humbert Wolfe

HUMILITY

No human being is too big to be humble, but some human beings are too small.—Anonymous

Temporary Weekend Mass held in parish hall: Sat., Sept. 19th at 5:00pm and Sun., Sept. 20th at 9:00am.

Protocols for weekend Masses:

1. **Limitations on Attendance:** Limited seating maximum 81 seats are available. In order for the households to maintain at least 6-foot separation.
2. **Wear a mask that covers mouth & nose.**
3. **No socializing** in the parish hall. Avoid touching door handles, restrooms closed.
4. **Chairs** set-up 6-foot separation. Please **DO NOT MOVE CHAIRS.**
5. **Enter & exist double glass doors into the parish hall to the left of the overhang.**

Temporary Weekday Mass Times held in church: Tues. — Fri. at 8:00am.

Protocols for weekday Masses:

1. **Call Fr. Mike on his cell phone 903-490-3883 (do not text). Limited to 20 people.**
2. **Strongly consider wearing a mask that covers mouth & nose.**
3. **No socializing** in the Narthex. Avoid touching door handles, restrooms closed Enter & exit same set of double glass doors into the church through the overhang.
4. **In church alternating every other pew.** Households must maintain at least 6-foot separation.
5. **Enter & exit** double glass doors into the church through the overhang.

CONFESSION Tues., Sept. 22nd & Wed., Sept. 23rd only from 9:00—10:00AM. If you have an emergency and need Fr. Mike call him on his cell # 903-490-3883.

Watch for next weekends bulletin, for the four \$500.00 winners of our raffle!!!

Since our casino night was canceled due to COVID-19. We would like to thank everyone that purchased dinner & casino tickets or made monetary donations for that evening. Most of you decided to use their donations to purchase additional raffle tickets and/or donated their refund amount to Holy Spirit to help make up the loss of the dinner & casino night. We will work very hard to have the net income profit in next weekends bulletin.

Fundraising Committee

The Catholic bishops of the United States are pleased to offer the Catholic faithful **Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship**, our teaching document on the political responsibility of Catholics. We hope that this website will help form your consciences before voting.

usccb.org/offices/justice-peace-human-development/forming-consciences-faithful-citizenship

Dispensation: The entire diocese of Tyler remains dispensed from the Sunday and holy day Mass obligation until further notice.

+++++ +++++ +++++ +++++ +++++ +++++ +++++ +++++

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Cenacle of Life: Fr. Mike gave us his permission to resume the Cenacle of Life devotion each **Wed. from 3:30—4:30pm.** Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life. **Questions call Vicki 817-637-9382**

Food donations: Blessings to all of our givers! We could use cans of soups; jams and jellies. Plastic container is located in the **parish hall** for now. We have been feeding 70—90 people per week. Please call or email Bob Mailliard at 903-769-3963 or theduckdude@att.net if you know someone that needs help or if you have questions for Bob.

EM's we would appreciate your help: If you're an **Eucharist Minister** and your not ministering that day, **please help by taking the vessels to the Sacristy.**

Thank you, Fr. Mike

Blessing of the Animals

Be sure to bring your pet, or something belonging to the pet (if your pet is unable to attend), to be blessed on **Sun., Oct. 4th at 2pm in the Meditation/Prayer Garden.** This blessing is in honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi and his love for animals. Pets need to be on a leash or in a carrier. The blessing will be moved to the main entrance of the church in case of inclement weather. Masks and Social Distancing will be required.

Coming soon, "The Way of Christ" and going deeper (mystagogy) virtual study course. If your interested please email holy.spirit2@yahoo.com your name & contact number.

This course is for 16 years and above. Please watch the bulletin for further information.

Updated information needed for the following: Please notify the church office if name(s) can be deleted from the "prayers for the sick" list. Also, if there are changes to the status or additions to our list of actively serving in our military.

Bridget Rich

Sept. Second Collections: 26th & 27th: "Special disaster collection for the recovery from Hurricane Laura and the California wildfires"

Our Pets Are A Blessing...



**...Join Us In
A Blessing of the Animals**

In honor of The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

**Sunday, October 4, 2020
2 pm**

**Holy Spirit Catholic Church
Meditation / Prayer Garden
1612 FM 2869
Holly Lake Ranch**

Please have your pet on a leash or in a pet carrier for their safety and ours. If your pet is uncomfortable around other animals or cannot attend in "person", feel free to bring an item such as a collar, leash, or favorite toy to be blessed.

***In case of inclement weather, meet at the main entrance of the church
*Masks Mandatory & Social Distancing for Everyone's Safety***



ST. PHILIP INSTITUTE
OF CATECHESIS AND EVANGELIZATION

Online Faith Formation

The St. Philip Institute is offering a full set of CCD and RCIA classes.

Weekly, Live, Online, Free

Gather the family!

Bring faith formation to your home.

Visit us at www.stphilipinstitute.org

A Very Special 8-Week Study

Join apologist, **Karlo Broussard** for a **LIVE** webinar series— **Meeting the Protestant Challenge**.

Every Catholic has heard the challenge: "How can you believe that? Don't you know the Bible says..."

It's a challenge we have to meet. If we can't reconcile apparent contradictions between Scripture and Catholic teaching, how can our own faith survive? And if we can't help our Protestant brothers and sisters overcome their preconceptions about "unbiblical" Catholic doctrines and practices, how will they ever come to embrace the fullness of the Faith?



WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:

- ✓ How can the Mass be a sacrifice when the Bible says it's just a memorial?
- ✓ Why do Catholics stress good works when the Bible says we're saved by faith?
- ✓ Scripture says that all have sinned—so what Catholics believe about Mary being "immaculate" is plainly false.
- ✓ Jesus said to call no man father, yet that's what Catholics call their priests! How much clearer could it be?



When the next biblical challenge comes, be ready to meet it with confidence.

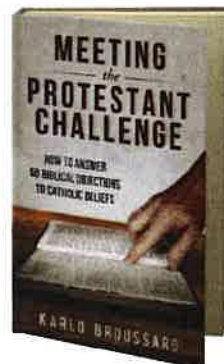


ST. PHILIP INSTITUTE
OF CATECHESIS AND EVANGELIZATION



September 14th to November 2nd
Monday Nights - 6:30 pm MT
Webinar Only \$39.95 ~~\$80~~

Webinar + Live Discussion \$59.95 ~~\$120~~ (spots limited)



MEETING THE PROTESTANT CHALLENGE

"One of the best books I've read to answer the Protestant fundamentalists accusations of veering from Christ's church."
—Maureen Asper

Just \$15.95

shop.catholic.com

REGISTER NOW!

stphilipinstitute.org/events/meeting-the-protestant-challenge/





HENRY TROELL II
ChFC®, Agent



903-843-1104
Henry@henrytroell.com
www.henrytroell.com



FUNERAL HOME
Serving East Texas Since 1883

305 WEST HARRISON ST.
GILMER, TX 75644
903-843-2555

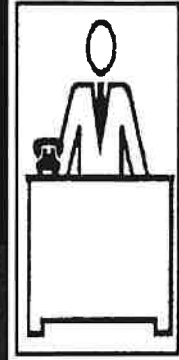
602 EAST BLACKBOURN ST.
HAWKINS, TX 75773
903-769-2144

www.croleyfh.net

catholicmatch[®]
Texas



CatholicMatch.com/myTX



*Your
ad
could
be in
this
space!*

*Protecting Seniors
Nationwide*



Medical Alert System

\$29.95/Mo. billed quarterly



- One Free Month
- No Long-Term Contract
- Price Guarantee
- Easy Self Installation

Call Today! Toll Free 1.877.801.8608

WHY ADVERTISE IN YOUR LOCAL CHURCH BULLETIN?

GREAT COVERAGE - 97% of all households attending church take at least one church bulletin home every Sunday.

GREAT VALUE - 70% of all households are aware of and look at the advertising in the church bulletin and 68% of households surveyed when making a choice between businesses are inclined to choose the one who advertised in the church bulletin.

Learn More About Advertising In Your Parish Bulletin

Call us at **1-800-833-5941**

Email: sales@jspaluch.com

ONE PARISH

Download Our Free App or Visit
MY.ONEPARISH.COM

Grow in your faith,
find a Mass, and
connect with your
Catholic Community
with OneParish!



FINDaPARISH.com

**The Most Complete
Online National
Directory of
Catholic Parishes**

Check It Out Today!

**Catholic Cruises and Tours and The Apostleship
of the Sea of the United States of America**
Take your FAITH ON A JOURNEY.
Call us today at 860-399-1765 or email
alleen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com
www.CatholicCruisesandTours.com



Get this weekly bulletin delivered by email - for FREE!

Sign up here:

www.jspaluch.com/subscribe

Courtesy of J.S. Paluch Company, Inc.



**SUPPORT THE ADVERTISERS
THAT SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY**

