



Resurrection Our Lord Church

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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sept 24, 2023

Baptism : Arrangements must be made one week in advance.
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sunday from 7:15 am to 7:45 am or by appointment.

Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions

- Sun 9/24:** *John the Baptist Quy and Ann Sim by Lap Sam family
* Louis Canh by Holly Le
- Mon 9/25:** * Thanksgiving and well-being for family by Dan Nguyen
* Thanksgiving by Lap Sam family
- Tue 9/26:** * Thanksgiving and Nhon's soul by c. Lan
* Dominic Thanh by Ngoc Phan family
- Wed 9/27:** * Vincent and ancestor both sides by b. Hang
* Ann and Raphael by Trong Vo
- Thus 9/28:** * Joseph Van and Maria Mai by Dung Nguyen
- Fri 9/29:** * Peter by Viet Vy family
* Thaddeus, Ane, Paul and all souls by Linh Nguyen
- Sat 9/30:** * Francis Xavier by Khanh Long

Today's 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, etc..."

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Offering for September 17, 2023

Total Sum. Collection \$ 3,578.00

Capital Improvement	\$	95.00
Voice candles	\$	112.00
Foos Sale	\$	2,350.00

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

The Kingdom of Heaven is built by mutual cooperation, not competition. Work together to build the Kingdom, regardless of when God calls.

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The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

Holy Father's Intention for September: Abolition of the Death Penalty: We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: The Gospel today is call to the vineyard (to the Church), through God's gift of faith and the sacrament of baptism, is a gift for which we can never sufficiently thank God. If we remain in the vineyard and labor honestly, that is, if we cooperate with the actual graces God is continually giving us, we are assured of reaching heaven when our earthly days are ended. The work we have to do in God's vineyard is the fulfilling of the duties of our state in life. By carrying out these duties faithfully and honestly we are doing the will of God and earning heaven. The greater part of our day and indeed of our life, will be taken up with tasks of themselves worldly, but these tasks when done in the state of grace and with the intention of honoring God, have a supernatural value. For this we have to thank God for His goodness and generosity.

He could have made the attainment of heaven so much more difficult. He could have demanded extraordinary mortifications and renunciations and the reward (heaven) would still be exceedingly great. Instead He allows us to live our everyday life, to enjoy the love and friendship of our family and friends, to satisfy the natural desires of our bodies, within the commandments, and yet to merit a supernatural reward while so doing. As He tells us through St. Paul: "whether you eat or drink or whatever else you do, do all to the glory of God."

Looking back on our past life, how many years have we really given to God since we came to the use of reason? Those school years, the time spent learning a trade or profession, the weeks, months, years working in an office or factory or farm, the hours among the pots and pans in the kitchen — have we earned some credit in heaven for all of this, or is it all crossed off our pay sheet through lack of right intention or through sin?

If so, those years are lost to us. We were "idle" all that time. Today's parable, however, should give us new hope and courage. It may be the sixth or the ninth or even the eleventh hour of our life but we can still earn heaven if we listen to God's call and set to work diligently in His vineyard. If we put our conscience right with God today and resolve to be loyal to Him from now on He will be as generous to us, as the parable promises.

Second Collection: We have a Second Collection on next Sunday (Oct.1) for formation of Permanent Deacons. **Please be prepared!**