

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: The Lord is near to all who call upon him. Let us bring to the Lord our prayers for all the world in need.

- ☺ For God's holy Church: May we continuously seek the Lord and come to know and emulate God's ways, we pray;
▶ **Christ, our Justice, have mercy.**
- ☺ For an end to the rhetoric of divisiveness and intolerance in our nation and in the world, we pray;
▶ **Christ, our Justice, have mercy.**
- ☺ For those who respond to God's call to the priesthood, that like Saint Paul they might magnify Christ in their chosen vocation, we pray;
▶ **Christ, our Justice, have mercy.**
- ☺ For a bountiful harvest during this autumn season, with plentiful and just rewards for migrant workers and farm laborers, we pray;
▶ **Christ, our Justice, have mercy.**
- ☺ For our community of faith, that we welcome with generous hearts all those who seek the Lord wherever the Lord may be found, we pray;
▶ **Christ, our Justice, have mercy.**
- ☺ For the dead, that they may be welcomed into the everlasting peace of heaven, especially Gregory Klish and Sylvester Pliska, we pray;
▶ **Christ, our Justice, have mercy.**
- ☺ For the intentions of our basket, Paul & Grace Borham, Michael Slowinski, the Living and Deceased Members of St. Joseph and St. Stephen Parishes, the Diocesan Annual Appeal, and the continued success of the Renovation projects, we pray;
▶ **Christ, our Justice, have mercy.**

(Pause for intentions from the heart to be prayed.)

Presider: Generous God, we ask you to hear these our prayers. We pray that you make us liberal stewards of the abundant gifts you have so lavishly shared with us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL: AMEN!

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 23-24, 2017



MASS INTENTIONS:

†Paul & Grace Borham
†Michael Slowinski

The Living & Deceased Members of
St. Joseph and St. Stephen Parishes

PENITENTIAL RITE:

We seek God's mercy and forgiveness.

Lord Jesus, you are the everlasting source of mercy
and forgiveness:

Lord have mercy; **.....Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are the Word made flesh:
Christ have mercy;

.....Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are the way that leads to eternal
happiness:

Lord have mercy; **.....Lord, have mercy.**

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

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.

The Word of the Lord.
THANKS BE TO GOD!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

#46, Gather - Psalm 103
The Lord Is Kind And Merciful

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians.

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.

The Word of the Lord.
THANKS BE TO GOD!

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
PRAISE TO YOU LORD, JESUS CHRIST!

I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death, and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

