

KEEPING FAITH FIRST- WORD SEARCH

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Catechizing Corner!

Today's liturgy is a clear call to continued, determined conversion of mind, soul and spirit. There is only one God and, as the saying goes, it is not us.

Yet we sometimes plop ourselves squarely upon the one and only throne, wave our magic wands, and think we can control the events of the ordered universe. "She's in; he's out; I haven't decided yet; etc., etc." Today's liturgy is a reminder that there is a place for us, but God's throne is not it. Our place for now is at the Lord's table, humbly, yet with dignity, acknowledging our sinfulness before the God we worship and the God who loves everyone as equal heirs to the throne of glory. The Prayer After Communion asks that with the help of God's kindness put into action, we live the mystery of the eucharist in our everyday lives. Alone we can do nothing. With God all things are possible.

Mary Birmingham, *Word and Worship Workbook*.

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Disciple's Reflection for the Question of the Week

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

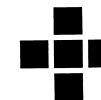
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A Call to Prayer

The Word of God
Matthew 20:1-16A

Faith Sharing
Questions of the week

Closing Prayer



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Holy Family is a welcoming Catholic Eucharistic community of disciples of Jesus Christ connecting faith with life and reaching out to those in need!

Call to Prayer

Begin by calling upon God: **In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.**

Let us pause for a moment and listen attentively to this week's passage.

The Word of God Matthew 20:1-16a

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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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.'

Gospel Glossary

A **parable** is a story that teaches a lesson.

Idle means not doing anything.

A **foreman** is someone in charge of other workers

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



To **summon** means to call someone to help you or report to you.

To **bear** means to suffer and put up with something.

Envious means jealous.

Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:

Children: Have you ever said "That's not fair"? What happened?

Teen: How do you experience God being generous to you: through your family, friends, school or parish?

Adult: Using Jesus' parable as your starting point, describe how God will treat those who come to be part of the church, even those who come late?

Family: God is always seeking us out and welcoming us into His generous love. Through whom has God reached out to you? Who is always en-

Closing Prayer

Creator God, guide us, as you guide creation according to your law of love. May we love one another and come to perfection in the eternal life prepared for us. We ask this, as we ask all things, through Christ our Lord.

Amen

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