

ST. CECILIA CHURCH

DIGITAL NEWSLETTER



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Are you envious because I am generous?” Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”
- Mt 20:15-16

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Daily (Mon - Sat):
8:00 am English

Sunday:
9:00 am English
10:45 am English
2:30 pm Spanish

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Understanding God's Justice

What do we make of this seemingly unfair and unjust parable in the Gospel today? Or, is it really unjust or unfair? Whose standard are we using in determining what is just or unjust? Let's clarify some things first. The landowner gave what he promised to the workers who arrived first, who worked 8 hours that day. He gave them what they agreed upon from the very beginning. When we speak of justice, it is giving what is due to the person, respecting what has been agreed upon. So, we can say that the landowner was just to them even if they felt slighted. (continued)

PASTOR'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

But, what do we make of the decision of the landowner to give exactly the same wage to those who worked less? This action of the landowner is not just that of justice, but of charity and of love. To give more than what is due to a person is not just justice, but is love, charity. But, doesn't this encourage people to get lazy and just arrive late --- anyway, they would be getting the same thing? Why exert and work for more hours if I would be getting the same pay for less hours?

The purpose of Jesus giving us this parable is for us to understand and adapt this to the ways and workings of the Kingdom of God. Let me share with you a story. It is about a lady who told me that her husband had a very sweet deal before he died. She said that all throughout their married life, her husband had been very skeptical and even disrespectful of her Catholic faith. He was always challenging the teachings of the Church, though he was always with her at Mass for the past 55 years. But, a few days before he died, he asked for a priest and told the priest that he wanted to be baptized. So, the priest asked him if he believed in the faith the Catholic Church professes. And, he said, yes. He was baptized and, after two days, he died. The wife complained that how fair is it that he could enter heaven just like that because, as we all know, all of our sins are removed upon baptism. She said, "Father, I have been a Catholic all my life and have to work really hard to merit the Kingdom of God, and I'm not even sure that I will make it in the end." In this story, we can say that the wife has been working diligently far more hours in God's vineyard, decades and decades of laboring in the field of discipleship, while her husband only worked less hours (we may say he worked officially for two days in the field, not even exerting much effort in those two days). But, the same eternal life or spiritual wage that was promised to his wife was also given to him. Can we say that God is not being fair and just here because that same promise of eternal life given to the wife during her baptism decades ago was also given to the husband who was only baptized two days before he died? Of course not! More than justice, this shows us God's love, God's desire that he doesn't want to lose anyone from his embrace. By virtue of our baptism, God was very clear as to what our wage would be; it's uncomfortable to speak in the language of wage because eternal life is more than just a spiritual wage -- we don't even have a right to it because it is a pure gift. And, this is what Jesus wants to emphasize: "Don't be jealous if I am also offering to

others the same eternal life that I have promised to you. Yes, you might have been laboring already for many years, and this brother of yours right here just started working but, you see, I want him to get the same reward as what you will get because I love you all, and I don't want to lose him in as much as I don't want to lose you". But, if that's the case Father, I will then just commit to working in the field or in the vineyard of God during my last few years --- anyway, God will be offering me the same reward. Well, we don't know when our time will be. Good for the husband in the story that he was given time to make it right with God but, as for us, we don't know if we will be given another opportunity if we wait and wait for us to collaborate with God in his vineyard. Plus, it's not so much about the reward or the wage in the end. It's about the joy of being in the vineyard. There's nothing more joyful and satisfying than being right with God, receiving his grace.

I remember one time I anointed a person who left the Church for many years (probably for 50 years), and then, when he was 70, he decided to return to the church. When he was 78 in his deathbed, he told me, "Father, I regret those years that I abandoned God in my life. I know deep within my heart that God has forgiven me already, and I feel incredible peace of being reconciled with him 8 years ago, but I can only imagine my life would have been more joyful and satisfying if I didn't abandon him in those fifty years". This guy received his spiritual wage when he died, but he regretted those years that he decided not to be part of God's vineyard. So, yes, we would be missing a lot if we are only after the reward in the end. It's not about the wage that we would be receiving at the end, but the day to day experience of being in the vineyard of God. Yes, those who might have worked less might receive the same wage as those who worked more hours, but those who worked less also missed the opportunity, the joy and the blessing of what it is to be part of God's vineyard from the beginning. As they say, "the joy is not in the destination, but in the journey". It's not in the reward or in the wage, but the opportunity to be with the Master, with God. As collaborators of God in his vineyard, are we more focused on the wage at the end of the day, or do we relish more the experience and the incredible joy of being in the vineyard?

- Fr. Cary

PARISH GUIDELINES ON THE REOPENING OF MASSES

Mass attendance will be limited to 50 people in accord with government directives. This includes the celebrant, essential ministers, cantors, musicians and anyone present.

WEEKDAY MASSES (8AM MONDAY TO SATURDAY AND 6PM WEDNESDAY): There is no need to sign up. But, people have to sign in. Attendance is on a "first come first served" basis. 50 people maximum. The doors of the church would be closed 10 mins before Mass.

WEEKEND MASSES (SATURDAY VIGIL AND SUNDAY MASSES): Due to the large number of people who wish to attend the Vigil and Sunday Masses, sign up is required. Attendees will be chosen through lottery. Parishioners can sign up for Vigil and Sunday Masses by sending us an email at massreg@stceciliachurch.org with the following information: name/s of the attendees, phone number and preferred Mass time. Though email is ideal, you can also sign up by calling the parish main line:

503-644-2619. There is no guarantee that you will get your preferred Mass time as this depends on the availability of the slots. People will be chosen through lottery and will be notified by Friday.

A general dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation will remain in place for those who cannot attend Mass. Anyone attending Mass does so at his or her own risk. Vulnerable, at-risk and otherwise concerned persons should remain home. Anyone who has even the slightest symptoms or feelings of sickness must remain home.

Face coverings are legally required at indoor gatherings, including in churches, per statewide and archdiocesan directives. Exceptions are made for people with disabilities or diagnosed medical conditions that preclude them from wearing masks. Those attending without face coverings due to the exemptions mentioned above are asked to use the cry room.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 20

7:30 AM - +Mike Kemp
9:00 AM - +Dennis Nye
10:45 AM - +Clarence & Christine Haynes
12:30 PM - Cochran Family
2:30 PM - People of St. Cecilia

Monday, September 21

8:00 AM - Social Concerns

Tuesday, September 22

8:00 AM - +Edwin Fackler

Wednesday, September 23

8:00 AM - Joseph Xavier Campbell
6:00 PM - Judy Finkbiner

Thursday, September 24

8:00 AM - +Peter, Mary & James Nguyen

Friday, September 25

8:00 AM - +Allen & Dutch Petersen

Saturday, September 26

8:00 AM - +Maria Pham
5:00 PM - Deacon Bill & Margarita Richardson
7:00 PM - Karla Michelle Miletti

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Ernie & Annie Bergan, September 1, 36 years
Ken & Odean Anderson, September 3, 65 years
Mark & Julie Wagner, September 3, 20 years
Frank & Joanne Lesage, September 4, 66 years
Jeremy & Melinda Young, September 4, 16 yrs
Tim & Melinda Slingsby, September 5, 28 years
Larry & Joye Boone, September 7, 52 years
Bob & Sally Siltanen, September 8, 64 years
Ron & Rita Caldwell, September 8, 64 years
Denny & Tami McIntyre, September 10, 37 yrs
Mike & Shauna Jasperson, September 11, 44 yrs
Bryan & Cheryl Payne, September 12, 28 years
Chuck & Sheryl Stratton, September 17, 9 years
John & Marilyn Bullinger, September 18, 49 yrs
Toshio & Maria Amano, September 25, 51 years

PRAYER ALERT

You may start a prayer alert by calling one of the three following team leaders:

Joye Boone----- (503) 645-7021
Margie Gallant----- (503) 848-3704

If you would like to join us in this ministry, please call any one of the above.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

SVDP is currently in need of:

- EGG CARTONS!
- condiments (mayo, ketchup, mustard)
- soda crackers
- sugar
- canned pork & beans

Donations can be delivered to the food pantry between the hours of 9 and 11 am. Thank you for your generosity!



The theme of the 2020 Seminarian Appeal is "Remain in Me."

The Seminarian Appeal provides substantial financial resources to support seminarian education in western Oregon. You are invited to meet some of our seminarians in brief videos as they share stories to help in these uncertain times -

<https://osd.archdpx.org/seminarians-youre-supporting>.

This weekend is Commitment Weekend for the Seminarian Appeal. Pledge envelopes (to be mailed directly to the Archdiocese) are on the table in the vestibule of the church. If you have supported the Seminarian Appeal in the past, you will receive a mailing from the Archdiocese. Or, you can visit the Archdiocese website to learn more about the Seminarian Appeal and to donate -- <https://osd.archdpx.org/sem>.

As you consider your support to these seminarians, please prayerfully reflect on John 15:4, "Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me."

MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIPTION

It's time to renew your subscription for the Magnificat booklet for the year 2021. Anyone who is interested in renewing their current subscription OR subscribing for the first time - This is the time!

The normal subscription price is \$47.00/yr; St. Cecilia's discounted rate is only \$26.00/yr! That's a savings of \$21.00/yr!

Currently, our bulk order price (\$26.00/yr) applies to a total order of 100 copies, so we need at least 100 orders for this price.

To renew your current subscription or to order for the first time - contact Jeannine at 503-891-0587 - no later than Monday, September 28, 2020.

ABBAY FOUNDATION OF OREGON: 2020 SEMINARY BENEFIT "VIRTUAL" GATHERING NOVEMBER 1, 2020, 4:30 TO 6:30 PM

For the past 17 years, the Catholic community of Oregon has gathered for an evening of prayer, music, and fellowship to share their support for the men preparing for the priesthood at Mount Angel Seminary.

This year, due to COVID-19, we need to broaden that support! The strength of commitment of our seminarians to respond to the Lord's call and seek ordination as our future pastors has not decreased. Nor has the need to offer them our heartfelt support, prayers, and financial assistance.

This year, instead of an in-person dinner - limited by space and geography - we have decided to go virtual and go big!

We are doing this by hosting the largest online virtual gathering of the Catholic community across the western United States. Together, with the faithful from every diocese which has entrusted their men studying for the priesthood to Mount Angel, we will come to know and support these courageous men who desire to serve Christ through priestly ministry in Holy Mother Church.

Go to <https://www.mountangelabbey.org/join-us/sbd/> to sponsor a virtual table for the Seminary Benefit Gathering and/or to donate to support the cause.

Your prayerful consideration and support would be greatly appreciated!

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Online registration for our Faith Formation Programs is now open!

<https://stceciliachurch.org/register>

Early Registration is discounted!



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Ages 3 to 6. Sundays at 9 am.

“The mystery of God meets the mystery of the child.”



“CGS” is a beautiful method of religious education based on the Montessori educational method. This year we will be offering an online-hybrid model of “CGS”. This year we plan to involve parents more intimately in our new online “atrium” space as we celebrate the joy of our faith and journey closer to the Good Shepherd together. There will be opportunities for families to borrow materials to use in their home, a parent book discussion group, and more.

Weekly prayer table gatherings will be held online on **Saturday mornings at 9am.**

REGISTRATION

Early registration begins **September 15th** on our website

CLASSES

Online prayer table sessions will begin **October 17th**

CONTACT: Aimee Henley/
ahenley@stceciliachurch.org
503-644-2610 ex. 163

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stceciliachurch.org/rcia

Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation for Adults

Elementary Faith Formation

Faith Together

Faith Formation for grades K-5

We have creative, fun, family oriented faith opportunities!!

This year we are offering a hybrid program of distance learning and limited in-person opportunities and events as we navigate the pandemic.

Our focus: Strengthen and support families as they bring Catholicism into their home

Contact Amy amaris-volf@stceciliachurch.org

ONLINE REGISTRATION OPEN!

Register early for a discounted fee

Click [HERE](#)

Join us for faith, fellowship, and fun!

Visit our Elementary Faith Formation webpage for more info

[HERE](#)

Let the children come to me...do not hinder them...



Online Registration is OPEN!

Register for Seekers [HERE](#)

Parent Meeting Oct. 6th

Sign up for Meeting [HERE](#)

For more information: [Prerequisites](#)
[Webpage](#)

First Holy Communion

WELCOME TO THE TABLE OF THE LORD!

Seekers First Communion Preparation for grades 2-5

ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS THIS WEEK!

Contact Amy for details amaris-volf@stceciliachurch.org

Youth & Young Adults

St. Cecilia Catholic Church

Register at stceciliachurch.org/register

High School + Middle School

Meeting Times are Tuesdays at 6 pm unless otherwise stated

Alpha (Virtual)

November 10
November 17
January 5
January 12
January 19
January 26
February 5-7 (Retreat)
February 9
February 16
February 23

Study Hall

Study Hall on Mondays, 3 - 5 pm In ABC Room, with ping pong, Wii games, snacks, and tutoring.

Confirmation Class (Virtual)

March 16
March 30
April 13
April 27

Gathered in His Name (in person)

Saturdays, 3 - 6 pm In the Church
November 7
January 9
March 6
April 3

For More Information

Middle school youth group:
stceciliachurch.org/edge

High school youth group:
stceciliachurch.org/lifeteen

Confirmation:
stceciliachurch.org/teencofirmation

College Students + Young Adults

Introducing VENTURE, a regular Bible study for college aged young adults, meeting twice a month. Join us for fellowship as we dive Into Scripture together.

More Information at frassatipnw.com/venture

For those 21-35 years old, check out our young adult fellowship group at frassatipnw.com

Like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram: @frassatipnw



VENTURE

*ALL DATES AND LOCATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO EVOLVING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

SUNDAYS AT HOME

PRAYING AS A FAMILY
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SUNDAY READINGS

English readings [HERE](#)
Spanish readings [HERE](#)

TAKE TIME TO CHAT

- Why were the workers who started early in the day angry?
- What effect does envy or jealousy have on a friendship?
- In the story, the landowner wanted to make sure that no one was standing idle. What lesson is Jesus trying to teach us about this?

FUN FACT!

Besides St. Andrew Kim, Pope John Paul II canonized 99 Koreans and three French missionaries, who had been martyred between 1839 and 1867, when he visited Korea in 1984. Among them were bishops and priests, but, for the most part, they were lay persons: 47 women and 45 men.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK: KOREAN BULGOGI

2 pounds of boneless rib eye steak (or sirloin)
½ pear or apple, peeled and grated
½ cup soy sauce
3 tablespoons sesame seed oil
4 cloves of garlic, finely minced
2 tablespoons of sugar (white, brown, or honey)

1 tablespoon of grated ginger (or 2 teaspoons of dried ginger)
1-2 tablespoons of gochujang (Korean red pepper paste)
2-3 green onions, thinly sliced; 1-2 teaspoons of sesame seeds

Wrap the steak in plastic wrap or a freezer bag, and place in the freezer for about 30 minutes. Be careful not to freeze it! In a large bowl, combine fruit, soy sauce, 1 tablespoon of sesame oil, garlic, sugar, ginger, gochujang, and one of the sliced green onions. Whisk it all together until well combined. NOTE: You can use more or less gochujang to adjust the level of spice. Slice the steak into small, thin strips. Be sure to slice across the grain and keep the pieces about ¼ inch thick. Combine the steak and marinade in a freezer bag or a large bowl, cover, and marinate for at least 2 hours, although overnight is preferred.

Heat a grill pan, wok, or a large skillet over medium-high heat with a tablespoon of sesame oil. Add the steak in small batches. Cook 2 to 3 minutes on each side until charred and cooked through and remove from pan. Repeat with another tablespoon of sesame oil until all the meat is cooked. Garnish with remaining green onion and sesame seeds. Enjoy with steamed rice. You may also want to make lettuce wraps with rice, bulgogi, and a little extra gochujang.

MEET OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: ST. ANDREW KIM TAEAGON (FEAST DAY SEPTEMBER 20)

Andrew Kim Taegon was the son of Christian converts. Following his baptism at the age of 15, Andrew traveled 1,300 miles to a seminary in Macao, China. After six years, he managed to return to his country and that same year, crossed the Yellow Sea to Shanghai to be ordained a priest. St. Andrew Kim was the first Korean-born priest; he is the patron saint of Korea. The Christians of Korea were heavily persecuted in his lifetime, and many were forced to practice their faith underground. St. Andrew Kim and over 100 other Christian witnesses were martyred for their faith.

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