

Preparation to Hear Next Sunday's Gospel **September 18, 2011 – The Generosity of God**

Take 10 minutes to share your faith with your family or friends, at the beginning of Parish Committee meetings, etc.

Opening Prayer:

Father in heaven, the perfection of justice is found in your love and all mankind is in need of your law. Help us to find this love in each other that justice may be attained through obedience to your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord Amen.

Proclaim the Gospel:

Matthew 20:1-16 (The Workers in the Vineyard)
(Other Readings: Isaiah 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27)

Invitation to Share:

God's grace is so large, and His love is so far-reaching that everyone who responds when called will be treated as an equal daughter or son of God. When have I experienced God's generous love, even though I was slow to respond? How do I resist God's love, refuse to undertake the labor of love to which God is calling me? What can I do to overcome this resistance?

(from PrayerTime, Cycle A)

Ending Prayer:

O God, whose generous love we receive, create in us hearts ready for your vineyard, and hands able to work for you. Guide us to understand your call, to desire your will, and to go to work when you invite us. Send your Spirit into our lives to make us loving women and men, so your reign will be established on earth as in heaven. Amen.

(from PrayerTime, Cycle A)