

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**SEPTEMBER 24, 2023**

**Greeting:** Good afternoon/morning, and welcome to St. Paul's.

In the Gospel, the workers hired first entered into a legal contract with the owner. Those hired later were promised what is just. They trusted in the owner's concept of "just." Those hired last weren't promised anything, yet they went to work. The landowner was generous to all who labored for him, giving to all what he chose to give. Our focus today is how God rewards generously those who place their trust in Him. We invite you to join in a moment of silence as we prepare to receive Christ in Word and Sacrament.

## UNIVERSAL PRAYER

**Presider:** Confident that we can turn to God for mercy and healing, let us entrust our prayers and petitions to the Lord.

**Lector:** Our response is “*Lord, show us Your mercy & kindness.*”

For the Church, may God bless His Church with an abundance of laborers for His vineyard,...(brief pause)...*we pray to the Lord....*

For all priests who are ordained to serve our Church, that their ministry may be fruitful and appreciated by the people whom they serve,... (brief pause)...*we pray to the Lord....*

For our faith community, may God grant us the grace to carry out our specific ministries for His glory,...(brief pause)...*we pray to the Lord....*

For those who are sick, for those who are suffering from addictions and mental illness and for all the intentions in our parish prayer log, may God guide them and give them strength,...(brief pause)...  
*we pray to the Lord....*

For all who have died, especially, Larry Bufano (Buff-on-o) on the 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of his death and Dorothy Bufano (Buff-on-o) on the anniversary of her birth, may they, through God’s mercy, live with Him for eternity, (brief pause)...*we pray to the Lord....*

Please share your own intentions with the community.

**Presider:** Creator God, Your ways are high above our ways, and still You make Yourself know to us in word, sacrament, and the created world. Hear our prayers that we might grow more aware of Your presence each day. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS:**

The gifts of our celebration will be brought to the altar today by...

4:00 PM \_\_\_\_\_

9:00 AM \_\_\_\_\_

11:00 AM \_\_\_\_\_

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SEPTEMBER 23 & 24, 2023

- **SATURDAY ONLY:** And now we invite Paul Fetter to share a few words.
- **SATURDAY & SUNDAY:** Do you ever worry about you, or someone you know, being diagnosed with Alzheimer's or dementia? On Thursday, October 5th at 9:15 a.m., the Coffee and Catholicism group will be speaking about the warning signs of these illnesses. Jane Adams and Daina (Day-nah) Smith, the program manager at the Alzheimer's Association, will be presenting on this vital topic.
- **SUNDAY ONLY:** Join us after Mass in the Jambo Java Café for coffee, donuts and fellowship.
- **SUNDAY ONLY:** And now we invite Tom Napoli to share a few words.