

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2026

I will be your Lord, forever!



Masses For The Week

Sun 20 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

09:00 am +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandra Leyendecker)

Frank Weikel

For Rain (Belia Flores)

Thr 24 Weekday

12:05 pm +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandra Leyendecker)

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What is most striking about the landowner is the relentless way he himself goes out to find laborers, his constant willingness to hire the ones who are still standing there, and his desire to pay them a full day's wage. Jesus tells us that the kingdom of heaven is like this landowner. God takes the initiative in seeking us out. God chooses us despite our utter unworthiness. And God is lavish in his self-gift to us. To love the kingdom of heaven is to love this landowner and the way he acts. The temptation is for us to measure our life by what we imagine we deserve. But in truth, God is always giving us far more than we deserve, even in calling us to labor in his kingdom! Let us "seek the Lord while he may be found, call him while he is near," because, for us, "life is Christ."

The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning for
+All Souls in Purgatory (Sandra Leyendecker)

Good News!

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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 55:6–9 / Philippians 1:20c–24, 27a / Matthew 20:1–16a

MIGUEL DULICK

I keep hearing preachers say this is their least favorite gospel, because it makes people so mad! All the workers in a vineyard get a full day's pay—which folks interpret as heaven—even the ones who came at the last hour of the afternoon. "You mean, I work hard my whole life, and some nobody from nowhere just waltzes into heaven ahead of me?" But wait a minute! You think you *deserve* your "pay"? None of us is anywhere or anything, even breathing, without God's grace. It's not a competition; it's our only hope! We should be dancing in the street to celebrate God's generosity. Matthew himself must have chuckled at this parable, since he was also a latecomer, having spent his life grinding his own brothers and sisters into poverty to feed the tax maw of the Roman Empire. Then, Jesus called him! I love the twist in the parable: the owner not only pays the last ones equally, but he pays them *first*!

If you don't like standing in line, you could be like Paul, who wants to just skip to the end: "I long to depart this life and be with Christ" (Philippians 1:23). As he says, "To me life is Christ, and death is gain" (Philippians 1:21). We should all be so eager. Just concentrate on the "fruitful labor" of service to others. Put everyone else ahead of you, and don't be afraid of some hard work. Any vineyard is a challenge, even when that vineyard is the Church. ●

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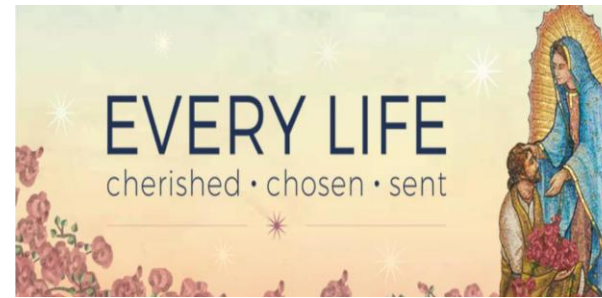


FORGIVE EACH OTHER

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LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Cristina Zarate, Mina Aldaco, Ramona Alaniz, Edna Flores, Ana Maria Finley, Mary G. Finley, Margarita Inocencio, Lucia Rodriguez, Maria Teresa Cassiano, Dotty Guffey, Rodrigo Medina, Armando Colchado, Elida Aldaco, Michelle Angela Nelson and Renee Chapa.



LIFE CHAIN IN LAREDO

Sunday, October 4, 2026,

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Sidewalks from

McPherson Rd. and

Hillside Road. Join us to

prayerfully witness that

Every Human Life Matters and is Sacred from conception to natural death.



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conduct yourselves in a manner
worthy of the gospel of Jesus Christ!

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Last Sunday's Collection

Envelopes: \$ 900.00

Loose: \$ 18.00

Children's Envelopes: \$ 4.60

Total Sunday Collection: \$ 922.60

Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 25.00

Dear Padre

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Adam and Eve had two sons and maybe others not mentioned in the Bible. How were others born without having committed incest?

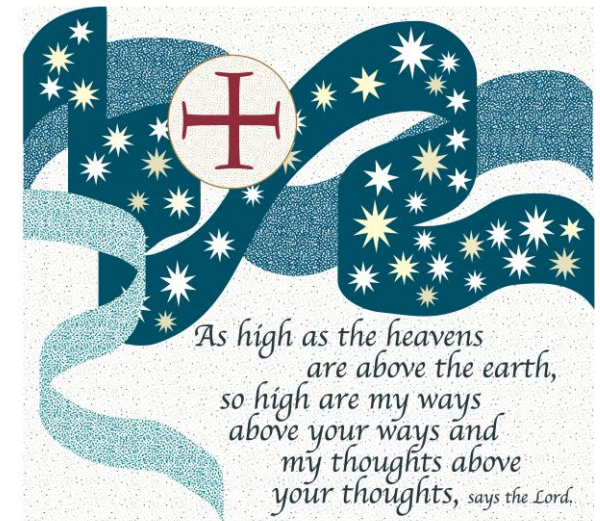
This is a perfectly valid question, and one that I think many people have probably asked themselves at one time or another. Unfortunately, it is the wrong question, because it does not reflect the true meaning of the story.

The story about Adam and Eve is not a literal story or, in other words, a story that would be reported by CNN or FOX News. It is a teaching story, intended to encourage belief in the creative power of God at work in his creation. It is not, nor has it ever been, a literal step-by-step tutorial of the early days of the human race.

The bible includes different literary forms: narrative or history, poetry and songs, parables, letters, genealogies, and more. Knowing what form is being used, the purpose of the passage, who is writing or talking, and the intended audience is the work of Scripture scholars. The story of creation is not intended to be literal; it is inspirational. ●

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