



**September 24, 2023
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

UNFAIR!

Children are usually still quite young the first time they have occasion to shout, "That's not fair!" At some point in our lives, we've probably all felt the bitterness of unfairness. Today's readings agree that life isn't always fair—yet, unexpectedly, invite us to rejoice! We rejoice because God's mercy is totally unfair: God lavishes us with forgiveness and love even when we deserve less. Both the reading from Isaiah and the psalm praise the great mercy of God, mercy that forgives our sins over and over. In the Gospel parable, Jesus demonstrates that God longs to give good things to all of us, even to those who seem less worthy. When Saint Paul reflects on God's goodness, embodied in Jesus Christ, he can hardly wait to enter his heavenly reward.

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael (September 29)

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, angels exist to glorify and serve God and to help with God's plan for salvation by cooperating with our good deeds. They can help us if we collaborate with them for the glory of God.

Our Christian tradition has designated a hierarchy of nine categories among the celestial beings whom we call angels. The seraphs are the first and the nearest to God, and the angels are the last and the nearest to human beings. Between the seraphs and angels, in order of hierarchy, are the cherubim and thrones, who together with the seraphs are dedicated to praising and loving God. The dominations, virtues, and powers are in charge of arranging the universe. Next are the principals and the archangels, who together with the angels care for and guide human beings. In this hierarchy of closeness to God, the archangels are next to last in power, although they are the most sought after because of their responsibility to care for the four cardinal points of creation. According to Hebraic tradition, there are seven archangels (Tobias 12:15) of which holy scripture mentions only three by name: Michael ("Who is like God?"), Gabriel ("strong one of God"), and Rafael ("God heals").

HORRIFIED

People in general are equally horrified at hearing the Christian religion doubted and at seeing it practiced.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Turn to the LORD, who is generous in forgiving (Isaiah 55:6-9).

Psalm — Our holy Lord is good to all who call upon his name (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a).

Gospel — The last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:1-16a).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday; National Migration Week; Yom Kippur (Jewish day of atonement) begins at sunset

Tuesday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian

Wednesday: St. Vincent de Paul

Thursday: St. Wenceslaus; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions

Friday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels; Sukkot (Jewish harvest festival)

**Sept 17 2023
Sunday collection
\$890.00**

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer to Saint Michael

Holy Michael the archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our protection against the wickedness
and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do you,
O Prince of the heavenly host,
by the divine power thrust into hell
Satan and all the other evil spirits
who wander through the world
seeking the ruin of souls.

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LECTOR MARK

SERVERS LESLIE & MARINA

COUNTER TOM & BEVERLY

Oct 8TH

LECTOR JANET7MARINA

SERVER CARLOS & MAX

COUNTER MARY & ANN F

Oct15th

LECTOR PEGGY

SERVERS JESUS & LESLIE

COUNTER TOM & BEVERLY

Oct 22nd

LECTOR JEFF

SERVER CARLOS & MAX

COUNTER MARY & ANN F

Oct 29th

LECTOR MARY

SERVERS MARINA & JESUS

COUNTER TOM & BEVERLY

EDUCATION

Education is a better safeguard of liberty than a standing army.

Scripture study on Jonah at the home of Peggy Hauck from 1:30 until 3:00 pm . Questions call Peggy at 937-707-0083

PRE no class on Oct 4th fall break

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