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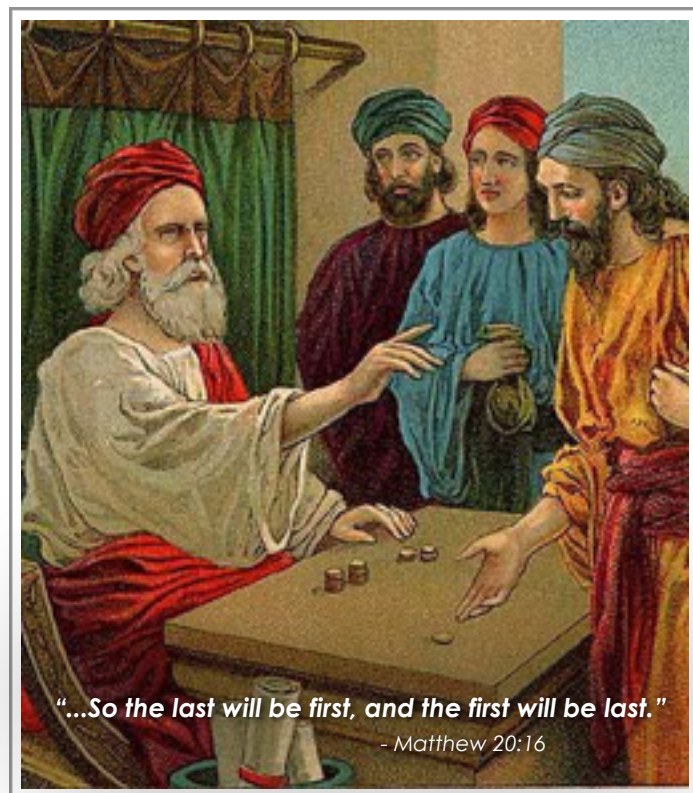
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Twenty-Fifth Sunday *in* Ordinary Time

September 24, 2017



"To transform the world by choosing unconditional love and sacrifice"

- Parish Mission Statement

Masses of the Week

TUESDAY, September 26, 2017

- *Feast - St. John de Brébeuf & St. Isaac Jogues*

7:00 p.m. Liturgy – Novena Mass in Honour of St. Gianna

Intention: + *Esteban I. Embestro / Marilou Epres*

WEDNESDAY, September 27, 2017

- *Memorial - St. Vincent de Paul*

9:30 a.m. Liturgy

Intention: + *Karen Kochan / Larry & Lee Gagné*

THURSDAY, September 28, 2017

- *Ferial*

No Mass

FRIDAY, September 29, 2017

- *Feast - St. Michael, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael*

9:30 a.m. Liturgy

Intention: + *Apolinaria I. Embestro / Marilou Epres*

SATURDAY, September 30, 2017

- *Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:30 p.m. Liturgy

Intention: *Lian Amiela Catungal / Nina & Luis*

SUNDAY, October 1, 2017

- *Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00 a.m. Liturgy - Intention: For All Parishioners

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"Are you envious because I am generous?" The landowner in today's Gospel parable surprised everyone. Contrary to standard practice, he paid all of his

labourers the same wage, regardless of how many hours they had worked! Of course this was a very pleasant surprise for those who had begun their job late in the day. And, understandably, it was something of a disappointment for those who had toiled since the morning. From their perspective, they should have gotten more than the others. But in fact the landowner was not cheating anyone; he was simply being especially generous with the latecomers.

This story would have had a special meaning for the Jewish audience listening to Jesus. They, the Chosen People, were the labourers who had started at 9:00 am. They belonged to the group with a long history of worshipping the true God. Non-Jewish Gentiles, on the other hand, had appeared late in the game. Jesus was making the point that just because he would offer the same salvation and mercy to everyone, there should be no reason for the Jews to complain. They had received their promised Messiah; so what if, in God's mercy, he allowed others who had not waited so long to be saved as well? Divine generosity is not meant to be a cause for jealousy.

Now, we may feel removed from the concerns of those Jews. But the basic lesson remains relevant: that we ought to appreciate God's generosity, even when it reaches to those whom we may not expect God to forgive. Those who have long been faithful, for example, might think they deserve more benefits than sinners who repent late in life. But instead, we should all rejoice to see God's mercy extended to **everyone**, no matter when they joined the fold.

Readings for the Week of September 24 - October 1, 2017

Sunday:	Is 55:6-9 / Phil 1:20c-24, 27a / Mt 20:1-16a
Monday:	Ezr 1:1-6 / Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday:	Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 / Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Ezr 9:5-9 / Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Hg 1:1-8 / Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a / Jn 1:47-51
Saturday:	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a / Jr 31:10-12ab, 13 / Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday:	Ez 18:25-28 / Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5 / Mt 21:28-32

PARISH TEAM

Reverend Darrin J. G. Gurr

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Sunday's Offertory - September 17, 2017

Pre-Authorized Giving: (318 households on PAR)	\$ 13,098.90
Noah's Buddies / Youth:	\$ 18.55
Loose:	\$ 854.65
Votives:	\$ 308.60
Novena Mass	\$ 483.25
<u>Shrine Donation</u>	\$ 5.00
TOTAL:	\$ 14,768.95

Our minimum weekly offertory income requirement is \$ 20,000.00

Children's Faith Formation - Register Now!

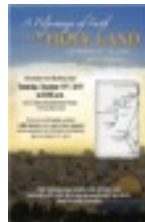
Registration is now open for our Children's Faith Formation process. Classes are Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m., and begin on Wednesday, **September 27th**. Open to all registered parishioners from Grade 1-6. More information can be found on our website at www.stgianna.ca or by contacting Rachel at rbanmann@stgianna.ca.

Parish Directory Photo Sessions - Additional Dates!



All members of our parish community are invited to participate in the creation of our first parish photo directory. Participation in this endeavour is free of charge and all participants will receive a copy of the completed parish directory. Many portrait sessions have already been booked for **September 26-30** and additional dates have been added for **October 10-14**. All sessions are held at St. Gianna's Church and will take approximately 30-40 minutes. Sign-up for your portrait session in the narthex after the Sunday liturgies or click on the link you may have received via email as a parishioner. Your participation is essential in making our directory complete!

2018 Holy Land Pilgrimage - Info & Booking Night



Next fall, a Pilgrimage of Faith to the Holy Land is set for October 14-25, 2018 with Fr. Darrin. An Information & Booking Night will take place Tuesday, **October 10, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.** as St. Gianna's Church. There are only 20 spots available and a **\$500.00 deposit AND a copy of your passport** will be required at the October 10 meeting to reserve a spot. The total Pilgrimage price, including hotel, air travel, tours, taxes and some meals will be approximately \$5000.00 per person, *based on double occupancy. Don't miss out on this transformative opportunity!

Fall Symposium Experience - Saturday, October 14



The celebration of the Mass is at the core of all that we believe as Catholics. Yet, so much of what it is about remains unclear or perhaps a total mystery. If you wish to explore and learn more about our Sunday Celebration, including the ritual movements, the meaning of the prayers, and the overall action of the liturgy, then this workshop experience is for you! All who participate can be assured of an even greater celebration of the Sunday Liturgy.

Date: Saturday October 14, 2017

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Presenter: Fr .Darrin Gurr

Lunch: Potluck, beverages will be provided

Please send us an email at stgianna@mymts.net to let us know that you are coming

A Place at the Table Ministries...

This fall at St. Gianna's Parish, a number of new ministry areas will be offered to help meet the members of our parish community in their various situations. These ministry groups will include ministry for: Single Catholics, Separated and Divorced, LGBTQ2, and Young Mothers. Our first two ministry groups are now ready to begin:

Ministry for the Separated and Divorced

This ministry group will provide an opportunity for those who have lived through or are living through a separation or divorce. This group is designed to be a place where solace, hope, encouragement and the gifts of our faith can be better discovered and appreciated. The first gathering will take place on Thursday, **October 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Narthex.**

Ministry for Catholic Singles

This ministry group will provide an opportunity for our single members to come together to share and understand the blessings and challenges of being an unmarried person in the world and church today. Though this group will include a social dimension, its primary focus will be the network and unique support that only singles can ultimately give to one another. The first gathering will take place on Thursday, **October 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the Narthex.**



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