

September 19, 2020



Dear Parishioners,

The Parable of the Laborers, today's gospel, always makes me think of my Dad. He had a wonderful sense of justice and it bothered him that those who worked only an hour would be paid the same as those who bore the heat of the day. I'm sure he figured that, as a Franciscan Sister, I would have a higher place in heaven because of everything I have given up. But I countered that I didn't have the concerns he had of providing for my Mom, three children and his elderly parents!

Perhaps, a more helpful way to consider this gospel is to realize "that God works in mysterious ways" which we may ever understand and don't really need to! Some have a strong awareness of God at a young age; others endure difficulties most of us could never imagine; and still others find their way through a roundabout path. Our task, if we accept it, is to be open to anyone searching and offer our own experience if there is an openness to it.

Six young adults are beginning the process of preparing for the sacraments at Easter Vigil. They range from 17 to 41 and are eager to begin soon on Wednesday evenings via ZOOM. The process is called the RCIA which stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Please invite anyone you've heard mention any interest in beginning or reconnecting with their Catholic faith. Someone could contact me at sheralmar@saintroberts.org or call me at 650-589-2861.

Thank you.

May God strengthen all those most in need during this stressful and unsettling time.

Blessings on us all! *Sheral*

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