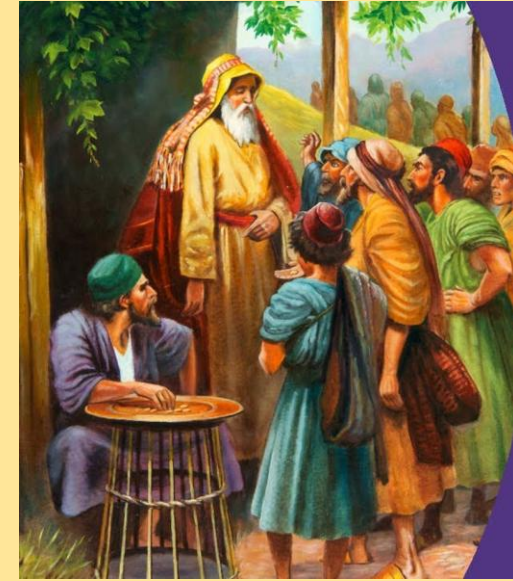
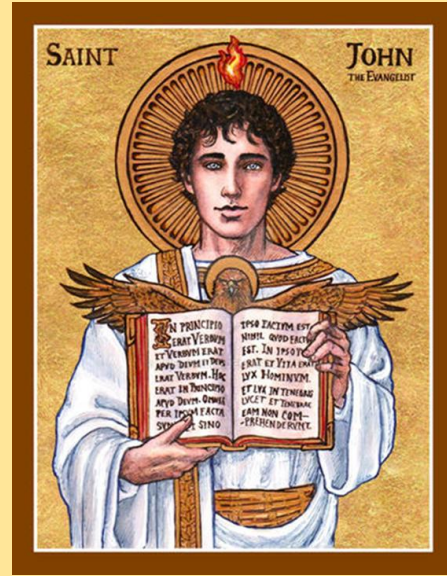
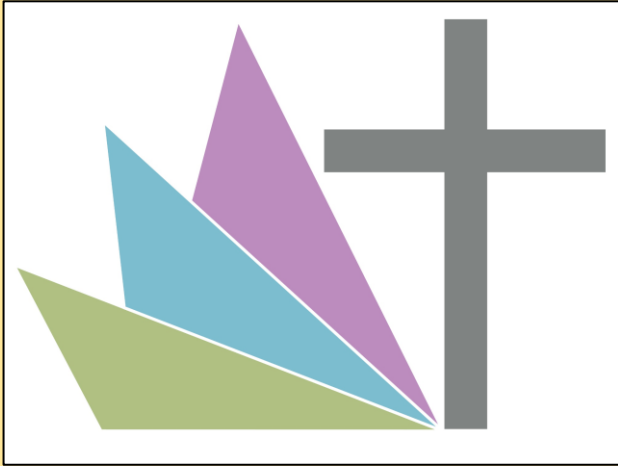


Prayer & Reflection



parable of the
WORKERS
in the
VINEYARD

Week beginning: **Monday 21st September**

Theme = Our school patron saint: Who is Saint John?

Gospel – 25th Sunday Ordinary Time,

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

Catholic Social Teaching = Human Dignity

The Wednesday Word

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You are invited to 10 minutes of prayer and reflection every Wednesday.
Join Jonathan Roumie (Jesus- The Chosen), Jeff Cavins, Mark Wahlberg, Chris Pratt and Gwen Stefani as we reflect on the Gospel on the day.

8am

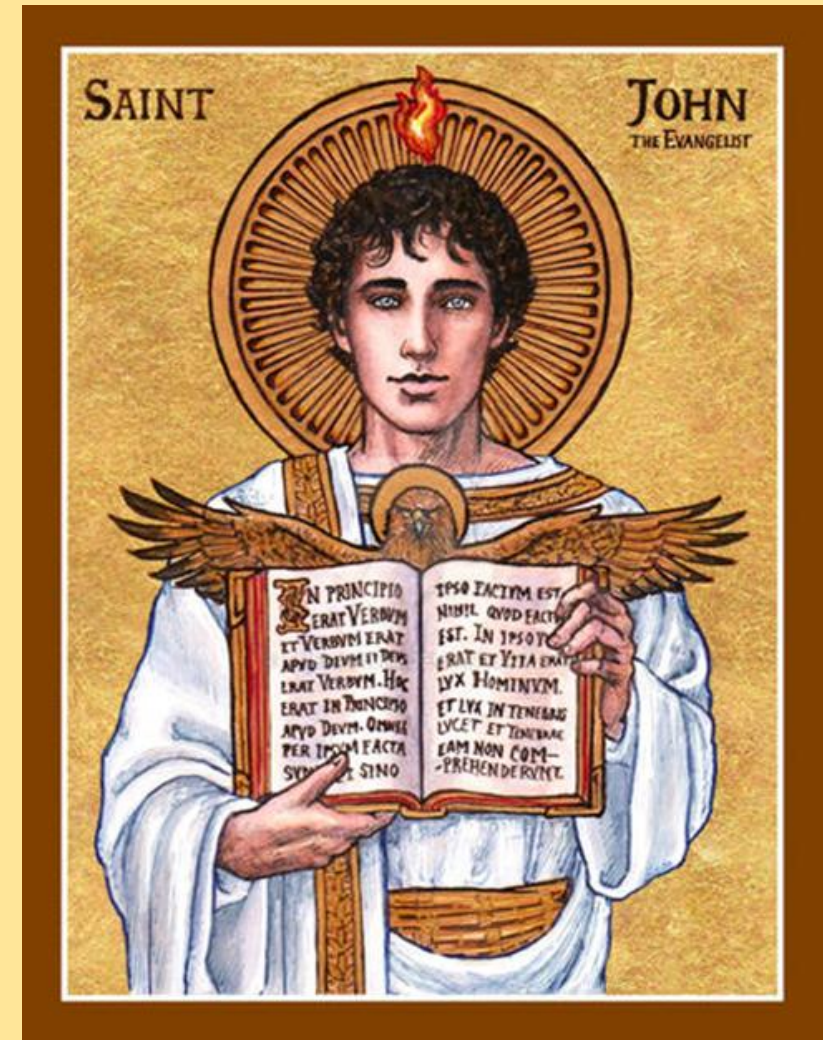
12:40pm (First lunch)

1:30pm (Second lunch)

Venue- School Chapel.

This Tuesday 22nd September
– as a school we will all
celebrate mass for the Feast
Day of Saint John, who is our
school's patron saint.

- John, the son of Zebedee, was an apostle and is the author of the Gospel of John and the Book of Revelation.
- John was a fisherman and was a disciple of John the Baptist until he was called to become one of Jesus' disciples. John was one of Jesus' inner circle (together with James and Peter),
- John was "the disciple whom Jesus loved".



Why does St John have an eagle?

The eagle is the symbol of John the Evangelist.

As St John's wrote his gospel, and the Book of Revelations, it is clear that his understanding and mastery of the word of God and the will of God is compared with the ability of the eagle to stare straight into the sun.

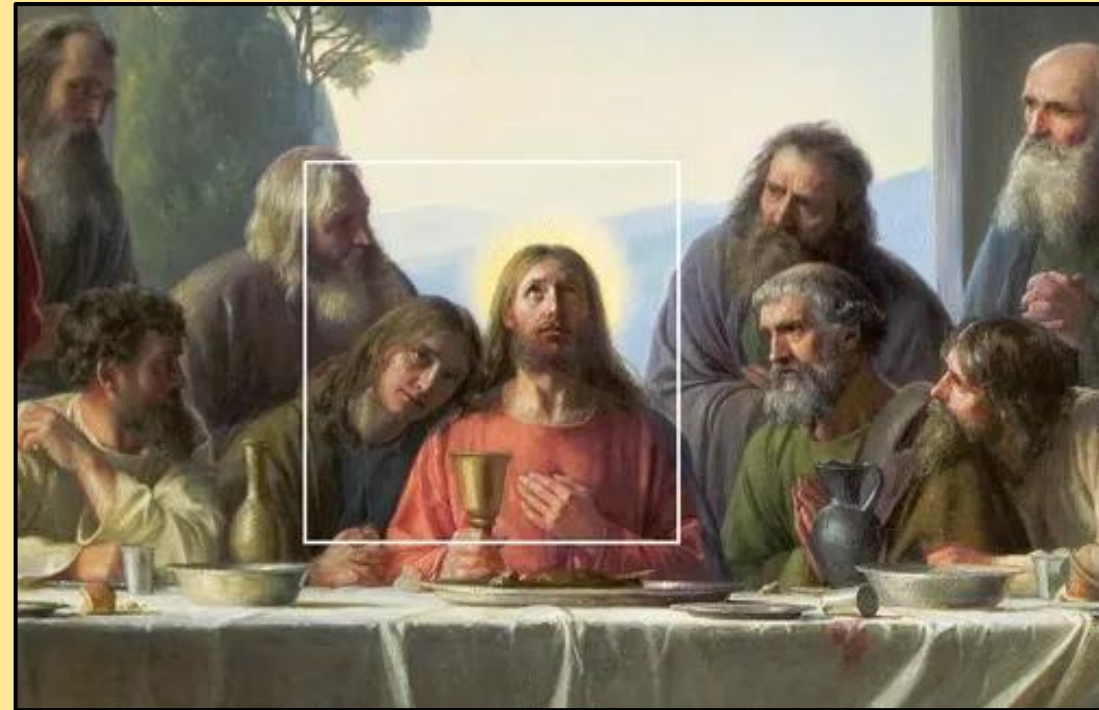
The eagle is also seen as the creature that dwells (or lives) closest to heaven.



St John's life – in the Bible

Both Peter and John were sent to prepare for the final Passover meal and it is John who is pictured sitting next to Jesus during this 'Last Supper'.

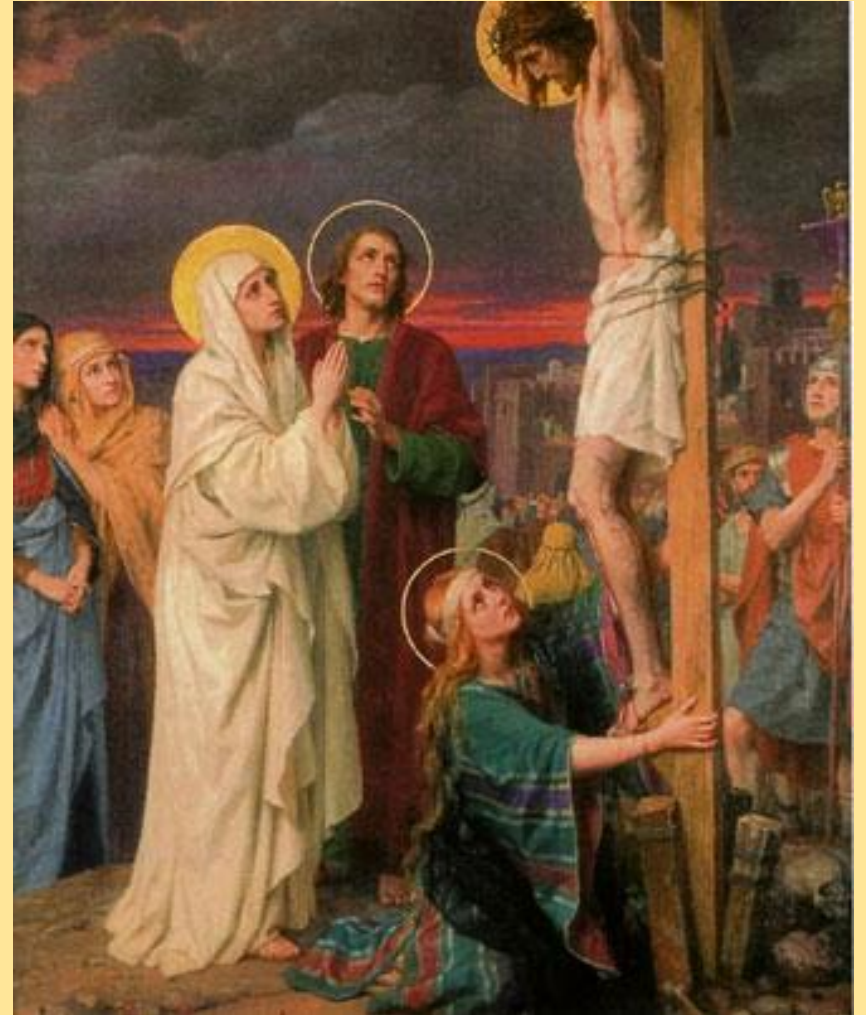
- John leans on Jesus which is a sign of their close friendship.
- Remember John is the “disciple whom Jesus loved”.
- Jesus told only St John that Judas Iscariot was going to betray him.



St John's life – in the Bible

On the first 'Good Friday' John was by Jesus' side. Jesus said to Mary his mother, "He is your son." Then he said to John, "She is your mother."
From this day onwards - John then kept a place in his home for Mary.

John was the first disciple who went to tomb to see Jesus and was the first to believe that Jesus was truly risen.

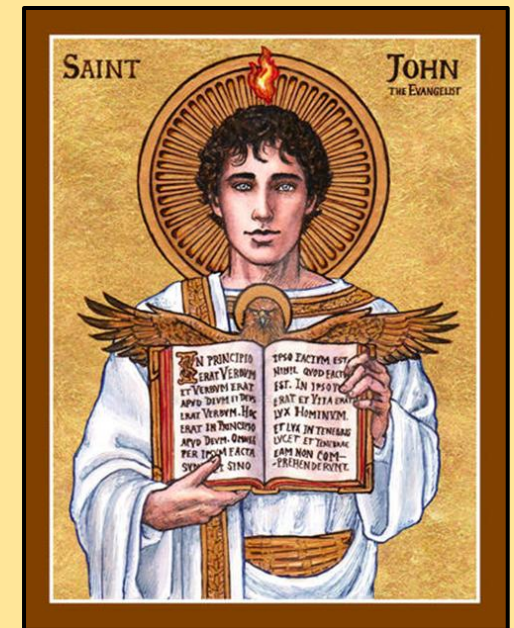


St John's mission – Inspired by Christ to build the Church

After Jesus mother Mary was taken up into heaven (the Assumption), and despite his old age, John travelled with Saint Peter to spread Christianity, to build the Church, around Asia Minor. John wrote his gospel, and his Book of Revelations.

John was later arrested by the Roman Emperors, who tried to boil him in oil. John was miraculously protected by Jesus (in Heaven), and came out of oil without injuries.

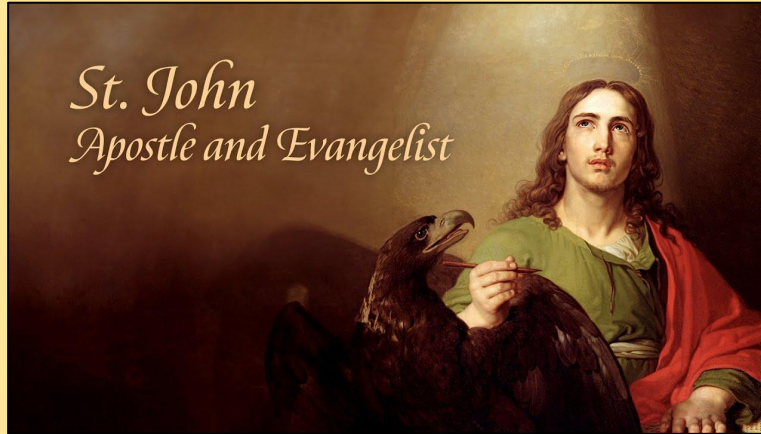
It is traditionally believed that John was the youngest of the apostles and outlived them. John lived to an old age, dying of natural causes, at Ephesus sometime after AD 98.



St John is our school patron saint

St John is the patron saint of:

- Love
- Loyalty
- Friendship
- Authors
- Scholar



St John's feast day is the 27th December.

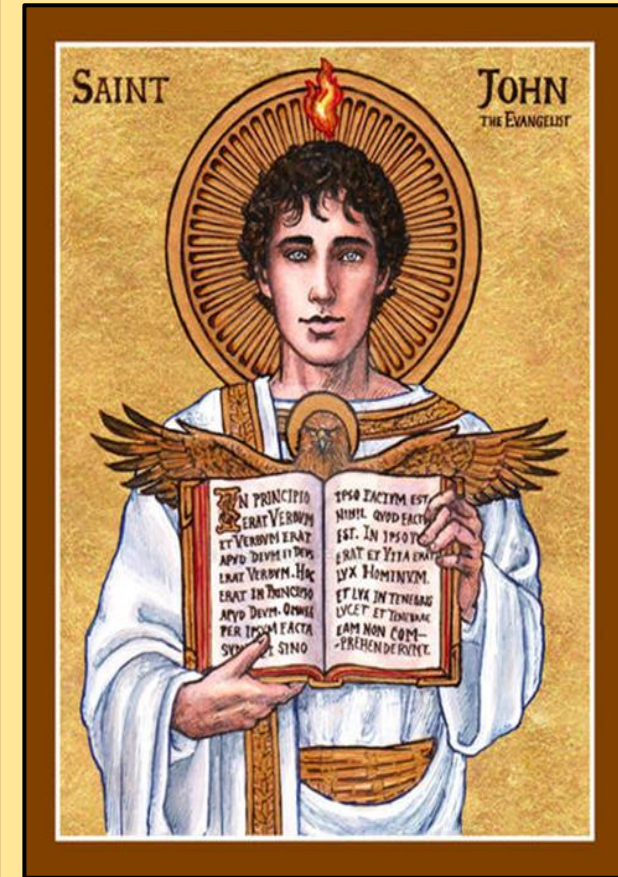
OTHER FEAST DAYS FOR ST JOHN

Some Catholics celebrate two feast days for St John because he was an apostle and an evangelist. These are two significant vocations.

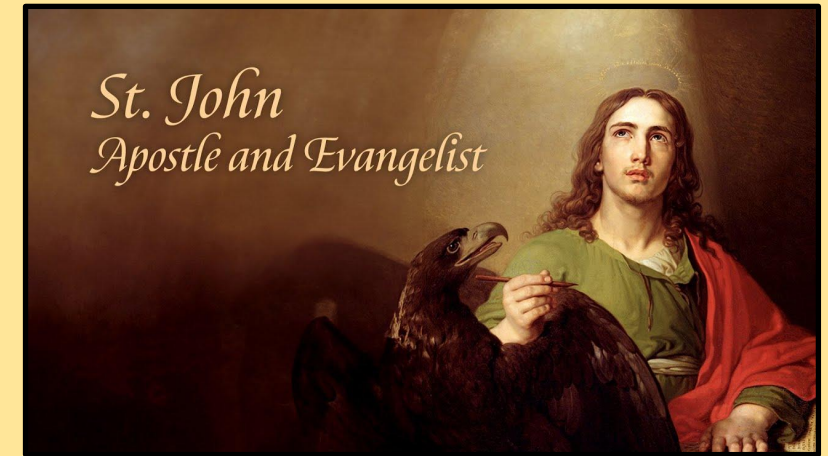
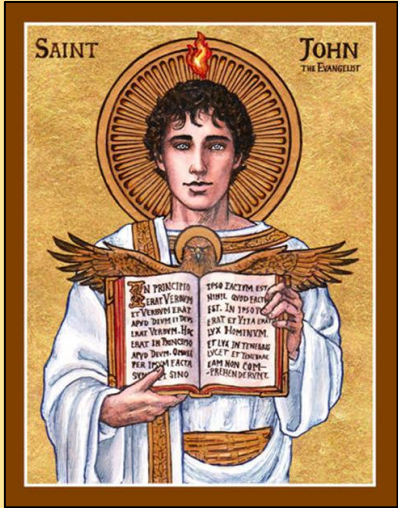
The feast day of St. John the Apostle is celebrated on May 8, while the feast day of St. John the Evangelist is celebrated on September 26.

Reflection Quiz - Who is St John?

1. Who was John's brother who also followed Jesus to become a disciple?
2. What was John's job before becoming a disciple?
3. Why is St John usually painted with an Eagle?
4. Can you give THREE examples of events involving John with Jesus in the gospels?
5. What happened in the life of St John after Jesus ascended back into heaven?
6. When is the feast day of St John?
7. What is St John the patron saint of?



St John is our school patron saint



St John's life and teachings are encapsulated into our school mission statement.

Inspired by Christ: As St John followed what Jesus asked him to do, so we should follow the key values of the gospel readings (love, respect, tolerance, kindness and forgiveness).

Service to Others: As a disciple John served others, and led to build the Church, so should we seek to help and lead others –especially the poor and vulnerable.

Excellence for All: always try to be the best person you can be in everything that you do.

St John's School Prayer

God our Father,
You have revealed to us, Your Word through St. John the beloved disciple.
We thank you LORD for our school community.
You have formed our diversity into one family that is Inspired by Christ.
At St. John's School, we seek to journey together,

Help us today to achieve our mission of Excellence and Service to Others.
We ask you LORD to increase our knowledge and understanding today.
May we become the people you have called us to be.
Keep us growing every day in kindness and in respect for one another.
We ask for your guidance so that we may do our best, and embrace all opportunities that you grant us today.

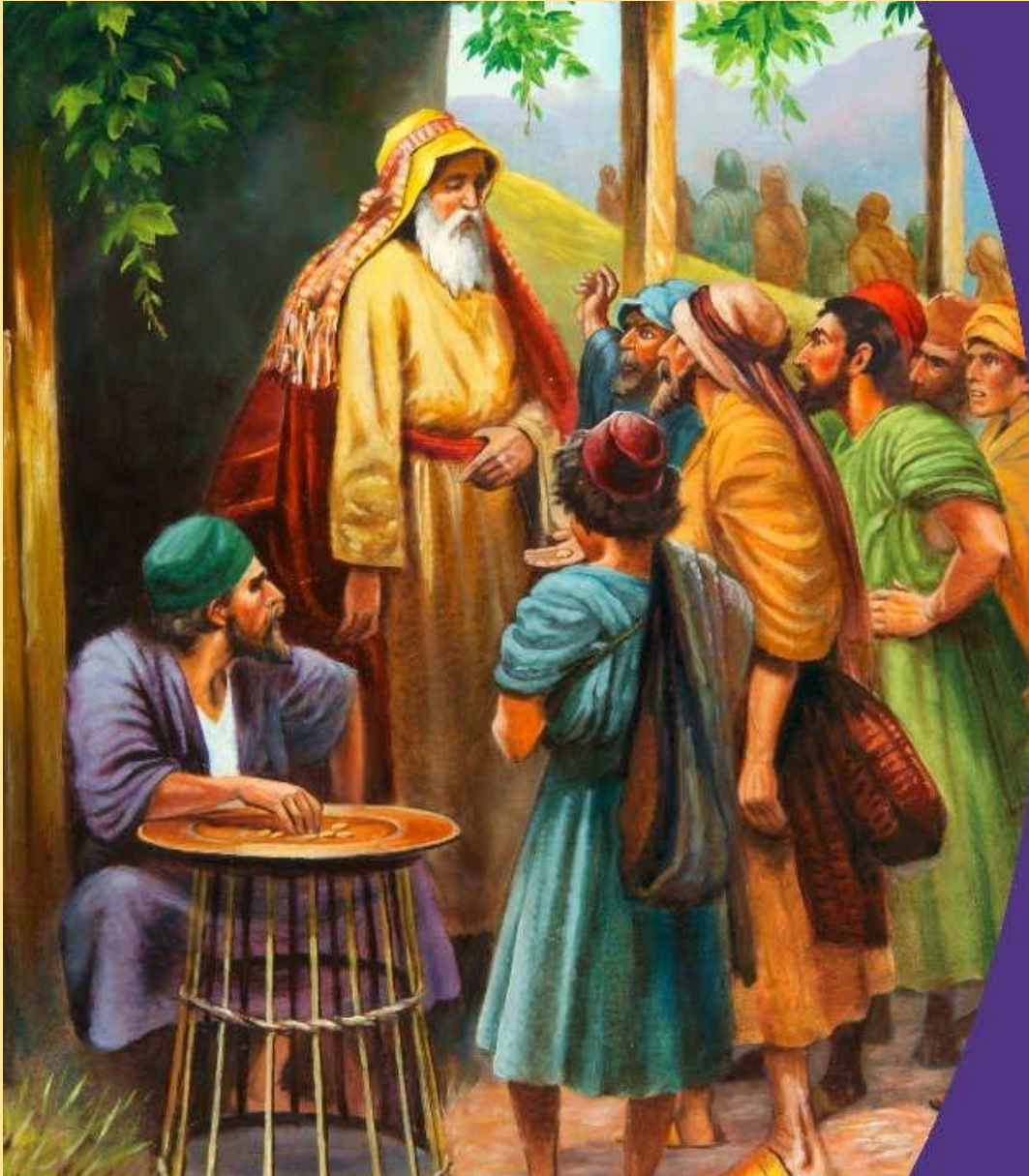
St. John the Apostle & Evangelist, Pray for us.
Amen



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Go Forth Today and
Be Inspired by Christ



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



parable of the **WORKERS** in the **VINEYARD**

Matthew 20: 1 -16

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL READING – 25th Sunday Ordinary Time

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 21: 1-16

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard.

Going out about nine o'clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, ‘You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.’ So they went off.

And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise.

Going out about five o'clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ They answered, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You too go into my vineyard.’

When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.’

When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.’

He said to one of them in reply, ‘My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?’

Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Reader = the Gospel of the Lord.

RESPONSE = Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

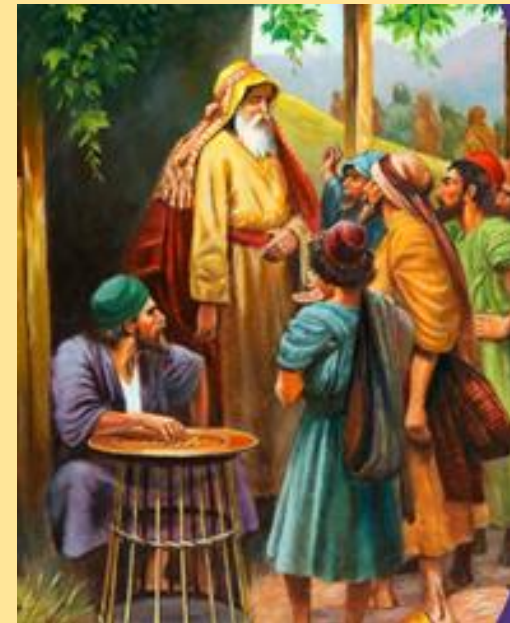


Explanation of this week's Gospel reading

In this Gospel, Jesus tells the story of a landowner who hires workers at different times throughout the day. At the end of the day, all the workers receive the same wage, regardless of how long they have worked.

Some of the workers complain that this is unfair, but Jesus uses the parable to teach an important lesson about God's generosity.

God's love is not earned by status, achievement or comparison with others. Instead, God values every person equally and invites everyone to share in His kingdom.



Reflection – Thought for the Day

In a world where people often compare themselves with others, this Gospel reminds us that each person is valued by God. Jesus invites us to celebrate the gifts and successes of others rather than becoming jealous or resentful. **This also links to the CST Theme of Human Dignity.**

To **be Inspired by Christ** means recognising the dignity and worth of every person. It means welcoming others, encouraging one another and understanding that everyone is loved by God.

In our school community, we live this mission when we:

- Treat everyone with fairness, kindness and respect
- Offer our gifts in **Service to Others**
- Support one another to achieve **Excellence for All**, celebrating each person's unique talents and contributions

Today's challenge: How can I help someone feel valued, included and appreciated today?



**CATHOLIC SOCIAL
TEACHING**

Dignity of the human person

We are all made in God's image so we all deserve respect.



PRAYER – to Be Inspired by Christ

Loving Father,

We thank you for your generous love, which is given freely to all your children.

Help us to be **Inspired by Christ**, seeing the value and dignity in every person we meet.

Teach us to rejoice in the gifts and successes of others, and to build a community marked by kindness, fairness and respect.

May our **Service to Others** reflect your generosity, as we offer our time, talents and support to those around us.

As we strive for **Excellence for All**, help us to encourage one another, celebrate our differences and create an environment where everyone can flourish. May our school always be a place where each person feels welcomed, valued and loved.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



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