

Dear Parish Family,

This Sunday, the Gospel presents us with one of Jesus' most challenging parables: the workers in the vineyard. Some work all day, others only a few hours, and yet the landowner gives them the same daily wage.

The parable reminds us that God does not love us according to our calculations. He loves us according to the generosity of His heart. God's grace is not something we earn or deserve; it is a gift.

We often find ourselves comparing: I have worked harder. I have sacrificed more. I have been faithful longer. Why should someone who came later receive the same blessing? But Jesus invites us to move from comparison to gratitude. The Christian life is not a competition in which another person's blessing diminishes our own. There is enough of God's love and mercy for everyone.

The first reading gives us the key to understanding this: "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord." God sees what we cannot see. His mercy is greater than our calculations, and His generosity goes beyond our sense of fairness.

This is also a beautiful reminder that it is never too late to respond to God's call. Some people discover their vocation, return to the Church, reconcile with God, or begin serving others later in life. We should never think that someone has arrived "too late." Whenever a person says yes to God, heaven rejoices.

As a parish family, may we be a community where people are welcomed not according to what they have accomplished in the past, but according to who they are as beloved children of God. May we rejoice when someone who has been distant comes home, when a young person discovers faith, when a family begins praying together, or when someone finds a new way to serve.

Let us pray this Sunday for the grace to rejoice in God's generosity, to overcome comparison and envy, and to trust that His ways are always greater than ours.

May God bless you and your families,

Fr. Rolando