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September 20, 2020

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

## It's never too late

Jesus' parable about the workers hired at the last hour is expressly written to surprise, even shock us. The deliberate act of paying workers hired from the first hour to the last and paying them the same salary as others who were hired later in the day is precisely



aimed at getting our attention. Why then would Jesus tell this story? I believe there is a very simple reason. The parable in question does not deal with merit or labour relations. It is about God's love and his Kingdom.

What message is Christ sharing? There is one essential element: *it is never too late for God's love*. When we love, time is not part of the equation. There are lots of people whose lives have been sometimes shameful, mediocre and superficial. When the end comes, they may feel trapped, crushed and judged. They could sink into shame, despair and morbid guilt. Reviewing their lives, we could easily pass judgment.

There's more to life than judgment. We are counseled to open our hearts and let God's light in. God is Our Father, which means Father to all of us. *You also go into the vineyard*. Time and fatigue are not factors. Love erases all of the following: forgetfulness, indifference and instability. When people who have a shady history come into our lives, God's love enables us to get beyond these shortcomings. These are issues from the past. God offers his love to all of us – regardless of our circumstances. God reaches out and loves each of us individually. Life begins again.

Christ teaches us that the workers from the last hour are also the beneficiaries of God's love.

**André Beauchamp, priest**  
Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli

**Mass intentions for September 20, 2020**

**Please pray for:**

Lea Guilbeault & Ferruccio Berardo  
Dorinda Cavanaugh  
Enrico Pietrantonio  
Ada Bairstow

**Requested by:**

Family  
Friends of Holy Family  
Nieces Marcella, Tania, & Olivia  
Mary & Léo-Paul Leclerc

**Mass intentions for April 26, 2020\***

**Please pray for:**

Lea Guilbeault & Ferruccio Berardo  
Manuel Ferreira  
Danny Phelan  
Irene Leblanc  
Dora Gualtieri  
Thelma McDonald

**Requested by:**

Family  
Family  
Family  
Friends of Holy Family  
Lucy  
Heather & Denis

**\*Each week, we will be including masses that were missed during the closure.**

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pope Francis' Monthly Intention – September 2020: Respect for the Planet's Resources**

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered but shared in a just and respectful manner.

**Support Holy Family from near or far!** Online donations are now enabled via PayPal or credit card. Please visit [www.holyfamilymontreal.com](http://www.holyfamilymontreal.com) and click on **Support Holy Family** in the menu on the left. A complete donation guide can be found at [www.holyfamilymontreal.com/donate](http://www.holyfamilymontreal.com/donate). Thank you for your generosity!

For those wishing to have a mass said for loved one or a friend, please see Sharon Murphy after mass.

**Loyola High School** will be hosting a virtual open house for all prospective students on Saturday, September 26, at 1 p.m. Please join us to learn more about Loyola and our dedication to forming each student's intellectual personal and spiritual growth. Loyola High School, founded in 1896, is a Catholic, Jesuit, all-boys university preparatory school in Montreal. Financial aid is available to students who qualify. To learn more, please visit [www.loyola.ca/admissions](http://www.loyola.ca/admissions)

Last Sunday's collection was \$1230. Thank you!

**Summary of COVID-19 measures:**

- Mask is mandatory upon entering church (keep the 2m distance)
- COVID-19 questions
- Registration of name and contact info
- No collection picked up during the mass – you may place your offering it in the basket
- Entrance to the pews is by the center aisle only
- Pews on the right of the main aisle are for individuals
- Pews on the left of the main aisle are for couples
- Pews on the far left and far right near the windows are for family groups of 3 or more
- There will be no congregational singing
- Communion: You will be asked to remain seated until the ushers indicate to you that your row may proceed into the center aisle
- Pews closest to the doors will exit first through side aisles

Thanks for your cooperation!

**Funniest Quarantine Jokes**

Two grandmothers were bragging about their precious darlings. One of them says to the other, "Mine are so good at social distancing, they won't even call me."

My mom always told me I wouldn't accomplish anything by lying in bed all day. But look at me now, ma! I'm saving the world!