Ordinary Time: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday September 24, 2023

Lead Story Headline:
Generous and Kind

"Look for God. Pray while God is close to you... God is always ready to forgive"
Isaiah 55:6-7

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“One day Jesus told his disciples this parable: “This is what the reign of God is like. Once there was a man who owned a grape vineyard. One morning he hired a group of workers to pick the grapes in his vineyard. They all agreed on how much they would be paid for the day’s work. Later that day, the owner hired a few more workers and said to them, ‘Go into my vineyard to work and I will pay you what is fair.’ “Then, later in the day, he found still more workers and sent them into his vineyard to work. Finally, about 5:00 in the afternoon, he saw some others in the town who weren’t working but just standing around. He asked them, ‘Why are you wasting your time instead of working?’ “So the owner of the vineyard said, ‘I will hire you. Go now to my vineyard and work for me.’

“That evening, the owner called all the workers together to pay them for their work. He started with the ones he hired last. When they came forward, he paid them for a whole day’s work even though they had worked only one hour. Now when the people who had worked all day came forward, they thought they would be paid more. But they got exactly the same as everyone else. They started complaining and said, ‘These last people worked only one hour, and you have paid them the same as you paid us. But we have worked all day in the hot sun.’ “The owner of the vineyard said, ‘My friends, I am not treating you unfairly. Didn’t we agree this morning on how much you would be paid? So here, take what you have earned. I want to pay everyone the same. Am I not free to do what I want with my own money? Or are you angry because I am generous and kind?’”

This is the Good News of the Lord.

What Do You Think?

1. How do you feel when you are in an unfair situation? How do you handle these feelings?

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2. What do you do when you feel jealous? How can you stop feeling jealous of others?

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Activity: Blank Grapes

Even though the workers in the vineyard worked different amounts of time, the owner chose to pay them all the same. This teaches us that God’s ways are not like ours, but that we can still count on God to be generous and do what is best for us. Look at each number of hours that some employees worked. Fit and write them in the blank grapes. Then read the grapes that are connected by the branch from top to bottom. They’ll spell out what we should do when we don’t understand the Lord’s ways!


Now Act:
Do you know what it means when a saint is canonized? Think about what you think this word may mean and brainstorm some ideas. Then find a book about saints or look this word up on the Internet to find out! Find 10 saints from Canada that have been canonized and find out more about them!


"...live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ..." Philippians 1:27
Have you ever heard of Rosh Hashanah? This is a Jewish holiday which celebrates the start of the New Year! This is not one that we celebrate but even so, there are many similarities between Jewish holidays and our own! We celebrate the beginning of a New Year on December 31st-January 1st. It is a little bit different in Judaism as they celebrate it sometime in the fall. This year, Rosh Hashanah began on September 18th and ends tonight, September 20th. Jewish people celebrate this holiday in order to celebrate the beginning of creation. Usually, on Rosh Hashanah, much of the holiday would be spent in the synagogue and people do not work. There are many different foods that are eaten during this holiday, many of which revolve around Autumn, such as apples, bread and honey! Just like we have special foods that we eat at holidays, Jewish people also do during their holidays! Our traditions really aren’t all that different from one another.

Check out the craft below that celebrates the Fall as well as Rosh Hashanah!


Apple Stamps:

All you need for this craft is an apple, some paper and some paint! Cut the apples in half, paint them with whatever colour you choose and stamp them on paper! If you want to make other creations, try using things such as a plain cloth bag or something similar and decorate it with apple stamps! Remember our Jewish brothers and sisters as you do this as they are celebrating their new year! https://poshinprogress.com/2016/08/22/apple-stamps-craft/