



## WEEKLY MEDITATION 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Many people see Christ's story about hiring workers for the vineyard as an unfair story because it seems to favor the idler at the expense of the hard worker. What point was Jesus making? The key to understanding the story is contained in the phrase "Are you envious because I am generous?" The story is not about justice. It is about generosity, but not ordinary generosity. It's

about a generosity unlike anything we've ever known. It is about the generosity of God. God's generosity is a great comfort to us, but it is also a great challenge because we are called to imitate it; to make our ways of dealing with one another more like God's way of dealing with us. A conversion is required before we can begin to act like God. Not an intellectual conversion, but a conversion

of the heart. Which of us would like to be treated by God according to strict justice? Do we not all long for mercy rather than justice? We can't put God in our debt. We don't need to. God is generous to a degree that far outstrips human generosity. All we have to do is open our hearts to God's generosity, and having experienced it, let it serve as a model for our dealings with others.

### AID TO HURRICANE VICTIMS



Thank  
You

The **special collection** for the victims of Hurricane Katrina that was taken last weekend raised **\$6,208.00**. Catholic Charities received our donation on Tues-

day. **Our schoolchildren** too opened their hearts and collected an additional **\$1,467.87** for the suffering people. Thank you to all who gave so generously to this cause.

The tragedy in the Gulf states continues, the needs of the people continue, and we continue to receive contributions for the relief and rebuilding effort. Contributions will be accepted at any time and forwarded to Catholic Charities. Checks can be made to St. Jerome Church with the memo: for Hurricane Victims. You can also send a check directly to *Hurricane Relief*, Archdiocese of Chicago, PO Box 1979, Chicago, IL 60609-1979. If you wish to donate material goods or food, they can be dropped off at the Catholic Charities Office at 721 N. La Salle on Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. till Noon and 1:30 p.m. till 3 p.m. For more information, call 312 655 7500 or 7700.

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Next week's  
second  
collection

A second collection supporting this important media outlet will be taken at all Masses next weekend. Help the Catholic point of view be heard in the marketplace of ideas. Please support our Catholic press with your contribution.

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MASS

This weekend at the 9:30 Mass we honor couples celebrating special anniversaries this year: 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, etc. Let us join together as a parish family in honoring the sanctity and dignity of marriage. Congratulations to our honored couples.

### WISDOM'S CORNER

#### Rules For A Happy Marriage

1. Never both be angry at the same time.
2. Never yell at each other unless the house is on fire.
3. If one of you has to win an argument, let it be your mate.
4. If you have to criticize, do it lovingly.
5. Never bring up mistakes of the past.
6. Neglect the whole world rather than each other.
7. Try your best never go to sleep with an argument unsettled.
8. At least once every day try to say one kind or complimentary thing to your life's partner.
9. When you have done something wrong, be ready to admit it and ask for forgiveness.
10. It takes two to make a quarrel, and the one in the wrong is the one who does the most talking.

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### THE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

**"Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage."**

**BAPTISM**

**Today in our church** after the Masses, we welcome

into our faith community through the sacrament of baptism

**Tyler Jordon Kaminski,**

son of Leroy and Tamara (nee Kudulis) Kaminski. His Godparents are John Serritella and Kimberly Ulrich.

**REMINDER.....CCD CLASSES**

Weekly classes begin today, Sunday, September 18, from 9:30 a.m.– 10:45 a.m.



**Annual “RED MASS” for Lawyers and Judges**

This annual Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Francis George on **Sunday, October 2** at Holy Name Cathedral's 9:30 AM liturgy. Brunch will follow at the nearby Loyola University Campus. In the Mass, the Holy Spirit's gifts of wisdom, understanding, etc., are sought for the people of the legal profession. For more information, call Ellen Munro at 213-715-6000.

**St. Jerome Property Fund**

Mortgage Debt:	\$400,000
Donated to Date:	\$133,995
<b>September Donations:</b>	<u>\$ 2,625</u>
<b>Monthly Mortgage Payment:</b>	\$ 11,900

Thank you to all who have contributed and to all who are considering a contribution!

**SPECIAL EVENT!**

St. Jerome Parish presents a unique night of entertainment — **AMERICAN ENGLISH, The Complete Beatles Experience** — on **Saturday, October 15, at 8:00 p.m.**, doors will open at **6:30**. This event is a fund raiser for the new Parking Lot. The Beatles Tribute performance will be held at the Old Neighborhood Italian American Club on 30th and Shields. Tickets are \$35.00 per person. No tickets will be sold at the door. For tickets: Rectory 312 842-1871; Gerard 312 213 2843; Julie 312 218 3787; Jan 312 225 9751; Kata 773 955 3965. Plan to come and enjoy a spectacular musical journey of The Beatles partnership!

**TEXAS at St. Jerome's** — St. Jerome School is sponsoring a “Texas Hold-em” **tournament raffle** on **Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**. Participants are asked to arrive at 3 p.m. for seating assignments. This event includes food, wine, and beer. The tournament begins at 4 p.m. sharp. Seating is limited. The last 10 players win. First Prize, up to \$10,000. Donation \$200. For tickets call John Perseghin (312 780 6739) or Brian Luce (312 735 7219).

**Football Mania Winners**

*Thank you to everyone who participated in our fundraiser. Here are the winning numbers for week 1:*

*\$500 #1839, \$137.50 #1286 and #2706  
\$16.67 , #2800, #807 and #1593, \$8.33  
#1632, #2589, #1391, #1436, #418, #560,  
#2856, #3807 and #4227*

**CROATIAN FILM SERIES:** This week the Gene Siskel Film Center (164 N. State Street) will show the 2004 Croatian film “*The Long Dark Night/Duga Mračna Noc*,” produced by and starring **Goran Visnjic** (ER's Dr. Luka Kovac). The 200-minute Zhivago-like story of tortured consciences is in Croatian with English subtitles. **Saturday, Sept. 24, 7 p.m.** and again **Monday, Sept. 26 at 6:30 p.m.**

“**THERESE: The Story of St. Therese of Lisieux**” is a beautiful portrayal of the ordinary life and extraordinary soul of the Little Flower, St. Therese of the Child Jesus. Please ensure that this film receives a warm welcome when it opens this Friday at: **The Beverly Art Center, 2407 W. 111th St., Chicago.**

Show times are: Fri. Sept. 23, 7:30 p.m.; Sat. Sept. 24, 2 p.m.; Sunday at 2 p.m. & 5 p.m.; Mon. & Tues. at 7:30 p.m. Consider purchasing group tickets for family and friends. Ticket office is 773 445 3838.

“**Croatian Woman**” Fashion Show: The annual fashion show of the “Croatian Woman” organization will be held **Sunday, Oct. 16** at the William Tell Banquet Hall in LaGrange. For tickets and information, call Nevenka Jurkovic 773 525 8571 or Snjezana Sego 773 752 3949. All proceeds go to the needy.