

“My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways” Is 55:8

In this Gospel (Mat 20:1-16a), too, we hear of the God who is very different from how we might think.

This parable of the Kingdom is upsetting for most 21st century Americans. It's about paychecks. And it strikes many as unfair. God's thoughts are not our thoughts, that's true. But from our way of looking at things it doesn't seem right that a person doing the same work for 12 hrs. gets paid the same as the person who worked for 1 hr.

Doesn't seem fair, does it? Well, it was fair in the sense that the landowner kept his word. The workers who put in 12 hours did get paid exactly what they agreed to work for. Hmm, Jesus knows us well. Very well. He knew how people would react and, he—I believe-- wants us to be honest with our self and our response.

Jesus teaches his disciples not to claim any special honor or any special place because they are closely associated with him or because they are the first members of his Church. All the people, no matter when they come, are equally precious to God. Similarly, long-time Church members should expect no special preference over recent members. Through this parable, Jesus describes the loving concern, generosity and mercy of God his Father for all His children, which is clearly seen in the life of Jesus.

Jesus knew that our work for the kingdom day after day until the day our lives on earth end -- that's quitting time-- would cause us to wonder about our heavenly paycheck. That's how people think. What's in it for me? God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit, has promised us eternal life. That is to be “our pay” for work in His vineyard. The daily wage a day laborer received in ancient days (and today, too) was a subsistence wage, enough to survive. That is to be our pay: we will survive death; we will be given eternal life.



CHILDREN'S PRAISE CHOIR

Rehearsals Wednesdays
from 6:30-7PM

Call Mary Jane 770-337-3851

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. 5:00pm soul of Dorothy Kincher at Ed & Carol O'Leary's request. **Sun 9:00am** soul of Kelly Kline at Denny & Lynn Kline's request. **Sun 12:00pm** for all the people of St. Anna's parish

TREASURE STEWARDSHIP:

Offertory \$ 8,112.00

(Average of \$9,000 per week to balance budget)

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

The **CHILD PROTECTION CLASS** for Kindergarten and grade 3 students will be held today. The Child Protection class for Kindergarten will be held in the Kindergarten classroom at 10:30 a.m. The class for the 3rd grade will be held in the 3rd grade classroom at 11:00 a.m. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend. **NO CHILD** will be permitted to participate in the Child Protection Class without a signed parental permission slip. Extra permission slips will be available in the classroom today.



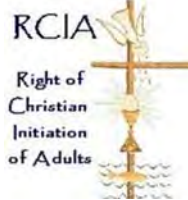
Spiritual Short Courses for Christians St. Anna's Adult Faith Program “Spiritual Short Courses for Christians” begins today at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. This program is for all adults who want to learn more about their faith. Each week a different topic about our Catholic faith will be presented and discussed. Join us for cup of coffee as you learn and grow in your Catholic faith.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

begins next Sunday, October 1st at both the 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Masses. Children will be excused from Mass after the opening prayer to have the readings proclaimed to them at their level. What a special blessing for our small children!

It's not too late to join **RCIA** if you are considering becoming Catholic or would like a refresher course on your faith. **RCIA meets every Tuesday night from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.** In addition to learning more about the Catholic Faith, you'll meet a group of wonderful people to share your faith journey with.



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

ST. ANNA'S YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF IS THIS WED., SEPT. 27TH from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This is for **ALL Middle & High School students & THEIR FAMILIES.** Come & learn more about youth group; activities, service projects & the Mission trip we are planning for this year. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by games, talks, & fun. Meat & beverages provided. Please bring a dish to share!





Welcome our newest Parishioners:
Melanie Cuff
Louis & Katherine Demaria

Tickets for the **Columbus Day Banquet** are on sale this weekend and next weekend after all Masses.

The Banquet on Sunday, Oct. 8th is in celebration of Columbus Day and the 10th Anniversary of St. Anna's Knight's of Columbus chapter.

The Knight's will also be honoring the Widows and Widowers of St. Anna's Parish on Sunday, Oct. 8th at Noon Mass. Widows please complete the form in the Narthex or RSVP to Don (770) 639-3305 or empirefire1@windstream.net.



Walton County's Life Chain is next Sunday, October 1st. For more information, contact Becki Bennett 404.731.9441.



The St. Anna's Quilters completed two lap quilts to donate for the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Auxiliary's raffle sale. The raffle sale raised \$1,753.00 to donate to The Home to care for the terminal cancer residents. The winners of the lap quilts are Don Williams and Rachel Opolka. Don has asked that his quilt be donated to a resident at the Home. It will be given to St. Damien to give to one of the patients.
St. Anna's is a loving and generous parish!

Silent Auction and Luncheon sponsored by the auxiliary of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Home. Location: St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church; Date: Sat., Oct. 7. Time: 11:00 for the Auction. Cost: \$45.00 per seat. Contact Barbara Ginn (404-538-0520) to purchase.



Tuesday, Oct. 3rd
 from 1:00-6:00 pm
 In the Parish Hall

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING: IF you have made your First Holy Communion & attend School of Religion, YOU are invited! Saturday, Oct. 14th 10 am!

Save the Date: 2nd Annual International Potluck Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017 after the 5:00 Mass in the Parish Hall. If you would like to be on the committee come to our next meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 3rd at 6:30pm. For more information, please contact Nancey Sykes @ 404-786-7020. **More information to follow!**



Our **2018 Offertory Commitment Weekend** is coming up October 7th & 8th. Parishioners are encouraged to donate their "Treasure" weekly or monthly in the first collection known as "Offertory." My monthly Offertory gift is automatically withdrawn (through online giving) which I recommend. Our Goal this year is \$473,000 [\$9,095 per week multiplied by 52 weeks = \$472,992 per year which will cover the operating expenses for the year.] Please realize your Offertory Pledge is distinct from the required Archbishop's Annual Appeal and the Capital Campaign IV Pledge we are asked to make this December. Please prayerfully consider your tithe.

I thank you! Fr. Dan.

Have you accepted the Pope's challenge? (For all to seek an encounter with Jesus Christ so that his desire for the Church's renewal will become a reality.) **Walking Toward Eternity** is a talk and seminar with **Jeff Cavins**, on Friday and Saturday, October 20-21, 2017 at St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church (McNamee Hall; 1330 Woodstock Road ;Roswell, GA 30075.)

For more information and to work towards the Pope's challenge, please contact: Deacon Mike Bickerstaff at (678) 832-1228

Want to learn how to make a Rosary? Join us next week on Wednesday, Sept 27th at 7pm (After Mass) in Room 108. All are welcome!



Trunk or Treat is coming up on Friday, October 20th! We are looking for prize donations such as gift cards, goods or services. We award the top three best decorated trunks and best costume for a boy and girl. Please call or text Shauna Cantrell if you can help 770-905-6603.



What is THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN IV ALL About?

ARE YOU CURIOUS?

Attend the Capital Campaign Wine and Cheese party! **Saturday, Sept. 30, 6-8PM Free Raffle: Wine Basket!!**

Meeting times for the week:

- OLPH - Every Mon. @ 3pm (102/3)
 - Centering Prayer - Every Mon. @ 7pm (Chpl)
 - RCIA Every Tues. @ 7pm (107/8)
 - Parish Bible Study - Every Wed. @ 10am (105)
 - Youth Group Kick Off - Wed. 9/27 @ 6:30pm (PH)
 - Rosary Makers - Wed. 9/27 @ 7pm (108)
 - K of C Plan. Mtg. - Thurs. 9/28 @ 7pm (PH)
- Call the Church Office at 770-267-7637, for calendar items**

WEEKLY VERSES
 A week's worth of God's Word

Sept. 24 thru Oct. 4th
Saturday: Confessions
begin at 4 PM

- Sunday:** Is 55:6-9. / Ps 145(144):2-3.8-9.17-18. / Philip. 1:20c-24.27a. / Mt 20:1-16a.
- Monday:** Ezra 1:1-6. / Ps 126(125):1bc-2ab.2cd.3-4.5-6. / Lk 8:16-18.
- Tuesday:** Ezra 6:7-8.12b.14-20. / Ps 122(121):1-2.3-4a.4b-5. / Lk 8:19-21.
- Wednesday:** Ezra 9:5-9. / Tob. 13:2.3-4a.4bcd.5.8. / Lk 9:1-6.
- Thursday:** Haggai 1:1-8. / Ps 149(148):1-2.3-4.5-6a.9b. / Lk 9:7-9.
- Friday:** Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel, and Saint Raphael, archangels - Feast Dn 7:9-10.13-14. / Ps 138(137):1-2a.2bc.3-4-5. / Jn 1:47-51.
- Saturday:** Zech. 2:5-9.14-15a. / Jer. 31:10.11-12ab.13. / Lk 9:43b-45.