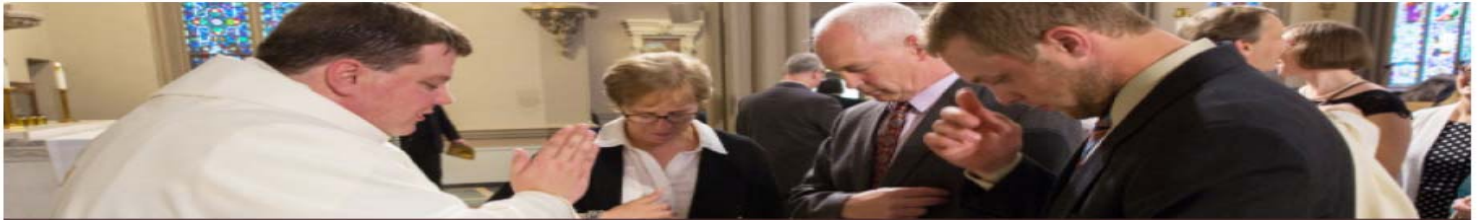


ST. CHRISTINE'S PARISH FAMILY

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Good News. Good Works. Good Faith. Boston Priests *There For Us.*



My Dear Friends in Christ,

This weekend, the second collection in your parish will benefit the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust (CHRT), which cares for the health and well-being of the 590 priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. Your participation makes a significant difference in our efforts to ensure that our priests receive an appropriate level of care and quality of life.

Mission Statement: We are the Roman Catholic parish family of Saint Christine, gathered by Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and united with the Holy Father, Archbishop and Pastor, to evangelize, to grow in the Spirit and to reach out to others in loving service.

Pastor Rev. Thomas J. Walsh

Assisting Priests Rev. Jack Schatzel
Rev. Thomas Umbras
Rev. Brian Conley, SJ

Pastoral Associates Mary Doolan
Doretha Gurry

Religious Education

Kathy Scanlan, Director of Confirmation
and Youth Ministry
Maryanne Bursaw, Administrator of Confirmation
and Grades 6 - 7 - 8
Lauretta Grant and Susie McCarthy,
Administrators: Pre-School - Grade 5
Gen Guimond, Secretary

Music Meri-Lee Mafera, Director

Parish Secretary Joan Woodhull
Facilities Manager Ron Cooledge
Asst. Facilities Manager Tim McGonagle

Please notify the rectory to arrange for the Eucharist to be brought to any ill, elderly or homebound parishioner.

Parish

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Website www.saintchristines.org
E-mail StChristinesPsh@aol.com

Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 7:00, 9:00 and 11:30 am
(11:00 am: Memorial Day thru Labor Day)
Daily Mass Monday through Friday 9:00 am

Reconciliation: Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm
Last Wednesday of the month 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Summer Mass Schedule

(July and August)

St. Christine's Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 7:00 and 11:00 am
St. Theresa's Chapel Sunday 8:30 and 10:00 am

We invite you to register as a member of our Eucharistic community and we hope you will support our parish by your presence, prayers and talents. Parish registration forms are available on the ushers' tables in the church and on our parish website.

September 17, 2017



Saturday, September 16

5:00 pm Irene Shepherdson - Memorial
Edward Dennis Shepherdson - Memorial

Sunday, September 17

7:00 am Our Parish Family
9:00 am Clare Freitas - 2nd Anniversary
11:30 am Maryann & Gerald Mackedon - Memorial
Lorraine O'Brien - Memorial

Saturday, September 23

5:00 pm Ann Bannister - 7th Anniversary
William Bannister - 29th Anniversary

Sunday, September 24

7:00 am Our Parish Family
9:00 am Mark McLaughlin - 1st Anniversary
11:30 am Joyce Cooney - 1st Anniversary

Vocation: We pray that those who feel a call to and the desire for the priesthood or religious life may find the courage to say yes to what God asks of them.

Reflections: Who needs your forgiveness?

<u>OFFERTORY COLLECTION</u>	<u>September 9/10</u>
Budgeted Goal:	\$ 9,800
Received:	\$ 7,259
On-Line Giving:	\$ 2,740
Total:	\$ 9,999

Last weekend you gave \$ 3,618 in the special collection for Missionary Society of Saint James for the poor in South America. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

The Men's Group is a unique way for men to share their thoughts and faith with each other. The new season will begin with a Prayer Service on Saturday, September 23rd at 7:30 am followed a discussion in the hall. The theme this year is: "The Gospel of John" and all men are invited. Contact Norm Shacochis at 781-834-4097 for information.

Clergy Benefit Trust Collection This Weekend
The diocese-wide collection today will support the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust which cares for the health and well-being of our priests. Your gift will provide our priests with an appropriate level of care and quality of life so they can continue to share the good news, perform good works and spread good faith. Remember the priests who have been there in your time of need and consider honoring them with a generous gift to this collection. You may also give your gift on-line at clergytrust.org. Thank you for your generous and prayerful support of our priests.

In Eugene O'Neil's play, 'Beyond the Horizon,' we have a story of anger so intense that it leads to the failure to forgive. A father had two sons. The older is his favorite. He looks forward to the older boy taking over the farm when he grows up. The younger boy is on the frail side but plans on going to sea as a career. As it turns out, both boys fall in love with the same girl. However, she loves only one of them - the younger. Devastated the older son announces that he will leave home and become a seaman. His father is infuriated with this decision. He wanted him to take over the farm. With relentless and unforgiving anger, the father says: "If you leave this house for the sea, you will never again be welcome under this roof. I never want to see your face again" And to reinforce his anger, the father struck his son violently.

And so it was, the older son disappointed in love and exiled from home went to sea. Only after his father's death did he return. Now he was an old man full of bitterness at being so totally rejected by his father. It was a hatred that left no room for forgiveness.

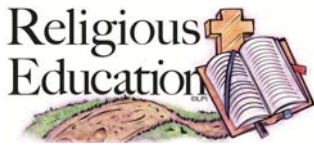
It would be nice to say that this kind of thing happened only in plays...never in real families. We know that is not true. Jesus' words about forgiveness in the Gospel still needs to be heard today. Our human capacity to be stingy with forgiveness is alive and well. Most of our families have stories about a relative who refuse to forgive. Sometime it is cousins - too often it is sisters and brothers. There are reasons why. Often it is money or pride or a total misunderstanding. One thing however is true. The power of evil, the devil, does use anger and hatred so well in our world.

The Book of Sirach put it so well in our first reading: "Wrath and anger are hateful things yet the sinner hugs them tight." For all of us forgiveness can be a struggle but it must be a goal.

Let us pray that we will focus on what is important in life....loving God and our neighbor, mending fences and becoming a forgiving person. We want unlimited forgiveness and acceptance from God but often we fail to do the same for others. May God help us to become forgiving, loving people.

Hurricane Harvey - Hurricane Irma Special Collection
Next weekend, September 23rd and 24th, a special collection will be taken to support those devastated by Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma as well as other natural disasters that may affect the United States this year. This collection will assist relief efforts by providing food, shelter and other recovery needs for individuals and families. Thank you for your generosity,

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



All Religious Education Classes begin this week.

The CCD Office is open Monday afternoons from 1 - 4 pm and Tuesday through Thursday from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm.

Thank You: We wish to thank all of our catechists in all grade levels from Pre-school through Confirmation for their kindness and generosity in teaching our children here at St. Christine's. We are so blessed to have so many faith-filled catechists that share God's love and are the face of Christ to our children and families.

Teachers' Urgently Needed for the 2017/2018 school year. Please consider sharing your faith and time with the children of Saint Christine's Parish. Please call the CCD Office at 781-837-0088 if you can help and thank you for considering this important ministry.

Grade 1	1 teacher	Tuesday	4:15 - 5:15 pm
Grade 4	2 Co- teachers	Wednesday	4:15 - 5:15 pm
	(every other Wednesday)		
Grade 6	3 teachers	Wednesday	6:30 - 7:30 pm
Grade 7	3 teachers	Tuesday	6:30 - 7:30 pm
Grade 8	3 teachers	Monday	6:30 - 7:30 pm

Confirmation Opening Retreats

Grade 9	Sunday, September 17th	3:30 pm
Grade 10	Sunday, September 24th	3:30 pm

All Confirmation students are expected to attend.

All parishioners and families are invited to attend the Rock Masses on September 17th and 24th.

Our Pre-School Program will commence next Sunday, September 24th. Classes for Pre-School and Kindergarten meet on Sunday mornings from 8:50 to 9:45 am in the hall.

PARKING LOT REMINDER

Once again we remind you to exercise extreme caution in our parking lot while dropping off and picking up children from weekly classes. **Please drive slowly in the parking lot and refrain from using cell phones.** Children move quickly and your full attention is needed to avoid an accident. All children in Grades 1 through 3 must have a parent or another adult accompany them to and from class each week. Parents must sign children out before they are released from class.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet next Sunday, September 24th, in the Children's Room from 1 to 3 pm. If you knit/crochet or would like to learn, you are welcome to join us. If you cannot attend the meeting, join us as an At-Home Crafter by making 9" squares for blankets for the needy. Please call Judith at 781-834-4681 or Maryellen at 781-834-3420 for more information.

Today as we celebrate Catechetical Sunday, we begin a new year of Religious Education with our young people. It is a journey of faith.

I want to thank all our parents for allowing us to share in our role as the prime educator of your child in the ways of faith. You have cooperated with God in the very act of creation and God has given you the responsibility to share your love and your faith with your child. Please know we are here to assist you in any way we can.

I also thank the Directors of our Religious Education Program and staff for their excellent ministry. I am so grateful to all of our Catechists. You are involved in a powerful ministry leading our children to know God's love for them and the teachings of the Church which helps us respond to that love. Thank you for the gifts of faith, talent and time that your share with the children. Please know you have the prayerful thanks of your Parish Family.

God bless you. Father Tom

Sowing Seeds needs gift cards to local supermarkets, pharmacies and clothing stores such as Kohl's, Marshalls, Payless, and Wal-Mart. Donations may be dropped off at the Clothing Bank located on the corner of Route 139 and School Street on Thursday and Saturday mornings from 10:00 am to 12 noon.

Sowing Seeds also needs volunteers to work two hours a week on Thursday or Saturday mornings to sort and distribute clothing to our neighbors in need. Please call 781-837-3337 if you can help. Thank you.

Permanent Deacon: If you are interested in becoming an ordained Deacon, you and your wife are invited to an Inquirer Program at one of the following places:

Pastoral Center - Braintree - Tuesday, September 19th
St. Jerome Parish - Weymouth - Tuesday, September 26th
Meetings are from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. For more information, please call Deacon Christopher Connelly at 617-746-5649 or e-mail cconnelly@rcab.org.

Christian Meditation is an ancient form of prayer that involves reciting a sacred phrase and being open to the Holy Spirit. Meetings are Wednesday at 7:00 pm downstairs in the rectory with a short lecture, meditation and questions. All are welcome.

St. Christine's Grand Annual Collection

Goal: \$100,000

Total Received: \$ 96,075

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish.

Choristers: Does your child love to sing? Please consider supplementing their religious education and experience by participating at Mass in our Choristers program. Parents love that the children receive voice and performance coaching while singing the Word of God. Monday rehearsals are from 5:30 to 6:30 pm and the children sing at the 9:00 am Mass. All children in Grade 3 through Grade 8 are welcome and encouraged to be a part of this ministry. The first rehearsal is this Monday, September 18th in the Church.

Adult Choir: (Grade 9 - Adult)

Our Adult Choir is seeking new members of all levels of talent and vocal ability. Rehearsals are Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Church and the Adult Choir sings at the 11:30 am Mass on Sundays. Feel free to stop by a rehearsal and give us a try! The first rehearsal will be on Tuesday, September 19th.

Please call our Music Director, Meri-Lee Mafera, at 617 - 548-0893 for information about these Choirs.

Liturgical Ministers 

September 23th and 24th

Altar Servers:

- 5:00 pm: L. Keyes, B. Hunt
- 7:00 am: B. Burch
- 9:00 am: A. LoNigro, E. Tracey
- 11:30 am: R. DeSantes, D. DeSantes

Eucharistic Ministers:

- 5:00 pm: H. Hamill, C. Christmas, M. Belsan, M. Nerino, T. McManus, J. Wawroski, J. Lydon
- 7:00 am: L. Bak, D. Kelleher, M. Panarelli
- 9:00 am: E. White, R. Gallagher, N. Yachimski, N. Skinner, M. Graham, R. Berardi, K. Santos
- 11:30 am: L. Greenwood, J. Desmond, D. Desmond, M. Healey, K. Buckle, G. Schindler, J. Sambuceti

- Lectors:** 5:00 pm: C. McManus 7:00 am: A. Medinus
9:00 am: M. Buckley 11:30 am: B. Conley

If you are unable to serve your assigned Mass, please get a substitute to serve for you.

The Marshfield Council on Aging needs volunteers at the Senior Center. Please consider donating a few hours a week to assist our Seniors. Contact Donna Weinberg at 781-834-5581 x 20 if you can help. Thank you.

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers: Your new schedules are now available in the sacristy along with a new list of ministers' names and phone numbers. Please take a copy.

Miramar Retreat Center will host a retreat focusing on Julian of Norwich, one of the most remarkable women ever to grace our Christian Church. A simple uneducated woman of the 14th century, Julian addressed issues which are crucial in our Church today. Come and listen to William Meninger OCSO on September 22 - 24 and learn more about this unique woman. Call Miramar at 781-585-2460 for more information.



Do you know someone who would like to become Catholic or is interested in receiving First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation to complete the process of Christian initiation? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will help them prepare for conversion or to be in full communion with the Catholic Church. Classes are now beginning. For information, please call Ken McCarthy at 617-549-4620 or Jeanne Cregan at 781-934-5055 x114.

FIAT - Vocations for Women

Fiat is a group for single women considering a vocation to the religious life. You are invited to their next meeting at St. Clement's Eucharistic Shrine, 1105 Boylston Street in Boston on Wednesday, September 27th from 7 to 9 pm. If you are interested, please respond to Sister Marian Batho at 617-746-5637 or e-mail: Sr_Marian_Batho@rcab.org.

March For Life in Boston

Sunday October 1st


This year the March for Life will benefit Bethesda House which helps pregnant girls and new mothers become self-sufficient by learning new skills and resources in caring for their babies while growing in a loving relationship with God. Donations to Bethesda House may also be made by visiting www.bethesdahousema.org.

Horizons for Homeless Children needs volunteers to play with homeless children living in Marshfield. A commitment of two hours a week makes a real difference in the lives of these kids. The next training will be held in West Bridgewater on Saturday, September 23rd from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. To apply to volunteer or for more information, please call 508-510-3250 or visit their website at horizonschildren.org/playspaces

Marshfield Food Pantry needs donations of food, pasta, soup and canned vegetables. Also needed are personal care items such as soap, shampoo, deodorants, detergents, diapers, razors, and shaving cream. You may bring your donations to the Food Pantry at their new location at Library Plaza on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:00 am to 12 noon. Monetary donations may be sent to P. O. Box 1097, Marshfield, MA 02050. Thank you.

Adult Bible Study: Our Lady of Assumption Parish will host an Adult Bible Study on Wednesdays beginning September 20th from 7:15 to 8:15 pm. For more information and to order books, please email Fr. Joe Hennessey at alowishes57@gmail.com or call Claudette at 781-834-6252.

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**WEEKLY SCRIPTURES & THOUGHTS
For the Parish Family of Saint Christine**



**THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 24, 2017**

Reading

Is 55:6-9

The ending of this reading is very familiar to many of us. The beginning sounds like the LORD might be far from us at times where, instead, it is we who drift from Him. How can you bring yourself back to the Lord? We can't,... He bring the answer that we may find He is it!

Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel
forsake his way, and the wicked his thoughts;
let him turn to the LORD for mercy;
to our God, who is generous in forgiving.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
As high as the heavens are above the earth,
so high are my ways above your ways
and my thoughts above your thoughts.

Psalm

Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Again, David has the answer. He starts his prayers with praise to the LORD. This puts David in a mindset to talk with God. He realizes that God is the constant in his life and "is gracious and merciful." What does "gracious" mean? What it mean "his works" that He is compassionate toward? Maybe yours and mine?

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

Every day will I bless you,
and I will praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the LORD and highly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and
of great kindness. The LORD is good to all
and compassionate toward all his works.

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

The LORD is just in all his ways
and holy in all his works. The LORD is near to all who
call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

Reading

Phil 1:20c-24, 27a

Paul yearns to "be with Christ", yet he realizes that God has a plan for him here on earth. What is that plan? Does He have a plan for us also? We are "his works", and the time we are given is for a reason. Let us be wise with our time. "Only conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ."

Brothers and sisters:

Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain.

If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. And I do not know which I shall choose.

I am caught between the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better.

Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit. Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Acts 16:14b

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mt 20:1-16a

Although this parable does not seem to be fair by earthly standards, in God's eyes, He has the same wages for anyone - salvation. What are the wages that God has for those who work for Him? All who receive the grace of God should rejoice in that eternal gift, whether they received it early in life or near death. Praise Jesus for His wisdom.

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o'clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.' So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o'clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.' When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.' When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.' He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous? Thus, the last will be first and the first will be last.'

Some Thoughts...Ok, folks put your imagination cap on! ...You are now in the It's not 'Fair' square on the life board!

He hired some of them early in the morning, some in the middle of the day, and some he hired just before quitting time.

The workers who were hired early in the morning began to complain, "Hey! That's not fair! You paid the workers who worked only one hour the same as those of us who worked all day."

The owner of the vineyard said, "I am not being unfair to you. I paid you what I agreed to pay you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Are you jealous because I am generous?"

What is the point of the story that Jesus told? The point is that there are some people who trust in Jesus and serve him all the days of their life. What is their reward? Their reward is eternal life in heaven. A good number of years ago, I was teaching a CCD class of 9th graders. This gospel came up on the Sunday before my class so I decided to discuss this scripture with my students.

We read the gospel and I asked them to write down their thoughts—

Most of them jumped into the 'It is not fair' response. But one young woman, wrote, that this was very fair. Her thoughts were that the vine grower agreed in advance with each worker what the wages were to be. And it was his money and only he could determine the wage rate, so long as the workers had agreed. Her further reasoning was that God gives this gift of an eternal life with Him to give to those who agree with God and say yes to Him. The workers weren't paid for the amount of work, just that they worked, as you and I will be there in heaven if we fulfill our 'Yes' to Him. There are other people who live most of their life in sin. They don't serve the Lord at all. Then, just before their life comes to an end, they put their trust in Jesus and accept him as their Savior. What is their reward? Their reward is the same as one who has served the Lord all their life -- eternal life in heaven.

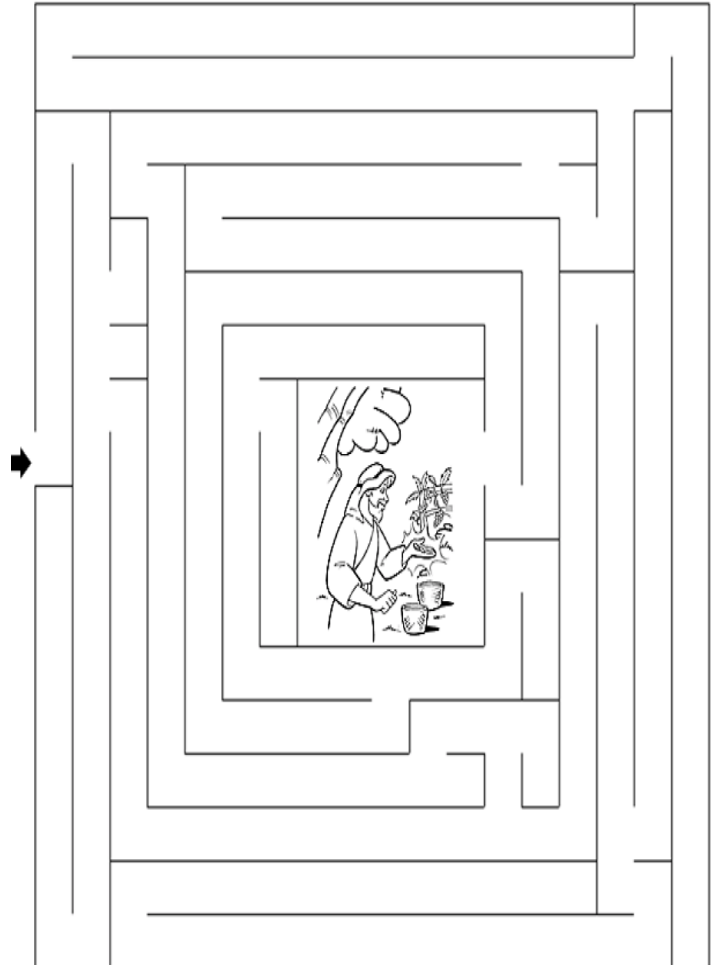
Is that fair? We might not think it's fair, but if we got what was fair, none of us would go to heaven. I don't know about you, but I'm glad that God doesn't give me what is fair, but gives me his love and grace, in spite of what I deserve!

We must realize that an eternity for person A will be different for person B, but they each have eternal life with Jesus in heaven!

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Here's a couple of ways to help remember that Jesus is here. Complete the Puzzle below—

Parable of the Vineyard Workers Matthew 20:1-16



Bible Verse

When they received their pay, they protested to the owner, 'Those people worked only one hour, and yet you've paid them just as much as you paid us who worked all day in the scorching heat.'

Matthew 20:11-12 (NLT)



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PARABLE OF THE WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD
(MATTHEW 20:1-16)

