



Today, we celebrate the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. We read from the Gospel of Matthew 20:1-16. Another parable from Jesus continues last week's theme of God's extreme generosity. In this story, Jesus touches on another unfortunate human behavior: We are often jealous when God is kind to people we think do not deserve it. In the Parable of the Vineyard Workers, the landowner hired workers throughout the day some at 9am, some at noon, some at 3pm, and some as late as 5pm. When evening comes, he paid them all the same daily wage! What a strange thing to do! And how unfair! Of course the landowner offered a piercing rebuttal "Am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?" These words require little commentary. Lit it or not, we know exactly what they mean. God can do as he pleases with his blessing, his mercy, and his graces. And the more we are like God, the less this will bother us. **Prayer: Lord Jesus, your teaching cuts to my heart. Free me from the crippling limitations of my own judgment so I may live in the freedom of your generosity. In your name we pray..... Amen**

Bodo De Leite – Traditional Cow parade will take place on Saturday, Oct. 21st at 11:00AM. We are in need of girls and boys to be in the Bodo De Leite. If you are interested please sign up in the CCD office. For the girls we have the skirts you, would need a white shirt.

Bazaar items are being sought for the Our Lady of the Rosary Festa which will take place Oct. 21 & 22. If you have items you would like to donate drop them off at the Parish Office. Bazaar items can be toys, wreaths, tea sets, towel sets, nick knacks, coffee mugs, and much more.

Life Chain is coming October 1st from 2-3pm. Meet at **2nd and Lander**. Any questions please call Dave Barcellos 535-5962.– Life chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro- life Americans standing for one hour praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception.

Attention Boys and Girls

We are in need of 12 girls ages 6-8 (dresses are provided) and 2 boys ages 8-10 (must wear white shirt and black slacks) to help carry the Rosary for the annual celebration of Our Lady of the Rosary Festa, **Sunday, Oct 22**. Please call Anna Cabral at 667-8961 if your child would like to participate in this special parade.

RCIA the process for becoming Catholic, enables people to learn about the Catholic faith to join, or rejoin the Catholic Church. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will be held at our parish for those interested in Being Baptized, receiving Communion and or Confirmation, or rejoining the Church after an absence of some years or just to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Join us for the following Inquiry Meeting: Sunday, September 24 at 8:40am. All meetings will be held in the Parish Center, If you have any questions please call Dina 632-7163 or the parish office at 667-8961. Mr. Christopher Freeberg will be leading this ministry.

1st & 2nd Year Confirmation Retreat

When: Sunday, October 29

Where: Reedley High School

Who: 1st & 2nd Year Confirmation Students

Time: 7:00AM return 9:00PM

Permission Slips and your non refundable \$40.00 were due today. If you did not turn yours in please turn it in ASAP.



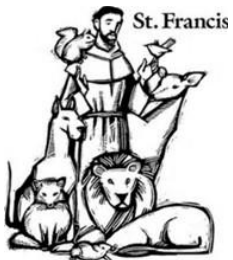
It's time to start thinking about trunk or treat, which will be held on Tuesday, October 31st at Hilmar Covenant Church Grounds.

The following items are needed: Candy, cases of water and soda, packages of hotdogs, hotdog buns, and packages of individual bags of chips and cupcakes. Any and donations greatly accepted.

We will also need help running the snack bar, and someone to be in charge of the games. If you would like to help please call Dina 632-7163.



Trunk or Treat



On Wednesday, Oct. 4th We celebrate the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. In honor of St. Francis we will have the Blessing of the Animals. Bring your pets for a special Blessing at 6pm. Meet in front of the CCD Building.