



# ST. MARY'S SYRO-MALABAR CATHOLIC CHURCH ORLANDO

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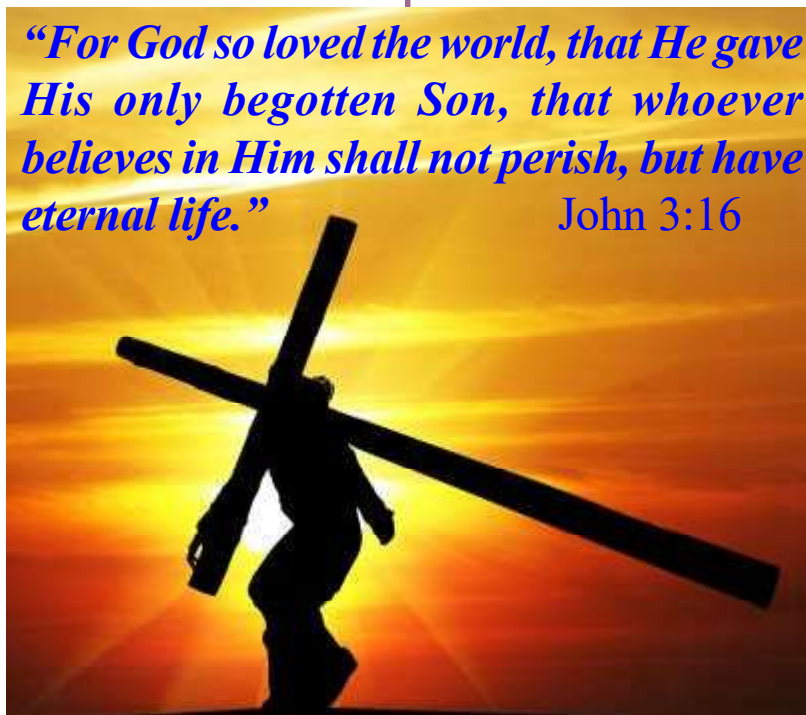
Today we have a parable of the Kingdom for our reflection. At a first reading, we might be strongly inclined to side with the grumblers in the parable. After all, it did not seem at all fair that those who only worked for one hour should get exactly the same as those who had worked from early in the morning and through the heat of the day.

Even though all had agreed to work for a stipulated amount, still in all fairness and decency, one feels that the early comers should have been given more or the latecomers less. However, if we find ourselves talking like this, then it shows that our thoughts are human thoughts and not God's. A little further reflection will make us feel grateful that God works like the employer in the vineyard.

The story seems, as often happens in the Gospel, to reflect the situation of the early Church. The first Christians were all Jews. Before their conversion they had been trying to live according to the requirements of their Jewish faith. They belonged to a people who had thousands of years of religious history, they were God's own people. Then Gentiles began to be admitted into the community. Some of these people probably came from totally pagan environments. They may have lived very immoral lives and yet, once accepted and baptised, they enjoyed all the privileges of the community. Somehow, it did not seem right.

But this is the justice of God which we need to learn. He gives his love, all of his love, to every person without exception, who opens himself to it. It does not matter whether that happens early or late.

Love can never be earned, only accepted. And, as the story indicates, the genuine needs of all should be met. The fact that the latecomers were only employed at the last hour does not make their needs any less than those who came earlier. God's justice is measured by our needs not by mathematical divisions.



What each of the workers received was a symbol of the love of God, who is the vineyard owner. All – early arrivals and latecomers – got exactly the same, the love of their Master and Lord. There are not various degrees of that love. It is always 100 percent. God is Love; he cannot but love. And he cannot but love totally. He cannot and will not give more of that love to one than another.

This is indeed something we should be grateful for. Because it can happen – perhaps it has already happened – that I move away from God and his love. I may move very far. But I know that at whatever time I turn back to him, be it at the 11th hour, he is waiting with open arms.

**FULLNESS OF  
GOD'S LOVE  
FOR ME**

Let's thank God for his justice! Thank God for the fullness of his love for us!

**Oct 8- First Sunday of Moses**

10 am: Holy Qurbana  
Readings: Deut 11:1-9; 2 Cor. 2:12-17; Matthew 20:1-16  
Class to parents by Rev. Fr. George Danavelil  
12 pm: CCD Classes. **Safe Environment Classes for CCD students.**

1 pm: Malayalam Classes  
1.30 pm: Parish Council

**Oct 9- Monday**

7 am: Holy Qurbana

**Oct 10- Tuesday**

7 pm: Rosary, Holy Qurbana, Novena to St. Jude

**Oct 11- Wednesday**

7 am: Holy Qurbana

**Oct 12- Thursday**

7 am: Holy Qurbana

**Oct 13- Friday**

7 am- Holy Qurbana, Adoration  
8 pm- St. Thomas Ward Prayer Meeting

**Oct 14 Saturday**

9.30 am: Holy Qurbana, Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

**Oct 15- Second Sunday of Moses**

10 am: Holy Qurbana  
Readings: Deut 11:26-32; Gal 5:16-26; Luke 8:41-56  
12 pm: CCD Classes.  
1 pm: Malayalam Classes  
Oct 16 - Bl. Thevarparampil Kunjachan  
Oct 18 - St. Luke the Evangelist

**Oct 22 - World Mission Sunday: Special Collection**  
Oct 28 - Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

**Oct 29 Sunday: All Saints Day Celebration**  
Nov 1 - Feast of All Saints  
Nov 2 - Commemoration of the dead



**Orientation Class for CCD Teachers, by Rev. Fr. George Danavelil** was very much appreciated. He is going to take up charge as Pastor of St. Mary's Syro-Malabar Church Charlotte, North Carolina. Best wishes in his new mission.



Month of October: the month specially dedicated to Mother Mary and devotion to our Heavenly Mother, in a special way reciting the Rosary. Please recite the Rosary every day.

**Safe Environment Classes**

**Today: Classes for CCD Children; if not completed, will be continued next week**  
**10/22/2017: Next Class for Adults**  
**10/29/2017: Class for CCD Teachers/Volunteers**

**Parish Administration**

Vicar: Fr. Kuriakose Vadana  
Kaikkarans/Trustees: Jiby Joseph Chittedom; Anoop Pulickal

**Religious Education**

DRE: Benoy Joseph  
Coordinator: Sheeba Sojin

**Liturgical Services**

**Sundays**  
10.00 am - Holy Qurbana  
12.00 pm - Catechism for Children

**First Fridays of Every Month**

08.00 pm - Holy Qurbana, followed by Adoration and Benediction

**Tuesdays**

07.00 pm: Holy Qurbana, Novena to St. Jude

**Saturdays**

9:30 am: Holy Qurbana, Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help  
Wednesday-Thursday-Friday: 7:00 am

Memorial services will not be conducted on Sundays. You are welcome to conduct sponsored/votive/special intentions Holy Mass on week days.