

Our readings today invite us to reflect on the incredible generosity of God as we struggle day to day with issues of what is fair, right, or just.

In the first reading Isaiah tells of God's mercy and forgiveness that are available to all, even the scoundrel and the wicked. God's ways are so far beyond us that it is difficult for us to understand. Even so we are called to try.

In the gospel Matthew relates the story of the laborers who work less hours and receive the same wage as those who worked longer hours! How happy were they! How upset were those who worked more! How we struggle with fairness! But struggle we must.

Because God's love and generosity extends to all – the scoundrel, the sinner, the saint, and all in between. In the reign of heaven, no one gets what they deserve – they get more! Salvation really is a free gift. Think of your blessings. Did you deserve them, earn them....really?

Recall a time that you received an unexpected or undeserved gift. How did that change your day....your life?

Today, let us pray that we may be more mindful of our blessings and rejoice in another's blessings, giving thanks to God for both.