



Called to Serve and Walk Together

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

God is good, all the time...All the time, God is good!

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus continues to teach us about the Kingdom of God. He tells us the story of workers who are invited to work in a vineyard. Some begin early in the morning, while others are called later in the day. Yet, at the end of the day, the landowner gives them all the same wage.

Those who worked all day complain, "You have made them equal to us." They compare themselves to others and begin to see their work as a burden rather than a privilege. Sometimes we can do the same with our relationship with God: How long have I served? How much have I given? Why did someone else receive the same blessing?

The vineyard represents God's people, and being called to work in God's vineyard is a gift. God invites each of us to serve in the vineyard of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity. Some discover their faith early, others later; some serve quietly for many years, while others are just beginning. God rejoices whenever we say "yes." Our task is not to compare our journey with others, but to answer God's call to serve here and now.

This message speaks beautifully to us as we gather for our 6th annual Parish Social. This is more than food, music, and fellowship; it is an opportunity to come together as one parish family. We come from different backgrounds, generations, and experiences, but we share one faith, one Eucharist, and one parish home.

Our parish has experienced many changes, some of them difficult. That is why gatherings such as our Parish Social, the upcoming Trinity Gala, and other opportunities to come together are so important. They give us an opportunity to reconnect, strengthen friendships, and remember that we are one parish family. Our unity means that, despite our differences, we choose to belong to one another, care for one another, and walk together in faith.

Our Generation-to-Generation Campaign invites us to live out our call to be workers in God's vineyard. It is not about how much we give, but about standing together in solidarity and sharing responsibility for the future of our parish and the Church. Every gift matters because every person matters. We are not simply donors; we are fellow workers in the vineyard. I invite each of us to prayerfully consider how we can participate.

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone who helped organize, sponsor, and support our Parish Social, as well as everyone who came and participated. Your generosity, hard work, and presence made it a beautiful celebration of our parish family.

St Elizabeth of the Trinity, Pray for Us!

See you in church!

In Christ,

Fr. Deo