

Twenty-seven Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 4, 2020

In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son. After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent. In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: The Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question. This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers? Let us call upon the Holy Spirit in prayer believing in the words of God spoken to king Solomon: "if then my people, upon whom my name has been pronounced, humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their evil ways, I will hear them from heaven and pardon their sins and heal their land."

Be blessed. Love you.

Fr. Pawel.

Mass Intentions

October 3 - 10, 2020

Sat. 10/3	8:00 am	Homebound & Sick parishioners
	5:30 pm	Special intentions
Sun. 10/4	8:00am	+Romel Garcia
	10:00am	People of the Parish
	1:00pm	Hispanic community
Mon. 10/5	12:00	Anna Sass
Tue. 10/6	12:00	All Seminarians
Wed. 10/7		No Mass
Thu. 10/8	12:00	Sister Donata
Fri. 10/9	12:00	+Fr. John F. Payne
Sat. 10/10	8:00 am	Homebound & Sick parishioners
	5:30 pm	Special intentions

Please pray for the sick and home-bound of our Parish:



October 11th. will be the first day of Nativity's Religious Education classes. Please register your children. We are asking for \$50 per child.