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27th Sunday of Ordinary Time
October 8, 2023

Sunday Readings

First Reading

Is 5: 1-7

The Lord did all that he could to provide for Israel; his sense of justice leaves no other choice than to dismantle what he once favored.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Second Reading

Phil 4: 6-9

Lives lived virtuously in Christ are sure to be filled with the grace of the "God of peace."

Gospel Reading

Mt 21:33-43

At vintage time the master will return to receive the harvest. May we bear fruit in plenty, and be pleasing in his sight by living lives that are marked by love and respect.

Celebration of the Mass

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
Monday 6:00 pm
Tuesday 9:00 am
Wednesday 9:00 am
Thursday 9:00 am
Communion Service
Friday 6:00 pm

Adoration

Tuesday 9:45 am - 12:30 pm
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45
Sunday Before Mass
upon request)
1st Friday 5:00 - 5:45 pm

Marriage or Baptism

Contact the parish office six (6) months prior to the anticipated date

The vineyard of THE Lord
is THE house of Israel.



THE STONE THAT
THE BUILDERS
REJECTED HAS
BECOME THE
CORNERSTONE.

Remember the sick of our parish:



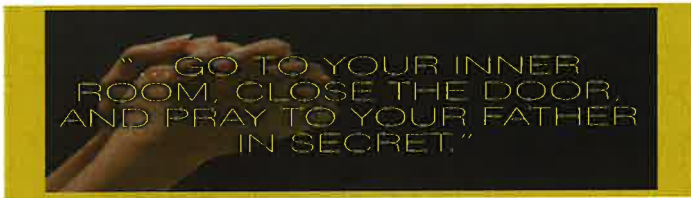
John Buchanan. Dale Boman. Avery Boultinghouse. Fr. Lawrence Love, Bishop Joseph Strickland, Fr. Mark Kusmirek, John Rigney. Wanda Burton. Susie Swaso. Rosemary Seltzer. Elaine March. Mike Jernigan. Libby Paladino. Jo & Doris Hoffman. Roy Marchak. Emly Walker. Jim Hickey. David Borel. Verna Sloan. Mike Stephens. Kathy Bowers. John McGrane. Msgr. Ron Diegel. Richard & Dottie Schuetz. Tom Fabitz. Jodie Woods. Wanda & George Duke. Jean Hamilton.

Kathleen Fleming. Jaye Anderson. Greg Mooney. Karee Haney. Charlie Parker. Jacob Stephens. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month.

Remember the active military of our parish:



Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike Stephens). 1LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Staff Sergeant, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Lt. Gary Buchanan; Capt. Blake Gaughan; Lt. Will Corrigan (Great Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma). Petty Officer 2 Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).



FORMED

THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND.



John XXIII: The Pope of Peace

This movie tells the life story of John XXIII from his youth through his young priesthood, episcopacy, life as cardinal, and eventually his life as pope. Elected supposedly as an "interim Pope" who would just keep the status quo and listen to the advisers around him, John XXIII proved to be his own man when he surprised the Church and world by calling for the Second Vatican Council.

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Special Observances

Monday: St. Denis, Bishop & Companions, Martyrs (*Patron of Paris and of France*); St. John Leonardi, Priest (*Formed the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine and published a compendium of Christian doctrine in use until the 19th c*)

Wednesday: St. John XXIII, Pope (*Convoked the Second Vatican Council and authored the Mater et Magistra-1961 and Pacem in Terris-1963*)

Saturday: St. Callistus I, Pope, Martyr (*Organized the first official Christian cemetery in Rome and instituted Ember Day fasts*)

Mass Intentions

- Sat. 10/7 **Larry Barnes+** (Laudts)
- Sun. 10/8 **Lee Bidlack** (Jane Bidlack)
- Mon. 10/9 **Liam O'Gorman**
- Tues. 10/10 **Rita Joyce Aucoin+** (Carolyn Bonicard)
- Wed. 10/11 **Arianna & Johnny** (Ellis Family)
- Fri. 10/13 **Anibal Pereira+** (Evans Family)

PARISH SUPPORT

Attendance: 9/30 SAT: 70 10/1 SUN: 102

Collections from 9/29 & 10/1:

Offertory \$ 3,892.00
Building & Maintenance Fund \$ 1,154.00

OCTOBER SECOND COLLECTIONS

1st: "Building & Maintenance Fund"
 21st & 22nd: Catholic University of America



Pope's October Intention

For the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.



Blessing of the Animals

Fr. Kelly will be "Blessing the Animals" in honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi on Sunday, October 8th after the 9:00 am Mass (at 10:00 am). Pets will be allowed in Narthex for that Mass and the blessing will take place after Mass under the portico outside the church.

OCTOBER UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sat 10/7:** 5:00 pm Mass
Food Pantry collection continues
- Sun 10/8:** 9:00 am Mass
Blessing of the Animals (following Mass)
Food Pantry collection continues
- Mon 10/9:** 6:00 pm Mass
- Tues 10/10:** 9:00 am Mass
9:45 am—12:30 pm Adoration
6:00—7:00 pm tonight only Adoration
6:00 pm Casino Night Meeting
- Wed 10/11:** 9:00 am Mass
- Thurs 10/12:** 9:00 am Communion Service
- Fri 10/13:** 6:00 pm Mass
- Sat 10/14:** 5:00 pm Mass
Food Pantry collection continues
- Sun 10/15:** 9:00 am Mass
Food Pantry collection continues
- Mon 10/16:** 6:00 pm Mass
- Tues 10/17:** 9:00 am Mass
9:45 am—12:30 pm Adoration
6:00—8:00 pm Adoration
6:00 pm Casino Night Meeting
- Wed 10/18:** 9:00 am Mass
- Thurs 10/19:** 9:00 am Communion Service
- Fri 10/20:** 6:00 pm Mass
- Sat 10/21:** 4:00 pm Mass (time change due to Casino Night)
6:00 pm CASINO NIGHT



Ninth Annual Life Chain Results

Sunday's 2023 Life Chain was very successful, thanks to the 50 people attending. Participating were members of Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Holly Tree Bible Church, and Whispering Pines Nazarene Church. Although the weather was hot, the volunteers ranging in age from 4 to over 90, were very enthusiastic, as were the vehicle drivers on FM2869. We look forward to next year's annual event. Thank you, all volunteers who organized and participated in the event!

ANNOUNCEMENT

On Saturday, October 21st **ONLY**, Mass time will change to 4:00 pm due to Oktoberfest.

OKTOBERFEST & Casino Night October 21, 2023

Deadline for donating a prize to our fundraiser Wednesday, October 11th

Our deadline is drawing near and we are still in need of some donated prizes. Please consider a Gift Certificate to anywhere or board games for adults and/or children, a nice variety of teas for our beautiful Tea Box (already donated), or something you would give a friend as a gift.

We have designated the small classroom in St. Jude's Hall to hold our gifts until we start getting them ready for display. So, please, either put them in the classroom with your name attached to it, or if it is a Gift Certificate, please put it in Bridget's folder on her door.

Deadline for gifts is Wednesday, October 11th (as we need time to put them together for the program).

Thank you so much for any consideration of helping with our Church's Fundraiser.

Anyone involved in any Ministry at our Parish, you need to be compliant on your ethics and integrity training with

To sign up for training, please notify our contact person:

Justin Mahaffey 903-714-3649 or email him at: justin.mahaffey@icloud.com

Cenacle of Life: Come join us every Wednesday at 3:00 pm.

Legion of Mary—Pilgrim Statue: Our Lady of Fatima Statue is now ready to visit your home. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you may contact: Marge Clymer, 903-216-7953 or Jane Bidlack, 903-569-7749. If scheduling permits, the Statue may be kept for two weeks.

The Holy Spirit Food Drive Ministry: *Is asking for your help in our continuing efforts to provide groceries for needy families of Holly Lake Ranch & nearby communities. Please see the attachment for more information.*

Interested in volunteering for the Food Ministry. Call or email Bryan Todd at 972-672-4218 or toddtalk@hotmail.com
Thank you, to our Holy Spirit Food Ministry Team!

From the desk of : **Fr. Tim Kelly**

The story is told that when a group of Catholic bishops were visiting Moscow for talks with Russian Orthodox bishops.

One of the Western bishops mentioned "tradition". The Russian interpreter mistakenly interpreted that as "ancient customs".

Mosatholics know that we are accused by Protestants of not honoring the Bible as the only source of divine revelation. They're quite correct in their accusation. We Catholics do not accept that the Bible is the sole source of God the Father's self-revelation to the world. Instead, the Catholic Church holds, and has always held, that divine Revelation is accessible to mankind through the Sacred Scriptures, i.e., the Bible, and through Holy Tradition and through the life of the church,

The second Vatican Council reasserted this ancient dogmatic teaching in a document called Dei Verbum. "It is clear therefore, that the Holy Tradition, the Sacred Scriptures and the teaching authority of the Church are so linked and joined together, that one cannot stand without the others."

But Catholics need to remember that before the Bible, the tradition, and even the life of the church Jesus Christ, himself is the unique sacred deposit of the Word of God, (Dei Verbum X). This is the One who born of God the Father before all ages, and present with the patriarchs and prophets of the Old Testament. It is through Christ's presence in the world, long before the Incarnation that the people of the Old Testament received revelation. Before he was incarnate in the Virgin Mary, the Christ, the second person of the Trinity existed for all times at the right hand of God the Father.

"Christ is both the mediator and the fullness of all Revelation." (Dei Verbum VII)
So the important thing is to remember that before there was a Bible or the writings of the church fathers, or the encyclicals of popes, there was Christ, who is God's self-revelation to mankind.

"Many people may have the same idea of tradition as did that Russian translator. For many, tradition is simply a collection of time-honored customs, accepted, not on critical grounds, but merely because "it has always been done that way ". Any attempt at innovation is opposed in the name of "tradition", which is considered first and foremost as a conservative force in society, and a safeguard against a dangerous liking for novelty, or even against any suggestion of a wider outlook. Tradition is favored because it prevents change." (This paragraph is from a little book called "The Meaning of Tradition" by a famous French theologian called Yves Congar.)

The Catholic Church exists in all the countries of the earth, and each catholic group has developed its own customs and ways of doing things. In some countries, people process through the streets and feast days. In other countries, the rosary and the Divine Mercy chapter are considered very important. The Virgin Mary is known by cultural titles, such as Our Lady of Loretto, Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of Czestochowa. Oh, they all honor the same virgin mother, they do so in different ways, and under different titles. These are all local or national customs or traditions. But they are not "Tradition". Some people refer to them as traditions with a small "t". God does not reveal himself through pilgrimages, relics, or really just artwork, but they are good and pious practices, much to be encouraged.

Much of holy tradition is composed of sermons and books, whereby leaders of the church seek to interpret holy scripture and explain it to the people. The Church revered the writings of the great Fathers of the Church. It is from these men that we know how to celebrate the Mass and know its true meaning. It is from these writers that we understand the Bible. Tradition is the ever-fresh, ever-trustworthy channel through which we better see Christ, the perfect mirror of God the Father's beauty.

“How Is Your Vineyard Growing?”

By Deacon John

“Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.” – Matthew 21:43

This is the third week in a row that we have a parable involving a vineyard. And in all three we recognize that the vineyard symbolizes God’s kingdom. It’s also the third week in a row where Jesus confronts the Pharisees through His parables warning them about their actions in the vineyard. Jesus always seemed to be antagonizing the Pharisees.

Now, I don’t believe that Jesus was looking to pick a fight with the Pharisees. I don’t think He was purposely trying to publicly embarrass them. And I don’t think His motive was to keep them out of the kingdom. Yet He was always very persistent in pointing out their hypocrisy and selfishness in the way they tended the kingdom. Why?

It’s because Jesus was unwilling to give up on the Pharisees. He was actually trying to help them. That’s the good news of this Sunday’s parable. It describes how the landowner sent his servants to collect his produce. Yet the tenants who worked the land wouldn’t give it up and they instead beat and stoned and killed the servants. But the landowner persisted. He sent more servants; they were also killed. But the land owner still persisted. He sent his son, and the tenants killed the son. The tenants didn’t change, so the landowner would eventually have to take away the vineyard from them and give it to other tenants who would produce, but it wasn’t from lack of trying to change them.

The Pharisees were the ones who God entrusted His kingdom to. They were the religious leaders who were supposed to bring God to the people. The big point to remember here is that the tenants are only working the vineyard, they don’t own it. God owns it all. The Pharisees forgot that and got selfish and greedy. They wanted it all.

Just as He did with sinners, Jesus constantly persisted in trying to get them to turn from their ungodly ways. We know He was successful with at least two, Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea. Although we don’t know for sure, I believe that others probably turned to Him, too. But in the end, it was the Pharisees who killed the Son. Even though Jesus was unwilling to give up on them, they gave up on Him. And through that, the kingdom was turned over to others who produced its fruit.

Now it’s our turn as the tenants in the vineyard. We’ve all been given our areas of the vineyard to tend. They are in our families and friends. They are in our prayer intentions. They are in strangers in need. They are in unborn babies, the sick and infirmed, and the uncared-for elderly. They are in our daily decisions and choices. They are in our workplaces and our church community. They are our future; in our hopes and dreams. Everything in our lives are our vineyards where we can produce the fruits of the kingdom.

So, how’s it working out? Is your vineyard growing? Are we paying our rent and giving God his due? Are we cooperating with God, or are we rebelling against Him?

Those are sometimes really tough questions. We’re not consistent all the time. Sometimes we’re really on fire and we harvest clusters and clusters of Cabernet grapes. Other times, we’re not quite so blazing and we end up with a box of raisins. But that’s okay, it’s all fruit. We’re only asked to tend to the vineyard. God will manage the produce.

And the good news of the parable is that Jesus will never give up on us, either. For those times that we aren’t quite blazing or if we stop working it all together, or those times where we may get greedy or self-centered with it, He may need to confront us and call us out. But always with the intention to bring us back to producing fruit for Him. And He will never give up on us.

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(Submission date: 29 Sept 2023) Submitted by Randy Munoz

Brief Biography of St. Peter <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/teachings/brief-biography-of-st-peter-87>
(Continued from last week.)

It was Peter who took the initiative in selecting a new Apostle in place of Judas, and he who performed the first miracle of healing. A lame beggar asked for money; Peter told him he had none, but in the name of Jesus the Nazarene bade him arise and walk. The beggar did as he was bidden, cured of his lameness. When, about two years after the Ascension, the spread of the new religion brought on the persecutions that culminated in the martyrdom of St. Stephen, many of the converts scattered or went into hiding. The Apostles stood their ground firmly in Jerusalem, where the Jewish temple had become the spearhead of opposition to them. Peter chose to preach in the outlying villages, farther and farther afield. In Samaria, where he preached and performed miracles, he was offered money by Simon Magus, a magician, if he would teach the secret of his occult powers. Peter rebuked the magician sternly, saying, "Keep thy money to thyself, to perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased by money."

With his vigorous outspokenness, Peter inevitably came into conflict with the Jewish authorities, and twice the high priests had him arrested. We are told that he was miraculously freed of his prison chains, and astonished the other Apostles by suddenly appearing back among them. Peter now preached in the seaports of Joppa and Lydda, where he met men of many races, and in Caesarea, where he converted the first Gentile, a man named Cornelius. Realizing that the sect must win its greatest support from Gentiles, Peter helped to shape the early policy towards them. Its growing eminence led to his election as bishop of the see of Antioch. How long he remained there, or how or when he came to Rome, we do not know. The evidence seems to establish the fact that his last years were spent in Rome as bishop. The belief that he suffered martyrdom there during the reign of Nero in the same year as St. Paul is soundly based on the writings of three early Fathers, St. Irenaeus, Clement of Alexandria, and Tertullian.[1] The only writings by St. Peter which have come down to us are his New Testament Epistles I and II, both of which are thought to have been written from Rome to the Christian converts of Asia Minor. The First Epistle is filled with admonitions to mutual helpfulness, charity, and humility, and in general outlines the duties of Christians in all aspects of life. At its conclusion (I Peter v, 13) Peter sends greetings from "the church which is at Babylon." This is accepted as further evidence that the letter was written from Rome, which in the Jewish usage of the time was called "Babylon." The second Epistle warns against false teachings, speaks of the Second Coming of the Lord, and ends with the beautiful doxology, "But grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. To him be the glory, both now and the day of eternity."

The latest archeological findings indicate that St. Peter's Church in Rome rises over the site of his tomb, as Pius XII announced at the close of the Holy Year of 1950. In the catacombs many wall writings have been found which link the names of St. Peter and St. Paul, showing that popular devotion to the two great Apostles began in very early times. Paintings of later date commonly depict Peter as a short, energetic man with curly hair and beard; in art his traditional emblems are a boat, keys, and a rooster.