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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday Vigil

7:00pm Spanish (organ & cantor)

Sunday

8:00am English (organ & cantor)
9:30am Spanish (organ & cantor)
11:30am English (organ & cantor)
1:30pm Vietnamese (keyboard&choir)

Weekdays

Monday - Friday

8:30am Spanish12:00pm English

Thursday & Saturday

7:45am Vietnamese

SACRAMENTS

Confession, First Communion and Confirmation

Make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Baptism

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements.

Confessions

Saturday 5:30- 6:30 p.m. and at the parish office by appointment.

Marriage

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

Visits to the Sick

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

October 4, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 5

8:30 a.m. Jose Olmedo Caicedo (D), San Miguel, San Gabriel, San Rafael, Jose Ramon Garcia, Jose Ulises Garcia, Maria Tereza Alvarez (D)

Tuesday, October 6

8:30 a.m Carmen Rosa, Javier Laguna (L), Gran Poder de Dios

12:00 p.m Wedding Anniversary of Ana & Juan Garcia

Wednesday, October 7

8:30 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 8

8:30 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

Friday, October 9

8:30 a.m. Eddie Vasquez, Lucia Santos, Elpidio Vasquez (D), San Lazaro

12:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 10

7:45 a.m. Phero Luc, Ana Thuy & Maria Tu

7:00 p.m. Rigoberto Garcia Altamirano (D) - Mayelin Sanchez Diaz (D), Ivan Marcelo Jesurum (D)

Sunday, October 11

8:00 a.m. People of SNT

9:30: a.m. Marcos Esquijarrosa &, Rafael Garcia (D), Ramon Toledo Montero (D), Francisco Rodriquez Guzman, Teofelo Rodriguez Guzman, Adalina Rodriguez Guzman (D)

11:30 am Pedro Almonte, Ana Jerez, Rosa Jerez, Humberto Fernandez (D)

1:30 pm Maria Thom (D)

READINGS

First Reading:

What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I had not done?
Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes,
did it bring forth wild grapes? (Is 5:4)

Psalm:

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel. (Is 5:7a)

Second Reading:

Keep on doing what you have learned and received
and heard and seen in me.
Then the God of peace will be with you. (Phil 4:9)

Gospel:

"What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?"
They answered him,
"He will put those wretched men to a wretched death
and lease his vineyard to other tenants." (Mt 21:41)

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Readings for the week of October 4, 2026

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9 and 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43
Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

New Sewing Group!

Fridays after 8:30 am mass!
9 am at St. Rita's center.
Hand sewing group with coffee and conversation every Friday.
Embroidery, clothes making, and stitching classes to come.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 21:33-43

Have you ever felt like your attempts at prayer are a waste of time? I have. Early in my priesthood, I noticed that my prayer life was weakening. Awe and eager expectancy of contact with God had given way to routine. I gradually spent less and less time praying. Nothing dramatic had happened, but my attitude toward God had changed, and I was losing the desire to pray.

Jesus' parable of the insane vineyard tenants speaks into this kind of experience. He says the landowner "leased it to tenants and went on a journey" (Matthew 21:33). The key to this message is that the vineyard does not belong to those who work it — they are entrusted with it. But little by little, they view it as their possession, and ungrateful entitlement follows. The servants sent by the owner are treated as intrusions. Even the owner's son becomes a means to their delusional self-will. The central tragedy is not violence but the forgetfulness that spawns it. They need reminding how lucky they are to be given so much. Eventually, God sent friends to remind me that my relationship with Him and my prayer time are not my possessions, but rather God's tremendous gifts to me. Perhaps you are feeling discouraged for some reason or other these days in your walk with God. Ponder this parable and let it be a gentle reminder that you and I are fortunate stewards, and God is the generous giver. This allows us to rediscover the beauty of the vineyards in our lives and to remain energetic in cultivating his gifts.

— Father John Muir

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Hoarding the Harvest

I've always thought the Parable of the Tenants could be a storyline on one of those "world's dumbest criminals" shows.

Serial murder seems like an absolutely insane course of action simply to hoard the profits of a harvest you don't legally own. In what world did the tenants think they would get away with that? Furthermore, they must have had a contract with their landowner ensuring payment for their labor. Why, all of a sudden, is this payment not enough?

It's easy to dismiss the tenants as paranoid. Selfish. Greedy.

But then I think of my soul — my own little vineyard. Who owns it? Who bought it at great cost?

You see, the Parable of the Tenants isn't a story about greed. It's a story about trust. The tenants don't trust the landowner to give them their payment, to honor his promises. They're scared. They're resentful. They're angry.

And I get it.

Around my vineyard, there is a hedge, a protective barrier of grace shielding the fruit within from the toxic fumes of a fallen world. There is a wine press, so that the harvest of my vineyard can fulfill its ultimate purpose instead of withering, forgotten, on the branch. And there is a tower, tall and sturdy, built by capable hands. From its summit, I can see predators — animals, thieves — a long time before they reach me.

But I can see something else from the tower, too. I can see the landowner's Son, making his way to the gates of my vineyard. He is coming to claim the harvest. He is coming to give me what is promised.

Do I trust him? Do I let him in?

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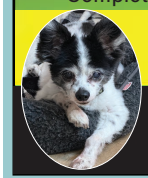

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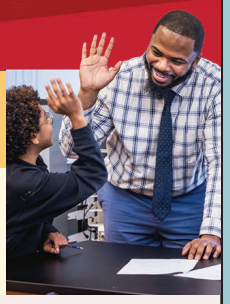

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