



October 8, 2017 • Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vineyards were an essential part of the economy of Israel during the times of Isaiah and Jesus. Vineyard owners had the difficult challenge of producing a rich harvest. Our readings from Isaiah and Matthew describe God and God's creation in terms of the business of vineyards. The two stories are closely linked, as Jesus borrowed and adapted his parable from Isaiah. Using this rich imagery, we can see the vineyard as all the places of God's creation and ongoing work. The

vineyard is our heart, mind, and body. The vineyard is our family, neighborhood, and parish. The vineyard is the larger Church and society, humanity and the earth itself. We are stewards in each of these vineyards, blessed to enjoy them, and held accountable for their continuing fruitfulness. We are called to join God in cultivating these vineyards, so that they may produce an abundant harvest.

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27TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 8, 2017

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 7, 2017

5:00 pm †Rose Smith req. by M/M Rick Barla

Sunday, October 8, 2017

9:00 am †Richard Gotlund req. by the Niemiec Family
Parish Family of St. Patrick

Monday, October 9, 2017

9:00 am George Sintic & Chris Riner - Special Intention - req. by Niemiec Family

Tuesday, October 10, 2017—NO MORNING MASS

6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration until 9:00 pm

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

9:00 am Liturgy of the Word Service with Communion

Thursday, October 12, 2017

9:00 am †Rev. Sal Giunta

Friday, October 13, 2017

9:00 pm NO MASS - Eucharistic Adoration until 11am

Saturday, October 14, 2017

5:00 pm †Jim & Rita Phelan req. by Ed & Judy Phelan

Sunday, October 15, 2017

9:00 am †Larry Gallagher req. by Doris Robbins
Parish Family of St. Patrick



Altar Servers:

Saturday, October 14, 2017- 5:00 pm

Nick & Ella Phelps

Sunday, October 15, 9:00 am

Ian Kreske, Alexa Alexander

Extraordinary Minister:

Saturday, October 14, 2017 - 5:00 pm

Sue Nugent, Steve Hoehn

Sunday, October 15, 2017 - 9:00 am

Deacon Milt, Roberta Stauffenberg, Paul Engler

Music: Cathy Engler

Lector

Saturday, October 14, 2017 - 5:00 pm

Kelly Hoehn

Sunday, October 15, 2017 - 9:00 am

Andy Horath, AJ Price, Grace Knauer,
Reganne Price, Andy Horath

Usher:

Saturday, October 14, 2017- 5:00 pm

Mark Tillitson, Bill Phelan

Sunday, October 15, 2017- 9:00 am

Kenny Smith, Reganne Price, Lily Kreske, AJ Price

Collection Counters : Johnson

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,463.93

October 1, 2017 \$3,344.00
Maintenance \$379.00
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Parish Goal: \$ 9,635.00
Amount Pledged: \$12,615.00
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2017 Rebate \$ 1,160.00



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HELP NEEDED: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION needs High School Students or older to volunteer for teachers aides. Please see Roberta Stauffenberg if you can help.

The 3rd and 6th grade children in Religious Education are preparing to take active roles in the Liturgy next Sunday. Please support them with your prayers and attendance at Mass.



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Our Two Week Candle is burning for A Special Intention of the Giver

USF Professor Hosts Our Lady of Fatima Presentation

Joliet, Ill.- The University of St. Francis (USF) College of Education, in partnership with the university's Department of Theology and Philosophy, invites the public to the presentation "The Day the Sun Danced: 100 Years after Our Lady Appeared in Fatima." The event will take place Tuesday, Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. in San Damiano Hall, located in the Motherhouse at USF's main campus, 500 Wilcox Street, Joliet. USF professor Dr. Madonna Murphy will present. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima. Murphy will examine the appearance and the many questions it presents. In addition, she will explain how to obtain the special Fatima Indulgence on the anniversary of this apparition. Rosaries will be provided to all those who participate. Reservations are not required for this complimentary event. With questions, please contact Murphy at mmurphy@stfrancis.edu. The University of St. Francis, in Joliet, Ill., serves 3,900 students nationwide, offering undergraduate, graduate and doctoral programs in the arts and sciences, business, education, nursing and social work. There are over 48,000 USF alumni across the globe. For information, call 800-735-7500 or visit stfrancis.edu. University of St. Francis: Bigger thinking. Brighter purpose.



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BEARING THE RIGHT KIND OF FRUIT

Today's readings focus our attention on vineyards. Isaiah's song concerning his friend's vineyard begins with inspiring and poetic images of an idyllic vineyard where the choicest harvest is expected. Instead, the vineyard yields wild grapes, which causes the owner to abandon it. The psalmist cries out to God, asking that God once again take care of the vineyard, which is the house of Israel. The parable told in today's Gospel offers a stern warning that those who commit treachery in the hopes of attaining personal wealth will be "put . . . to a wretched death" (Matthew 21:41). Jesus warns his listeners not to act like the murderous tenants in the vineyard. Instead he exhorts them to produce the kind of fruit that will lead them to the kingdom of God

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On Saturday, October 14, Nancy Dominic of St. Joseph Parish (Manhattan) will be leading a public rosary at noon in Times Square in Manhattan (corner of 152 and North Street). This is a world wide effort being held on the 100th anniversary of The Miracle of the Sun at Fatima. Everyone is invited.





PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Preston Wilcox; James Drozd; Nancee Long; Brett Burkhalter; Joyce Albers; Jeanne Kuzmitz; Steve Gallagher; Shay Phelan; Michelle Schneider; Barb Flatt; Naomi Theresa; Mary Cole; Torie Jasinski; Loretta Long; Jim Price; Dennis Kwain; Nancy Lawrence; Megan & Lucy Skolasinski; Allison Grskovic; Matthew Phelan; Mike Irle; Father Roger Kutzner; Jerry Robins; Kinlee Smith; Mary Gargol

Anyone wishing to be on the prayer list should contact the office.

Intention of the Holy Father MONTH OF OCTOBER

- That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK October 8, 2017



Monday: Jon 1:1 -- 2:2, 11;
Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]

We have been given life by our Creator, who nurtures and sustains us. Each day, we Christians are asked to choose between God's commands and society's norms. Whom shall we follow? If we bear in mind that we have been called to bear fruit in God's kingdom, we shall have no anxiety about facing God's certain judgment.



**Undy
sunday**

Sponsored by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet

Undy Sunday October 15, 2017

St. Patrick is helping Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet

and the individuals and families they serve by collecting NEW underwear, undershirts, socks, and diapers for children and adults from low-income households. Collection bins will be in the vestibule from September 23 through October 15.



HIGHLY PASSIONATE

The tales of the vineyard in Isaiah and in Matthew point to the larger story of God and God's people. We see that God is intensely passionate about us. God is deeply committed, like the landowner who diligently prepares the vineyard. God has high expectations that the vineyard produce the fruit of a just and compassionate society. God is highly disappointed and angry that the vineyard has produced bad fruit (Isaiah), or has been treated as a prize to be seized (Matthew).

There are more chapters in the larger story that also need to be told. Later in Isaiah and in Matthew, we see that God is also deeply compassionate and forgiving. Isaiah speaks of God's tender care, as a mother loves her child (Isaiah 49). In Matthew, Jesus demonstrates God's forgiveness most dramatically on the cross. God is indeed most patient and resilient. God never gives up on us. God continues to pursue us, offering us love and grace, now and always.

THE CORNERSTONE

The powerful conclusions of the two vineyard tales are meant to linger in our memories. God indeed expects much of us, to live justly and mercifully. However, we know that God is not prickly and impatient, as we might be led to imagine if we read these stories out of context. The stories do invite us to ponder again who God really is. Especially during times of difficulty or of failure in our lives, we might wonder how we might best understand the mystery of God.

The witness of the New Testament is clear. If you want to know what God is like, look at Jesus. Look at his patience and mercy. Look at his compassion for the suffering, his passion for justice. Look also at the joy and healing experienced by those in his presence. As today's Gospel passage indicates, Jesus is the cornerstone, the starting point of coming to know our God.

Today's Readings: Is 5:1–7; Ps 80:9,12–16,19–20; Phil 4:6–9; Mt 21:33–43

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