

From the Desk of the Pastor

October 8 2023

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TWENTY - SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Prophet Isaiah has composed a song about his friend, the vineyard keeper. The keeper first decided on which land to plant, then the land was cleared of stones. He planted the vines and constructed a vat and a watchtower. The crop had every chance to become perfect, but it did not. It produced wild grapes and the keeper was irritated. His only recourse was to let the vineyard go and become what it would. Isaiah evokes the constant care that the Lord had expended on the Chosen People over countless years, a seemingly vain effort in view of the people's betrayal of their covenant relationship with the Lord.

Matthew's Gospel continues the vineyard theme, however the human element is addressed.

The landowner (God), previously sent servants (prophets) to gather the proceeds from the harvest. The vineyard workers (the chief priests and elders) killed these servants. Finally the landowner sent his own son thinking the workers surely would not kill him, too. But they did (Jesus' crucifixion).

The vineyard imagery underscores how the Jewish leaders rejected Jesus as God's chosen Son: and that rejection coalesced into infidelity and abandonment of God.

The vineyard of Matthew's Gospel has been entrusted to us. Even though the owner's son was killed, He rose again and new life has begun. We are called to continue the care of the vineyard and be faithful to its mission.



VIGÉSIMO SÉPTIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

El Profeta Isaías ha compuesto una canción sobre su amigo, el guardián del viñedo. El guardián primero decidió en qué tierra plantar, entonces a la tierra se le sacaron las piedras. Plantó las uvas y construyó un tanque y una torre de vigilancia. El cultivo tenía todas las posibilidades de salir perfecto, pero no fue así. Produjo uvas silvestres y el guardián estaba irritado. Su único recurso era dejar que el viñedo se convirtiera en lo que sería. Isaías evoca la atención constante que el Señor había gastado en el Pueblo Elegido en incontables años, un esfuerzo aparentemente inútil tomando en cuenta la traición del pueblo de su relación de pacto con el Señor.

En el Evangelio de San Mateo continúa el tema de la viña, sin embargo, el elemento humano es dirigido.

El terrateniente (Dios), previamente envió siervos (profetas) para recoger el producto de la cosecha. Los trabajadores de la viña (los sumos sacerdotes y ancianos) mataron a estos siervos. Finalmente el terrateniente envió a su propio hijo, pensando que los trabajadores seguramente no lo matarían, también. Pero si lo hicieron (crucifixión de Jesús).

Las imágenes del viñedo subrayan cómo los líderes Judíos rechazaron a Jesús como el hijo elegido de Dios: y ese rechazo se unió a la infidelidad y el abandono de Dios.

El viñedo del Evangelio de San Mateo ha sido confiado a nosotros. A pesar de que el hijo del dueño fue asesinado, resucitó y una nueva vida ha comenzado. Estamos llamados a continuar con el cuidado de la viña y ser fiel a su misión.

MASS COUNT

The Archdiocesan office of the Chancellor requests that every parish record the mass attendance at the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses during the month of October. For 2023, Mass Counts begin the weekend of October 07–08 and will continue through October 28–29.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

September 30 – October 1, 2023

Weekend Offering.....\$ 2,789.00

Reserve Fund\$ 1,092.00

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTIONS

October 8 - Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

October 22 - World Mission Sunday

October 29 - St. Vincent de Paul

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2023

We urge you to help us meet our goal:

Parish Assessment: \$ 28,990.00

YTD we paid: \$ 18,833.39

Balance we owe: \$ 10,156.61

Thank you for your generosity!

RESPECT LIFE WEBINAR

Chemical Abortions Are we getting the full story?

Tuesday, October 24, 2023
12:30 pm PS

Informational Talk with Speakers:

Dr. Ingrid Skop, MD, VP
and
Director of Medical Affairs,
Charlotte Lozier Institute

Sign up to get the login link at:
sfarch.org/event/webinar-chemical-abortions/

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 7 TO OCTOBER 14

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
October 7, 2023	October 8, 2023	October 9, 2023	October 10, 2023	October 11, 2023
<u>9:00am</u> † Olivia Ignacio Nuñez † Milagros & Esmenio Vila † Lucas Lowery <u>4:30pm</u> † Rosario Figueroa	<u>8:00am</u> † Olivia Ignacio Nuñez <u>10:00am</u> † Eduard S. Genoves † Samuel Johnson † Antony Coyne † Mel Ventura, Maria, Perfecto Hierro, Sr. & Jr. † Liwayway Espino Marti Parriott Linda Catalano Paul Catalano † Lucas Lowery <u>12:00pm</u> † Maria Hernández † Manuel Martinez † Leonora Dentino † John Dentino	<u>9:00am</u> Ralph Salunga † Olivia Ignacio Nuñez	<u>9:00am</u> † Olivia Ignacio Nuñez David Steinbruner	<u>9:00am</u> † Leroy Denton † Olivia Ignacio Nuñez
		THURSDAY October 12, 2023	FRIDAY October 13, 2023	SATURDAY October 14, 2023
		<u>9:00am</u> † Isabel Cerdas † Sr. Lillian Repak, OSU	<u>9:00am</u> Parish of St. John	<u>9:00am</u> Derrick Olazo <u>4:30pm</u> † Rufino Labari † Benny Falcon

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