

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of St. Francis of Assisi.
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

Hoy celebramos la solemnidad de San Francisco de Asis.

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 vides 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 subraya 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 fieles 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 2026, Mass Counts begin the weekend of October 03—04 and will continue every weekend to October 24—25.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

September 21 — September 27, 2026

Weekday Masses Offerings.....	\$ 151.81
Weekend Mass Offerings.....	\$ 1,726.91
Priests' Retirement.....	\$ 839.95
San Lorenzo Ruiz Novena.....	\$ 369.00
El Grupo - Renacer: Rummage Sale.....	\$ 927.00

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTIONS

October 4: Reserve Fund

October 11: Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

October 18: World Mission Sunday

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Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

We urge you to help us meet our goal:

Parish Assessment:	\$32,295.00
YTD we paid:	\$21,181.06
Balance we owe:	\$11,113.94
Pledges Balance:	\$ 397.00

Thank you for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 3 TO OCTOBER 10

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
October 3, 2026	October 4, 2026	October 5, 2026	October 6, 2026	October 7, 2026
9:00am ✠ Jiang Ping Mila De La Torre Family	8:00am ✠ Henry & Teresa Than ✠ Angelina Espino Chico 🕯️ 10:00am ✠ Manuel Simpliciano ✠ Virginia Santiago Castillo ✠ Mr. & Mrs. Perfecto Hierro, Sr. ✠ Adita Parmelee Raquel & Nicolas Ortega 12:00pm Living Members of Young men's Institute	9:00am ✠ Benjamin Caceres ✠ Leonila & Hermogenes Datu 🕯️ THURSDAY October 8, 2026 9:00am ✠ Eduardo S. Genoves ✠ Liwayway M. Espino 🕯️	9:00am Evangeline Suangco 🕯️ Sherman Bough FRIDAY October 9, 2026 9:00am Deceased Members of Young Men's Institute	9:00am ✠ Ebe Medford ✠ Milagros & Esmenio Vilar SATURDAY October 10, 2026 9:00am ✠ John Murphy October Birthdays 🕯️ 4:30pm Parish of St. John

