

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

FIRST READING – Isaiah 5: 1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower,
he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds
to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the House of Israel,
and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps.79: 9, 12-16, 19-20.

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. R.

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. R.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. R.

And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. R.

SECOND READING – Philippians 4: 6-9

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything that you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord;
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father
Alleluia

GOSPEL – Matthew 21: 33-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders That became the keystone. This was Lord's doing And it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord

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Sacrament of Penance/ Reconciliation
Until further notice the Saturday morning time for the Sacrament of Penance/ Reconciliation will be suspended. Arrangements can be made privately by contacting one of the priests.

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY
In Thanksgiving: Rita & Vincent (52nd), Althea, Dominic & Family, Lawrence De Souza, Daniel Roan V. Cortezano, Adin M. Villanueva, Michelle M. Villanueva, Chelli Shrwin, Darwin & Liza Bordon

For the sick: Parveen Jawad (3), Bernise Peters (2), Tyrone Paul (2), Steven Ward (2), Jason & Nathalia O'Connor, Jenice Lopina

For those who have died recently: Natalie Adadikam

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Dennis Pereira, Benny & Adaline D'Souza, Isabel Pereira, Elmo, Vincent, Daphne & Bernice

A short reflection

Jesus, in today's Gospel, tells the chief priests and elders a parable taken from Isaiah, which is our first reading. It's a rather obvious reference to the Jewish people, which his audience fully understood.

God refers to the numerous times, since the very first covenant between God and Abraham that the Chosen people have turned away from God to sin. Moses and all the Prophets time after time called the Jewish nation back to God, called on them to repent and mend their ways.

But again and again, they fell back into their sinful ways. Then God, just like the owner of the vineyard, sent his Son, Jesus, hoping that they would respect his son. But Jesus knows that he will suffer the same fate as the son of the vineyard owner - death.

Paul, in the second reading, tells us to keep on doing what we have learned and received and heard and seen. We need to discern what that reason is and then do it by using our talents. If we do, Paul assures us, "Then the God of peace will be with you."

Fr. Dong Tran



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A VOCATION must be nurtured for a lifetime, not just until ordination or the taking of vows. You can help nurture the vocations of priests, sisters and brothers by praying, listening, and expressing appreciation. A life of service needs support from those served.

Let's reflect...

"The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone..." - Matthew 21:42

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens. Living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others in today's society. For example, saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!