



Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 4, 2020

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.
— *Philippians 4:6*

THE GIFT OF THE REIGN OF GOD

Matthew's Gospel today expands on Isaiah's ballad considerably. A comparison with the same story in Mark's Gospel clearly shows us that here the author is busy teaching this community of Jewish Christians: "This is a story about Israel a long time ago; this is also a story about Jesus and the skeptical leaders."

Jesus as much as told these Jewish leaders that they were the tenants who first stoned their own prophets. And he told the leaders they were the tenants who would soon even dispose of him—Jesus—and, in doing so, would forfeit their privileged place of presenting to the world the promised Messiah.

"And this," says Matthew's Gospel, "is a story about you, the inheritors of what was first offered to Israel." The reign of God was first opened to Israel and is now given to the whole world, but it must be received as a gift. The first Christians are the new tenants in the vineyard. The deeper reality of the reign or kingdom of God is that it is available to everyone on the face of the earth—Israel included.
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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The confessional is a familiar setting in literature and drama. Everyone from Doestoevsky and Shakespeare down the line to Seinfeld has used the sacrament to tragic or comic effect or to reveal aspects of character otherwise hidden. All of this theater, from world classics to slapstick, has had a numbing effect on our own expectations, and has skewed how the culture looks at us and our struggle with sin and forgiveness, hope and healing.

Yet the artists are on to something. The reconciliation chapel is a place where hearts are laid bare, where honesty is the watchword, and people confess their deepest needs. It is also a place of rebirth, or at least realignment. It is, like the baptismal font, a place where something dies, and where something else is born. Today, although literature has barely caught up, the place is usually not the dark and gloomy cabinet of old; rather it is a chapel that speaks of peace, serenity, and the comfort of a welcome home. People in one parish were astonished recently to see their children skipping with delight as they left the place of their first confession. We have to wait a bit for world literature to catch up with this reality, but at least we can experience the joy of penance, the thrill of a new beginning, the assurance of God's love.
—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sept 27th	
Budget	\$2100
Actual	\$1272
Bldg.	\$5
Short	\$823

Church Staff

Pastor: Fr. Anthony Onyekwe

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Mass Intentions

Oct 3rd : Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

Oct 4th: 39th Wedding Anniversary of Tom & Debbie O'Bryant

Oct 11th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

MASTER AND SERVANT

Money is a terrible master but an excellent servant.

—P. T. Barnum

Liturgical Ministers

October 11, 2020

Lectors — Kay Bartel

Gift Bearers —

Eucharistic Ministers —

Sacristans— Don & Christine Carlson

Altar Linens — Kathleen Kirkpatrick

Ushers—Men of the Parish

TODAY'S READINGS FOR YEAR A

First Reading — The vineyard of the LORD is the house of Israel (Isaiah 5:1-7).

Psalm — The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — God's peace will guard your hearts and minds (Philippians 4:6-9).

Gospel — The kingdom of God will be given to those who will produce its fruit (Matthew 21:33-43).

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Parishioners

Gary Adams, Grant Adams, Joe Bobak, Ethel Huffman, MaryAnn Maness, Deacon Jim Moss

Relatives

Kelli Blankenship, Thomas Blankenship, Austin Ernst, Emily Ernst, Jackie Donnett, Andrew Grower, Christine Hart and the twin boys Benjamin and Theodore, Nicholas Kirkpatrick, Jenny Moore, Andrew Morlan, Yu Youn Suk

Friends

Emma Cupples, Fr Robert Ponticello

Coming Events

Are you or a friend interested in the Catholic Faith? If so, please let the office know so that we may begin RCIA classes.

Oct 9th: The Sunday Scripture study group will meet on Friday at 10:00 am. Everyone is invited to participate.

Oct 11th: No PRE due to fall break.

Oct 8th-12th: Office closed for Columbus Day Holiday.



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Leading the rosary every Sunday during October, at 8:40 am

October 11th: Brian Muetze
October 18th: Eleanor Michie
October 25th: Petra Vargas, in Spanish

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; 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 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; 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]



Mass Schedule

Monday: 11:30 am

Wednesday: 11:30 am

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 11:30 am

Vigil on Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am

ASK FOR HELP

Ask Our Lady to help you. Ask her to entreat her Son to let you know what you should do.

—Bl. Marie Rose Durocher

Decree from the Most Reverend Bishop David Talley:

And so, as of the 4th of October 2020, please know the following:

FIRST of all, please note that the dispensation from the obligation to attend holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation will end on the 4th of October. As all know, "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate at Mass (canon 1247)". Starting with the weekend liturgies of 10-11 October, I ask all Catholics to renew the spiritual obligation, to join in fellowship at their parish for holy Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation. We need to come back to the Sunday celebration of holy Mass. We need to come back to the strength of each community of faith.

To read the entire Decree, go to cdom.org