

- ❖ **A Love Song Gone Sour:** The prophet Isaiah becomes increasingly upset that King Ahaz (King of Judah – southern part of the Holy Land, including Jerusalem) is willing to enter into a partnership with a foreign kingdom (Assyria) to fight Israel (northern part of the Holy Land). Isaiah shares God's anguish in the form of a love story: what more could I have done for my vineyard? Instead of the fruit of peace and justice there is bloodshed and war!
[Q]: *Imagine a relationship where you have done everything you could to show your love. God decides to start over again (take away its hedge; knock down walls...). What does this show about God's relationship with you?*
- ❖ **A Community in Tension:** Paul is writing from prison to his beloved community in the town of Philippi. It is a Roman town occupied by many ex Roman soldiers. There is a Jewish community that is uneasy with the Christian community. There is the Roman-Gentile community, cautious of Christians who are perceived as 'against Rome' setting up another kingdom. Thrown into this mix are ultra-conservative Jewish Christians (Judaizers) who teach that Gentile converts to Christianity must first become initiated into Judaism – with circumcision and observing food purity laws – before converting to Christianity. Added to this, two prominent women in the Christian community are in dispute, taking each other to court!
[Q]: *What would you write in a letter to help this community? Paul invites the community to pray, do what is virtuous, and gives them his own example. In times of conflict what do you think people 'learn, receive, hear and see in you'? Reconciling or dividing?*
- ❖ **Tenants, Not Owners:** The Gospel of Matthew is leading closer to the end of the year, with 'judgement parables'. The Parable of the Vineyard spoke to the present but pointed to the future. Those entrusted with care (Chief Priests and Elders) of God's people (vineyard) have been found resistant to the prophets and even throwing the son out of the vineyard and killing him – reference to Jesus being killed outside the city of Jerusalem. The Parable, however, is chaotic and does not reach a real conclusion.
[Q]: *What will happen now? Who will control the vineyard? How would this be done? If the Christian Church becomes the New Israel (vineyard) it is still required to produce the appropriate fruit. What do you think the appropriate fruit is of being a member of God's family?*
- ❖ **More Than Membership Challenge:** membership of the Church does not guarantee membership of the Kingdom of God.
[Q]: *Imagine joining a club by payment of a member's fee. What else is required?*

TEN YEARS AFTER 'AMORIS LAETITIA': PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL WITH FAMILIES TODAY

7 to 14 October, Pope Leo is meeting with Heads of Eastern Churches and Presidents of Episcopal Conferences, to discuss this important teaching document, given by Pope Francis. The following is from the Thematic Framework for this meeting, given by Pope Leo.

1. Families today: reality, beauty and challenges

The signs of the times through the experience of families and the Church's pastoral commitment
We gaze upon reality enlightened by the Gospel and rooted in Christ: "Our era is marked by rapid changes, which make it necessary, even more than ten years ago, to give particular pastoral attention to families, to whom the Lord entrusts the task of participating in the Church's mission of proclaiming and witnessing to the Gospel." This calls for attentive listening to the concrete lives of families, recognising both the beauty of love in daily life and the fragilities affecting it.

2. Young people and the discovery of the vocation to marriage

Listening to young people and accompanying them in discovering the value of marriage
Young people live in contexts in which confidence in the possibility of building a stable marital and family project has weakened due to economic, social and cultural factors. They are searching for meaning, for witnesses and for persons capable of listening to them and helping them discover the beauty and promise of Christian marriage.

3. Married life – The first years of marriage: a decisive time

Listening to and accompanying couples in the early years of married life and at every stage of life
The experience of couples in the first years of married life calls for particular attention.

4. In the difficulties of life: accompanying and supporting

Walking with families in complex situations
We pay attention to couples and families who, at every stage of married life, encounter relational, social or spiritual difficulties. Failure, fragility, the gap between the ideal and reality, and the complexity of life also become places where the work of God's grace may be recognised.

5. Christian families as subjects of the Church's mission

Embracing conjugal and family love as an impetus for mission
Married couples bear witness to the fact that love is a dynamic journey of continual self-giving. In a rapidly changing world, the contribution of families to the Church's mission is more necessary than ever in fostering an "apprenticeship in enduring love". Families remain the primary setting in which the faith is handed on to new generations.

** Pray, Reflect, Grow with the Sunday Readings at www.livingtheword.org.nz



CALENDAR

Monday

October 5
Weekday
Gal 1:6-12
Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday

October 6
Weekday
Gal 1:13-24
Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday

October 7
*Our Lady of the
Rosary*
Gal 2:1-2, 7-14
Lk 11:1-4

Thursday

October 8
Weekday
Gal 3:1-5
Lk 11:5-13

Friday

October 9
Weekday
Gal 3:7-14
Lk 11:15-26

Saturday

October 10
Weekday
Gal 3:22-29
Lk 11:27-28

Sunday

October 11
*Twenty-eighth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time*
Is 25:6-10a
Phil 4:12-14,
19-20
Mt 22:1-14 or
22:1-10

COMMUNION

We are the Body of Christ. This is who we are as Church. It is our profound mystery that we take and eat, take and drink at Communion. In doing so, we give expression to our identity.

If we are not in communion with the Catholic Church, it makes no logical sense for those to receive because simply, it is not their identity.

If you are Buddhist, from another Christian tradition or just our welcome guest, please feel free to come forward, not to receive communion but to ask for a blessing.

The simple practice of asking for a blessing is through the bodily posture of bowing one's head and crossing one's arms across one's chest when before the minister distributing communion.

If you are a parent with a child not receiving Communion, please take personal responsibility in asking the minister for a blessing for your child.

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Mon-Fri : Thai 06:00 hrs.
Sat : Thai 06:00; 17:00 novena followed
by mass
Sun : Thai 07:00; 08:30 and 17:00 hrs.
English 10:30 hrs.

BAPTISM:

Thai : First Sunday during 8:30 am mass.
English : Second Sunday during or after
10:30am mass.

CONFESSION:

Sundays : Before all masses (Thai).
: English before 10:30 am mass.

CATHOLIC CENTER:

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Mon-Fri : 08:30 – 17:00 hrs.
Sat & Sun : 08:30 – noon
Public holidays : Closed

Good News!

October 4, 2026

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 5:1-7 / Philippians 4:6-9 / Matthew 21:33-43

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A wise old sage once observed, “When it starts out stupid, it just gets more stupid.” The parable in today’s gospel illustrates this wisdom.

The son has been sent. The jig is up. The owner is not going to give up the vineyard. The tenants gambled and lost. It’s time for them to accept the inevitable and pay the rent. But common sense and wisdom do not prevail. *Kill the son, they think, and all that he would have inherited will be ours!*

How do you get from “don’t pay the rent” to “kill the son”? It is not a straight or smooth path. There are a lot of twists and turns between point A and point B. But it happens. It sneaks in. It demands little compromises and small dishonesties along the way as it becomes easier and easier for you to choose what is destructive. Then, you find you have lost it all—your very self. And the corruption you’ve embraced convinces you that you’re making wise choices. You must be completely cleansed of the seduction that has enabled you to make these choices. You need to start again. ●

Priest: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

HOLY (No. 263)

PLEASE KNEEL

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (No. 264)

DOXOLOGY **PLEASE STAND**

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

GREAT AMEN (No. 387)

COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (No. 387)

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil; graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

LAMB OF GOD (No. 390)

PLEASE KNEEL

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION: I RECEIVED THE LIVING GOD (No. 916)

FINAL: BE THOU MY VISION **PLEASE STAND**

1. Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art:
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
2. Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord:
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son, Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.
3. Riches I heed not, or man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always: Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.
4. High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

Sunday, 4 October 2026

ENTRANCE: ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING (No. 611) PLEASE STAND

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Priest: I confess to almighty God,

All: and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;

– and, striking their breast, they say –

Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

Therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

KYRIE, ELEISON / LORD, HAVE MERCY

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GLORY TO GOD

Refrain: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace, on earth peace to people of good will.

1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
2. Lord, Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercyu on us,
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayers;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. (R)

FIRST READING: Is 5:1-7

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah:

Let me now sing of my friend, my friend's song concerning his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside; he spaded it, cleared it of stones, and planted the choicest vines; within it he built a watchtower, and hewed out a wine press. Then he looked for the crop of grapes, but what it yielded was wild grapes.

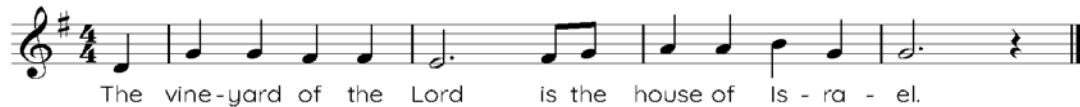
Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard: What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done? Why, when I looked for the crop of I will let you know what I mean to do with my vineyard: take away its hedge, give it to grazing, break through its wall, let it be trampled! Yes, I will make it a ruin: it shall

not be pruned or hoed, but overgrown with thorns and briers; I will command the clouds not to send rain upon it. The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished plant; he looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed! for justice, but hark, the outcry!

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 80: THE VINEYARD OF THE LORD



1. A vine from Egypt you transplanted; you drove away the nations and planted it. It put forth its foliage to the Sea, its shoots as far as the River. (R)
2. Why have you broken down its walls, so that every passer-by plucks its fruit, The boar from the forest lays it waste, and the beasts of the field feed upon it? (R)
3. Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted, the son of man whom you yourself made strong. (R)
4. Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name. O LORD, God of hosts, restore us; if your face shine upon us, then we shall be saved. (R)

SECOND READING: Phil 4:6-9

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians:

Brothers and sisters: Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ALLELUIA PLEASE STAND

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Repeat)

All: I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go and bear fruit that will remain.

GOSPEL: Mt 21:33-43

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the Good News according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, Lord.**

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times." Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures:

*The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;
by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes*

Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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THE APOSTLES' CREED PLEASE STAND

Priest: I believe in God,

All: the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

RESPONSE TO THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:
"Transform the hearts of your servants, O God."

PLEASE BE SEATED

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY: LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE (No. 764)

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS PLEASE STAND

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER