



October 4th, 2026

Watch over me, Father, so
that everything I do may
be with the intention of
pleasing Jesus.

~ St. Bernadette

SAINT BERNADETTE PARISH

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ THE 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

You will say, “Explain this ‘wedding garment’ to us.” Without a doubt, that is the garment which none but the good have, who are to be left at the feast, reserved unto that other feast to which no bad man approaches, who are to be brought safely there by the grace of the Lord; these have the wedding garment. Is it Baptism? Without Baptism, it is true, no one attains to God; but not everyone that has Baptism attains to Him.

Perhaps it is the Altar, or That which is received at the Altar. But no; we see that many eat, and “eat and drink judgment to themselves.” What is that wedding garment then? This is the wedding garment: “Now the end of the commandment,” says the Apostle, “is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned.” This is the wedding garment. Not charity of any kind whatever; for very often they who are partakers together of an evil conscience seem to love one another. They who commit robberies together, who love the hurtful arts of sorceries, and the stage together, who join together in the shout of the chariot race, or the wild beast fight; these very often love one another; but in these there is no “charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned.” The wedding garment is such charity as this.

Question yourselves; if you have it, you may be without fear in the Feast of the Lord.

Commentary from St. Augustine of Hippo (430),

Sermon 9



Living on the Vine: Reflection on the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel Jesus returns to the Old Testament symbol of the vineyard to teach about Israel, the Church, and the kingdom of God.

And the symbolism of today's First Reading and Psalm is readily understood.

God is the owner and the house of Israel is the vineyard. A cherished vine, Israel was plucked from Egypt and transplanted in a fertile land specially spaded and prepared by God, hedged about by the city walls of Jerusalem, watched over by the towering Temple. But the vineyard produced no good grapes for the wine, a symbol for the holy lives God wanted for His people. So God allowed His vineyard to be overrun by foreign invaders, as Isaiah foresees in the First Reading.

Jesus picks up the story where Isaiah leaves off, even using Isaiah's words to describe the vineyard's wine press, hedge, and watchtower. Israel's religious leaders, the tenants in His parable, have learned nothing from Isaiah or Israel's past. Instead of producing good fruits, they've killed the owner's servants, the prophets sent to gather the harvest of faithful souls.

In a dark foreshadowing of His own crucifixion outside Jerusalem, Jesus says the tenants' final outrage will be to seize the owner's son and to kill him outside the vineyard walls.

For this, the vineyard, which Jesus calls the kingdom of God, will be taken away and given to new tenants—the leaders of the Church, who will produce its fruit.

We are each a vine in the Lord's vineyard, grafted onto the true vine of Christ (see John 15:1–8), called to bear fruits of the righteousness in Him (see Philippians 1:11) and to be the “first fruits” of a new creation (see James 1:18).

We need to take care that we don't let ourselves be overgrown with the thorns and briars of worldly anxiety. As today's Epistle advises, we need to fill our hearts and minds with noble intentions and virtuous deeds, rejoicing always that the Lord is near.

Scott Hahn



The parish staff knows of the following who are ill, in retired living accommodations, etc. **If you are aware of others, please let Father or the parish office know:** Bella Mally, Jane Soars, Susan Fisher, Gerri Allen, Kathy McCarthy, and the residents of Franklin Hills Care Center and Cherrywood Place.

Prayers for the infirm and homebound are a work of mercy.

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THIS WEEK AT ST.
BERNADETTE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5TH

5:30pm Mass *Ronald Duliba (R.I.P)*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

8:00am Mass *Celia Hart*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

4:30pm Confessions

5:30pm Mass *Charles Tobin (R.I.P)*

6:00pm Young Adult Adoration

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

8:00am Mass *Laura Chandler (Encouragement)*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH

3:00pm Confessions

4:00pm Vigil Mass *Pro populo*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

7:30am Latin Mass *Pro Populo*

9:00am English Mass *Pro Populo*

11:00am Latin Mass *Pro Populo*

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Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos October 5th

Francis Xavier Seelos was born in Fussen, Germany, in 1819. Expressing his desire for the priesthood since an early age, he entered the diocesan seminary of Augsburg after completing his studies in philosophy.

Upon learning of the charism and missionary activity of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, Francis went to North America in 1843. There he entered the Redemptorist novitiate. After completion his theological studies, being ordained a priest in 1844.

He began his pastoral ministry in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he remained nine years, working closely as assistant pastor of his confrere St. John Neumann, while at the same time serving as Master of Novices and dedicating himself to mission preaching.

In 1854, he returned to Baltimore, later being transferred to Cumberland and then Annapolis, where he served in parochial ministry and in the formation of the Redemptorist seminarians. He was considered an expert confessor, a watchful and prudent spiritual director and a pastor always joyfully available and attentive to the needs of the poor and the abandoned.

In 1860, he was a candidate for the office of Bishop of Pittsburgh. Having been excused from this responsibility by Pope Pius IX, he became a full-time itinerant missionary preacher. He died of the yellow fever epidemic caring for the sick and the poor of New Orleans on October 4, 1867. He was beatified in 2000 by Pope John Paul II.

PRAYER: O God, who made your Priest Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos outstanding in love, that he might proclaim the mysteries of redemption and comfort those in affliction, grant, by his intercession, that we may work zealously for your glory and for the salvation of mankind. Amen.





On Thursday, October 8, St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Classical School will host our annual Fund Run! Every student, Montessori through 8th grade, will run and walk laps in support of this year's theme: Shout joyfully to the Lord (Psalm 100:1), and our mission: To form young men and women in the intellectual, moral, and spiritual traditions of Holy Mother Church. [Your gift](#) directly supports our school's budget and mission. Please consider a [recurring gift](#); steady support fuels growth. With humble gratitude, thank you for helping our students run toward their future in faith!



Announcements

40's-50's-60's Singles Group starting up

It's not a matchmaking group; it's not group therapy; it's not a place to argue politics. It's a place for Lectio Divina (prayerful reading of Scripture) and faith sharing for single adults in their 40's, 50's, and 60's.

The group will meet at St. Aloysius Parish, time and room to be determined.

For information, contact Matthew at 509-541-5574 or tarantos74@hotmail.com.

Adoration 6:00pm Wednesdays

- 1st Wednesday Young adults Adoration with confession.
- The Missionaries of Charity will have Adoration on all other Wednesdays of the Month.



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