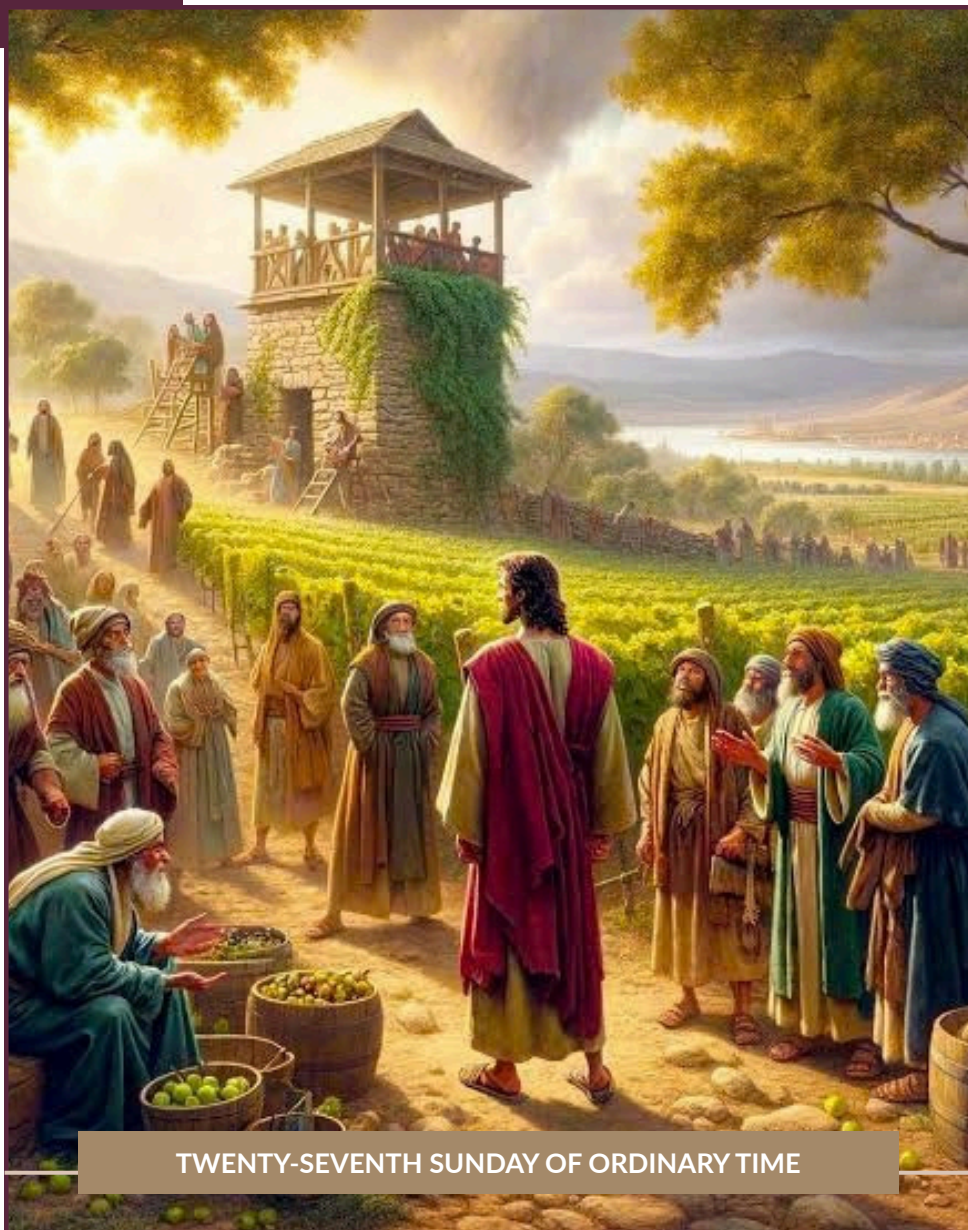


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St. Joseph

Catholic Church



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 3 – St. Joseph Parishioners

Sunday, October 4– Farol Stroyan+

Tuesday, October 6 – Spokane fire victims

Wednesday, October 7 – Robert Hess+

Thursday, October 8 – Steve Shafer+

Friday, October 9 – Geri Comstock+

Welcome!

MISSION STATEMENT

“Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples. Preach the gospel to all people.”

MASS TIMES

Tues., Wed., Thurs., Friday 8:30 AM
Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 10:00 AM

ADORATION

Wednesdays 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

RECONCILIATION

Wednesdays 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

BAPTISM

Parents seeking Baptism for their child should contact the Pastor. It is expected that you are a registered parishioner taking part in the liturgical life of the Church - which includes attendance at Mass.

NEW TO THE PARISH?

Registration forms are in the lobby, or online:

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This Sunday's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 5:1-7
Responsorial Psalm 80:9,12-16,19-20
Second Reading Philippians 4:6-9
Gospel Reading Matthew 21:33-43

In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son.

After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent.

In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question.

Today's Gospel has a parallel in [Mark 12:1-12](#). There are some notable differences, however. In Matthew's version, the religious leaders condemn themselves; in Mark's Gospel, Jesus answers his own question. Matthew names the religious leaders as Pharisees and chief priests. Clearly this Gospel shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who thought that his message was dangerous. Matthew's Gospel was written about 70 years after Jesus' death and reflects the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian community for whom Matthew was writing. Many biblical scholars believe that the tension between Matthew's community and their Jewish neighbors can also be heard in today's reading.

This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?

--Sunday Connection, Loyola Press



Parish Calendar

Tuesday, October 6

Daily Mass 8:30 AM
Bible study: Gospel of Luke 10:00 AM
Parish Council 6:00 PM
Bible study: Gospel of Luke 6:30 PM

Wednesday, October 7

Daily Mass 8:30 AM
The Vine (social faith sharing) 6:00 PM

Thursday, October 8

Daily Mass 8:30 AM

Friday, October 9

Daily Mass 8:30 AM
Share the Word 9:00 AM

Saturday, October 10

Women's Health & Wellness 8:30 AM
Mass 4:00 PM

Sacristans/Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers/Coffee & Donut Hosts

Saturday, October 10

Sacristans - Patrick and Rebecca
Lector - Mindy
Eucharistic Ministers - Valerie and Ellen

Sunday, October 11

Sacristans - Charles and Maureen
Lector - Laurie S.
Eucharistic Ministers - Anita, Janet,
Lynne, Linda

Sunday, October 11

Coffee and Donut Hosts - Brigitta and
Sharon

Protecting Our Children

The diocese is committed to helping victims and survivors of child abuse, protecting children and vulnerable adults.

Contact: Diocese of Spokane Victims Assistance Coordinator at (509) 353-0442.

Religious Ed Corner



We had a wonderful first day of classes last Sunday!

Thank you for entrusting us with your students as we enter into a new year of Religious Education.

Please join the parish Flocknote system using the QR code below when you get a moment to stay up to date with all things Religious Ed.

As a reminder - classes begin at 9:00 AM this year and will conclude around 9:55. If you are attending Mass, your child will find you in the pew. If you are not attending Mass, please pick up your student in the gathering space.

We look forward to helping your child grow in their faith this year!

--Emily Busch, Director of Religious Ed.



Use your phone camera to point to this code and then open the yellow link from there.



Little Free Library is on the northwest corner of the church. Stop by and grab a book!

Saint Vincent de Paul



Vincent was born on a very small farm in Poyy, France in 1581, and had three brothers and two sisters. He was educated at a Franciscan school, attended the university, and was ordained a priest when he was twenty years old.

Although his initial intention as a priest was simply to be well off, he was given the comfortable assignment of chaplain to Queen Margaret of Valois. Two events deeply affected him as a young man. First, a friend accused him stealing four hundred crowns. Vincent calmly denied the theft for six months until finally the true thief confessed. Second, while he was staying in a rural area, he was called in to hear the confession of a peasant who was dangerously ill. Vincent discovered (as the man himself later stated) that all the man's former confessions had been sacrilegious, and his soul would be in jeopardy if Vincent hadn't come to hear his confession. Soon afterward, he was asked to preach about repentance to peasants of the area, which he was very happy to do.

For that point on, Vincent gave his life to serving the spiritual needs of others, especially the poor. He worked among galley-slaves, converted members of the nobility and others who had been leading scandalous lives, and, with the financial support and encouragement of the Countess of Joigny, he founded a congregation of secular priests, the Congregation of the Mission, who took vows of poverty, chastity, obedience, and stability. With the assistance of Saint Louise de Marillac, Vincent also founded a religious order of nuns to serve those who were sick and poor, this became the order of the Sisters of Charity.

--Saints, Becoming an image of Christ every day of the year.

Life Prayer

Group meditation and prayers dedicated to the Blessed Trinity.

Sessions begin at 2:30 PM on Wednesday, October 7, running each week at the same time for about one hour. The first session is about how to pray and meditate as a group.

We will use a book authored by Connie Sullivan, which is prayers dedicated to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. We will pray and meditate as the spirit moves us. Sign up available in lobby. Join us, it's free!

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