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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8, 2017



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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.

Matthew 21:33

The Vineyard of the Lord

First Reading

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

The vineyard has yielded wild grapes, according to Isaiah, not a fruit suitable for vintage, despite the fact that what were planted were “the choicest vines.” That is, the fault in the harvest isn’t with the divine Vintner who planted the vines with the intention of harvesting fruit for wine, but with the vines themselves. The clear meaning is that Israel hasn’t been true to her calling to be a counter-cultural witness to the nations of steadfast worship of the One True God.

God says, “Judge between me and my vineyard” and threatens to “make it a ruin.” Judgment passages like this one are always difficult to read. The “thanks be to God” that we say at the close of the first reading seems a bit limp when we get a passage like this. Of course, that limpness in our response expresses the way we ought to feel. After all, it’s for good reason that we make the words of Isaiah our own in the Psalm response. We are Israel and the judgment pronounced on her always stands as warning to us. We need to bear fruit for the Lord—fruit that’s worthy of vintage.

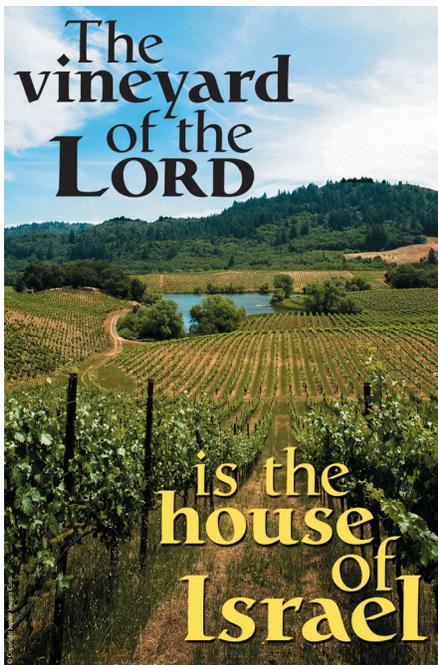
Second Reading

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

This reading sounds rather like good horticultural advice on how to tend the vineyard of the Lord. Pray, think, and live “according to what you have learned and accepted,” he tells us. Root out the weeds of anxiety. Add the nourishment of thoughts “wholly directed to all that is true, all that

deserves respect, all that is honest, pure, admirable, decent, virtuous, or worthy of praise.” Prune your lives so that your actions reflect the teaching of the Gospel and you’ll bear the fruit of your labors, which is peace.

We might ask ourselves if we live in the hope of the Lord, free of anxiety, or in the midst of such a whirl of expectations and activity that we’re never really free of worry at all. Are



our minds as pristine as those Paul commends, or are they rather a constant media fare of violence, impurity, and scandal? Have we made the Gospel our guide in life, or have we taken a secularized view of the Church and the world as the measure of our actions? If in each or any of these we see ourselves in the latter rather than the former, ought we to expect the fruit of peace when we’ve cultivated discord in our souls?

Gospel Reading

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

Jesus says bluntly in this parable, “The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will yield a rich harvest.” Here Jesus suggests that the kingdom of God was already in the world at his coming and that the Jews were the current heirs of it. If the kingdom is synonymous with the covenant, as this passage suggests, then the New Testament is filled with covenant language, since the kingdom of heaven or the kingdom of God is one of the central elements in Jesus’ teaching and preaching.

The linguistic shift from “covenant” to “kingdom” may be precisely indicative of the prophecy that Jesus utters about the passing of the vineyard to “others who will see to it that he has grapes at vintage time.” The new tenants, the faithful Jewish and Gentile followers of Jesus, might have felt more at home with a new designation for the covenant that they were now to inherit. Since Jesus was the new Son of David, what better way to designate the new Davidic covenant than as the definitive “kingdom of God.”

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Download this week’s *Opening the Word* prayer journal at FORMED.org

Grow in Discipleship

It's said there are only a few basic plots for most stories. What the storyteller does with the plot—the twists and turns that are added—is what makes a story memorable. In this week's Gospel, Jesus takes a story of a vineyard, which would have been very familiar to his audience, and gives it an unexpected twist.

The priests and elders whom Jesus was addressing would have been very accustomed to the image of Israel as a vineyard. Prophets like Isaiah in the first reading had used the illustration for hundreds of years. So Jesus' audience probably wasn't expecting him to use the story against them.

Instead of focusing on the poor fruit that the vineyard was producing, Jesus concentrates on the tenants who are responsible for tending the fields. He says that when the master wants his produce, the tenants mistreat and even kill the messengers. When the owner finally sends his own son, the tenants kill even him.

In hearing that story, the priests and elders had to have realized that they were the tenants who hadn't been good stewards of the master's fields. They had to see that they were the ones who rejected the prophets sent by God. They might not, however, have completely understood that the person telling the story, Jesus, was the Son of God and that in a very short period of time, he would be rejected and put to death.

We do know and so we are forced to ask ourselves the question: What kind of a tenant am I in the Father's vineyard? Am I welcoming the Son when he comes to the vineyard to collect the produce, or am I rejecting him by failing to produce good fruit in my words and deeds?

Discussion

As we get closer to the end of the Church year, we continue to hear some of Jesus' most famous parables. This week it is the story of a vineyard, as told to the chief priests and elders.

Please watch the short Opening the Word video on FORMED.org to hear what the presenter has to tell us.

According to the presenter, the parable of the vineyard would have been familiar to Jesus' audience, but Jesus gave it a surprise ending. What was the surprise?

How does the parable of the vineyard apply to the history of Israel?

Digging Deeper: Grapes and Vineyards

Grapes were an important food crop in ancient Israel. Although they were primarily used for wine, they were also eaten fresh as well as dried into raisins. Grapes were also used to produce grape honey, a thick, sweet liquid. Grape honey was made by treading the grapes and then boiling the liquid to evaporate the water and create a syrup. Grapes are mentioned more than fifty times in the Bible.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

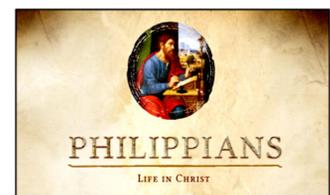
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Mass Intentions

Saturday 10/7

8:30am Sofia Ore †
Helen & Mike †
5:00pm Anthony & Geraldine Carrano †
7:00pm Enrique & Carmen Morales †
The Alarcon Family
Alan Winslow

Sunday 10/8

6:45am Thomas Heise †
8:00am Maria Zaczek †
9:30am Ralph Melendez †
11:00am Melanie Maher †
Jacob Benson †
12:30pm Jerry and family
6:00pm Arselio Bettencourt †

Monday 10/9

8:30am The Alarcon Family
Alan Winslow
Julie Boerger †

Tuesday 10/10

8:30am Sofia Ore †
Helen & Mike †
Robert Contilini †

Wednesday 10/11

8:30am Patricia Sullo †
Richard Boerger †
7:00pm Mr & Mrs Urrutia †
Merdes & Edra †

Thursday 10/12

8:30am David Weiss
Richard & Cornelius Frydendal †

Friday 10/13

8:30am Slegfried Forspreveer †
Julie Boerger †

To request a Mass intention, please visit the church office.

Prayers & Devotion



Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.

— Philippians 4:6

Take some time to enter into this week's readings in prayer. Close your eyes and envision yourself sitting beside Jesus. He reads the passage from Isaiah, directing it personally to you:

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.

Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? What do you say to Jesus? Do you try to make an excuse for your lack of good grapes? What does Jesus say in response?

Resolution

What is one thing, one "good fruit," that you could do this week to build up the kingdom of God? Make a commitment to act on this thought by writing down a specific action and a time when you can do it.

Download and print the **Opening the Word** guide at FORMED.org for your reflections and prayers throughout the week.

Parish Prayer Requests

For Cheryl Ruth, who has suffered a cardiac event and remains unconscious, and for her family in this difficult chapter of their lives.

For healing for Kim Romero, Mary Anne Camarda's husband, Cherie Bates and for Chris.

For those who are separated from Christ and His Church.

Please send your prayer requests to Prayers@StMichaelLivermore.com

News & Announcements

The Knights Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities

Our Knights and volunteers will be outside St Michael's **THIS WEEKEND** prior to and after all Masses collecting donations and handing out Tootsie Rolls. Knights will also be at Walmart between the hours of 9am - 5pm on both days. As in the past, the donations raised will stay in Livermore to help children with special needs. Please find it in your hearts to donate when you see our Knights at the doors.

Please call or email Jim Gagliardi for more information 925-449-0988 jim73g@comcast.net

Knights Essay Contest: Due Friday the 13th!

Parish 8th through 12th grade students, please be sure to complete and turn in your essays by Friday, October 13. We are looking forward to reading your creative, thoughtful, and introspective descriptions of people in the Catholic Church who shared their faith at society's peripheries. A student from each grade level who authors a work of exceptional content, grammar, and style will receive a \$50 prize from our Knights and be entered into our district contest for an opportunity for additional recognition.

For more information, please contact Michael Taranowski taranowski1@gmail.com

Date Night

Sat, Oct 14 at 6:30 pm at St Charles. Rachael Munoz, of St. Michael's Counter Point ministry, will be our guest speaker. Counter Point is a support group for family and friends of people with addictions. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share for dinner. RSVP to Karen at 925-784-6668

Collection Report

9/24/17 Collection	\$14,539.40
10/1/17 Collection	\$17,770.23
Month-to-Date	\$17,770.23
Month Goal	\$107,843.14
Percentage Reached	16%
Maintenance for Oct	\$6,041.72
Hurricane Relief	\$5,772.43
Priests' Retirement	\$8,200.92

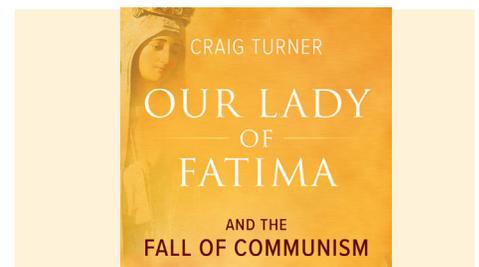
Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of FATIMA



The Day the Sun Danced is the inspiring true story of Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta, whose great faith and courage brought the message of Our Lady of Fatima to the entire world. Watch with your children or grandchildren on FORMED.org under "Watch" then "Youth".



Finding Fatima is a powerful documentary that combines archival footage, dramatic reenactments, original interviews with Fatima experts, and stunning visuals to tell the whole story of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. Watch on FORMED.org under "Watch" then "Life & Witness of Mary".



Our Lady of Fatima and the Fall of Communism by Craig Turner shares the unmistakable connection between the apparitions of our Blessed Mother at Fatima in 1917 and the fall of communism in Europe more than seventy years later. Listen on FORMED.org under "Listen" then "Discover the Saints".

This Week

MONDAY, OCT 9

St. Denis and Companions;

St. John Leonardi

Readings: Jon 1:1 -- 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37

Reminder:

Parish Offices will be CLOSED in observance of Columbus Day.

THURSDAY, OCT 12

Readings: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13

Events:

WINGS at 9:30 am at St Charles, featuring a presentation on “Where there is Hope, there is Faith. Where there is Faith, Miracles Happen” by Margaret Riley.

Edge Middle School Ministry at 6:30 pm in the Youth Portable (behind the church)

SUNDAY, OCT 15

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]

Events:

Knights of Columbus Membership Drive after all Masses.

LifeTeen High School Ministry celebrates at the 6:00 pm Mass then meets in the Convent after. All high school students are invited!

The Wedding Feast of the King

Who doesn't love a party—especially when someone else is footing the bill? Well, in today's Gospel we hear about several people who turned down an invitation to a banquet. And not just any old banquet, but a feast put on by the king! These people even went so far as to kill the servants who invited them.

TUESDAY, OCT 10

Readings: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42

Events:

CounterPoint Support Group for friends and family of addicts at 7 pm in school room 22

FRIDAY, OCT 13

Readings: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26

Events:

KofC Essay Contest Due for 8-12 grade parish students!

Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Fatima with the resources available on FORMED.org (see previous page).

WEDNESDAY, OCT 11

Saint John XXIII

Readings: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4

Events:

Cub Scout Pack 903 Meeting at 7:00 pm at Jackson Avenue School

SATURDAY, OCT 14

Readings: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28

Our Lady of Fatima Celebration

12:00 pm Public Rosary at Carnegie Park, on the 4th Street side

4:30 pm Rosary in the Church

5:00 pm Mass in English

Marian Procession

Blessing of Rosaries in the Courtyard

7:00 pm Mass in Spanish

Parish Wide Study

**SESSION 5: WHO IS JESUS?
JUST A GOOD MAN OR LORD OF OUR LIVES?**

No one has ever had a greater impact on the world than Jesus of Nazareth—and the question of Jesus's identity is central to our faith.

This week, watch the 30-minute video *Symbolon: Knowing the Faith, Session 5* Download the participant materials located just under the video for your own reflections or to discuss with a friend.

Access the Symbolon video study series free from any browser at FORMED.org. Get your free account using parish code **P4XNPZ**

Upcoming Events



The St. Michael School Fun Run on October 20 is an exciting event which promotes fitness and healthy habits, as well as being one of our main fundraisers for this school year.

AND FR. VAN IS RUNNING! He's trying to raise \$4,000. Will you sponsor him? Get more info at StMichaelLivermore.com/RunFrVan

The Solemnity of All Saints November 1 Holy Day of Obligation

Mass at St Michael's at 8:30 am, 10:00 am (St Michael School), 6:00 pm and 7:30 pm (Spanish)

On All Saints, the Church honors every saint in heaven, known and unknown.

"We believe in the communion of all the faithful of Christ, those who are pilgrims on earth, the dead who are being purified, and the blessed in heaven, all together forming one Church..." (CCC 962)

Catholics are obliged to celebrate Mass on All Saints.

Order Your Fresh Christmas Wreaths October 22 & 29

Our Cub Scout Pack will be taking orders for fresh Christmas Wreaths after Mass on Oct 22 & 29. Don't miss out on getting a beautiful wreath while also supporting St Michael Cub Scouts!

Mass of Remembrance Mon, Oct 23

We gather to remember departed loved ones at St Michael's at 6:30pm. Our bilingual Mass helps us honor the memory of our passed loved ones by celebrating Mass in their honor. All are welcome.

Carondelet "Road to College" Seminar Thursday, Oct 26 at 7 pm

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Requirements: Receive the Sacrament of Confession, Eucharist, pray for the intentions of the Pope and have no attachment to sin (make an act of the will to love God and despise sin.)



El Día 13

En un mundo destrozado por persecución, guerra y opresión, tres niños en Fátima, Portugal, fueron elegidos por Dios para ofrecer al mundo un mensaje urgente de esperanza. Basada en las memorias de la viuda mayor, Lucía Santos, y miles de testimonios de testigos independientes, la película El Día 13 lleva a cabo una dramatización de la verdadera historia de los tres pastorcitos, quienes reciben seis apariciones de Nuestra Señora entre mayo y octubre de 1917, que culminaron con el ya antes profetizado Milagro del Sol, el 13 de octubre. Aunque fueron secuestrados de sus hogares, llevados a la prisión e interrogados bajo la amenaza de muerte en el intento del gobierno de silenciarlos, los niños permanecieron firmes en su historia acerca de los mensajes cruciales de María con respecto a la oración, al arrepentimiento y a la conversión del mundo.

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Los Niños y el Sol

Es la inspiradora historia de la Virgen de Fátima, quien transmitió su mensaje a muchas personas a través de tres inocentes niños, Lucía, Francisco y Jacinta.

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La Solemnidad de Todos los Santos

01 de noviembre Día Santo de Obligación

Misa en San Miguel a las 8:30 am, 10:00 am (Escuela San Miguel), 6:00 pm y 7:30 pm (Español)

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Los católicos están obligados a celebrar la Misa sobre Todos los Santos.

Indulgencia Plenaria Para las Almas del Purgatorio

Una indulgencia plenaria, aplicable sólo a las almas en el purgatorio, se concede todos los días del 1 de noviembre al 8 de noviembre, cuando los fieles visitan devotamente un cementerio y allí rezan, aunque sólo mentalmente, por los difuntos.

Requisitos: Recibir el Sacramento de la Confesión, la Eucaristía, orar por las intenciones del Papa y no tener ningún vínculo con el pecado (hacer un acto de la voluntad de amar a Dios y despreciar el pecado.)



MISA DEL RECUERDO EN ST. MICHAEL

sera el Lunes 23 de Octubre a las 6:30 PM

Nos juntamos para recordar a nuestros seres queridos difuntos a las 6:30 p.m. Nuestra Misa Bilingüe nos da la oportunidad de hacer honor a nuestros amados difuntos al celebrar una misa en su nombre. Los motivamos a que traigan una foto de su ser querido en marco y puesto ante el altar durante la misa. El ritual del recuerdo nos da una oportunidad de venir hacia adelante con una rosa, encender una vela, y hablar sobre las personas que estamos recordando, si así lo desea. Rosas y velas serán dadas. Esta misa trimestral es patrocinada por el Ministerio de Apoyo de Dolor de St. Michael y St. Charles. Todos están invitados.

Sesión 5: ¿Quién es Jesús?

Nadie que haya vivido ha tenido tan gran impacto en el mundo como Jesús de Nazaret — y la pregunta de la identidad de Jesús es central para nuestra fe.

ESTA SESIÓN CUBRIRÁ:

Cómo, en la plenitud de los tiempos, Dios nos ha hablado por Su Hijo, Jesús
Cómo Jesús, la segunda Persona de la Trinidad, asumió la naturaleza humana sin perder Su naturaleza divina
Que Jesús es el único mediador entre Dios y el hombre
Que Jesús es una Persona divina que posee dos naturalezas Por qué Jesús se hizo Hombre para que nosotros podamos ser reconciliados con Dios y conocer el amor de Dios

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura -- El Señor busca una cosecha de justicia (Isaías 5:1-7).

Salmo -- La viña del Señor es la casa de Israel (Salmo 80 [79]).

Segunda lectura -- Mora con pensamientos de pureza y justicia y sabrás lo que es la paz (Filipenses 4:6-9).

Evangelio -- La piedra que rechazaron los constructores se ha convertido en la piedra angular (Mateo 21:33-43).

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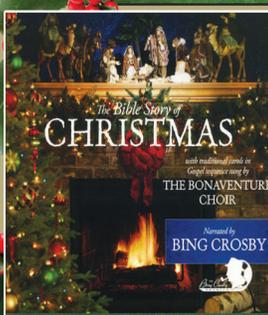
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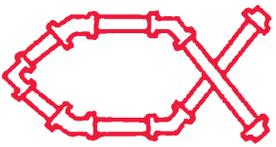
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Mon-Sat | Lu-Sa 8:30 am

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Sunday | Domingo

6:45 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am,
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Sign Language | Lenguaje por Señas

1st Sun, 11:00 am

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Vietnamese | Vietnamita

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Confession | Confesión

Saturday, in the church |

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