

Dear Padre,

Aren't we discriminating against other Christians when we don't celebrate the Eucharist with them?

You have to keep the Church's intentions in mind: Are we excluding to make people feel left out, or are we excluding to uphold the dignity and sanctity of the Eucharist?

Everyone is welcome to celebrate the Eucharist—there's only one part they can't participate in. That might sound like a cop-out, but Catholics believe that the Eucharist is the actual Body and Blood of Christ. For it to be true Communion, everyone who receives it must believe the same thing about it.



In its Guidelines for the Reception of Communion, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops says, "Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily

not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission" as outlined in canon law. "All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another" (GRC).

—Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Many members of our communities yearn to receive the Eucharist at one table, as the concrete expression of full unity. We experience the pain of those who share their whole lives, but cannot share God's redeeming presence at the Eucharistic table....We long for this wound in the Body of Christ to be healed.

—JOINT STATEMENT, CATHOLIC-LUTHERAN
COMMEMORATION OF THE REFORMATION, OCTOBER 31, 2016



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

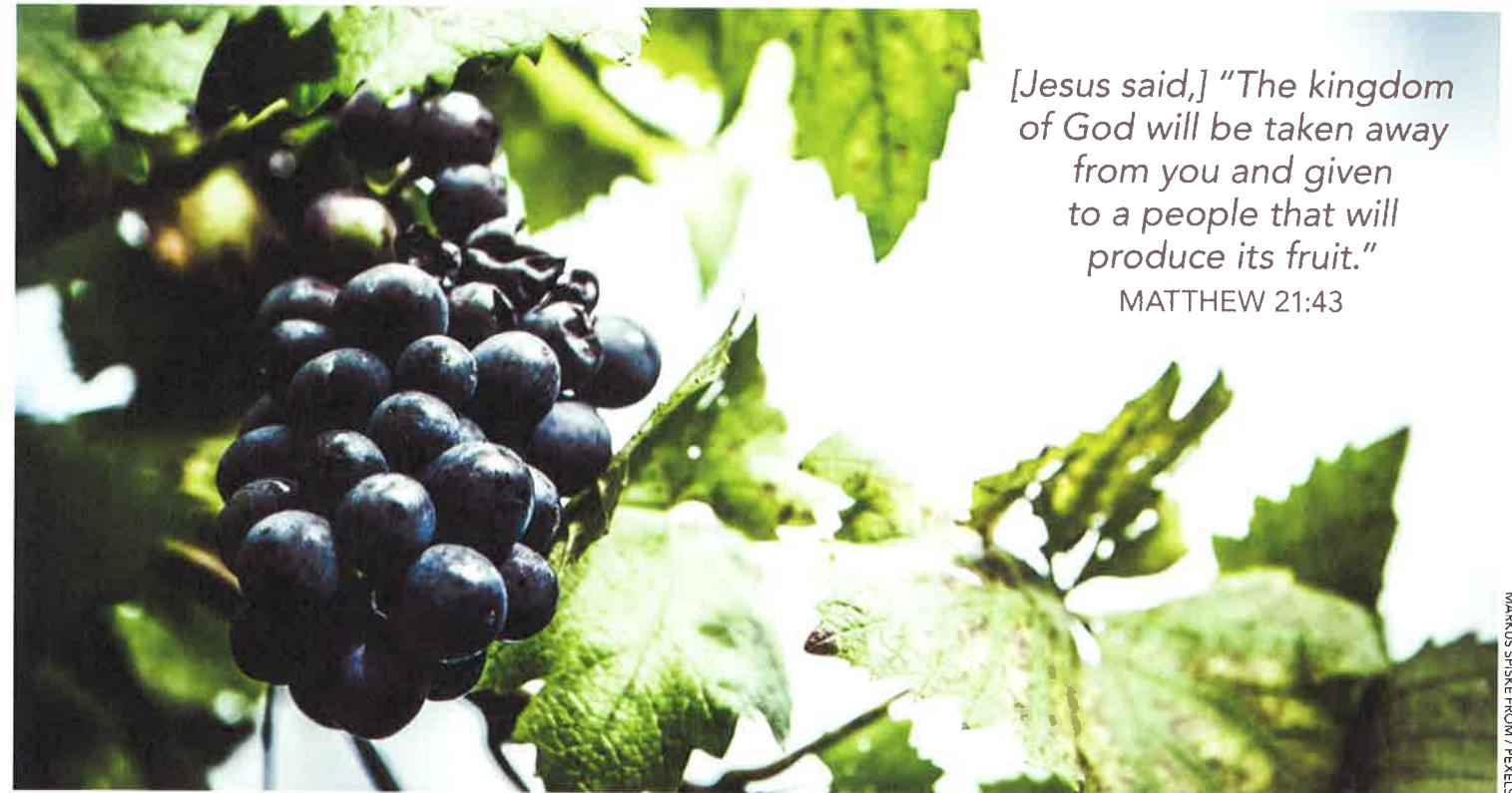
Saturday
OCTOBER 10
Weekday
Gal 3:22–29
Lk 11:27–28

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

Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 4, 2020

*Twenty-seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time (A)*
Is 5:1–7 | Phil 4:6–9
Mt 21:33–43



*[Jesus said,] "The kingdom
of God will be taken away
from you and given
to a people that will
produce its fruit."*

MATTHEW 21:43

Caring for God's Vineyard

Today's readings are troubling texts. This is not because of what they say, but because of how they have been interpreted through the ages. In the first reading, despite everything the owner has done, the vineyard identified as Israel/Judah has brought forth wild grapes. In the Gospel the issue is with the trustworthiness of those who work and care for the vineyard. It is clear that Jesus is criticizing the leaders of his day with a failure of leadership. For this reason, leadership will be taken from them and given to others.

Both of these readings have been interpreted as condemnation of the Jewish people. This has sometimes resulted in anti-Semitism. We must remember that both readings reflect internal problems—something that all religious bodies experience. Despite their failure, the people of Judah

were still called God's "cherished plant" (Isaiah 5:7). In the Gospel, leadership was taken from some Jews and given to other Jews—not to outsiders. One religious tradition didn't replace another.

We experience similar struggles in today's Church. As the vineyard of God, what kind of fruit do we produce? After all God has done for us, how do we respond? How faithful are we in caring for God's vineyard? This is a difficult time with respect to religious leadership, but how supportive are we of genuine local Church leadership? You and I have been entrusted with the growth and health of the Church. How good have we been at caring for that vineyard?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *We are the Church. How do we handle some of its internal problems?*
- ★ *We pray for the leaders of the Church at every liturgy. Make those prayers your own.*



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Dear Sisters, Brothers and Children in Jesus Christ,

In today's first reading, called, *Isaiah's Song of the Vineyard*, the prophet describes God's care of, and expectations for, God's Chosen People. God's Chosen People failed to bear fruit, in spite of the blessings lavished upon them by a loving and forgiving God. Further, they were poor tenants in the Lord's vineyard. Hence, God laments: "I expected My vineyard to yield good grapes. Why did it yield sour ones instead?" In the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 80), the Psalmist pleads with God to look down from Heaven and to "take care of this vine," knowing that if any good is to come of the vine, it will be God's doing, not the people's. In the second reading, Paul tells Philippians about the high expectations he has for them, reminding them that they need to become fruit-producing Christians by praying and giving thanks to God and by practicing justice, purity and graciousness in their lives.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells an allegorical parable in which the landowner is God, the vineyard is Israel, as God's special people, and the tenants are the political and religious leaders of Israel. The story emphasizes the failure of the tenants, the Chosen People of God and their leaders, to produce fruits of righteousness, justice and mercy. Giving a theological explanation of Israel's history of gross ingratitude through the parable, Jesus reminds us Christians that, since we are the "new" Israel, enriched with additional blessings and provisions in the Church, we are expected to show our gratitude to God by bearing fruits of the kingdom, fruits of the Holy Spirit, in our lives, giving Him all the Glory.

Jesus has given the Church everything necessary to make Christians fruit-bearing. i) The Bible to know the will of God. ii) The priesthood to lead the people in God's ways. iii) The Sacrament of Reconciliation for the remission of sins. iv) The Holy Eucharist as our spiritual food. v) The Sacrament of Confirmation for a dynamic life of Faith. vi) The Sacrament of Matrimony for the sharing of love in families, the fundamental unit of the Church. vii) Role models in thousands of saints. We are expected make use of these gifts and produce fruits for God. By the mutual sharing of blessings, by sacrificing time and talents for the members of the family, by humbly and lovingly serving others in the family, by recognizing and encouraging each other and by honoring and gracefully obeying our parents we, become producers of "good fruit" for the Vine, Christ, in our families, and so give Glory to God.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Fr. C. P. Varghese
Pastor

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Date	Day	Time	Place	Intention
10/05	Monday	No Mass Today		
10/06	Tuesday	6.00 PM	Bridgeport	Ted Panas
10/07	Wednesday	6.30 PM	Religious Education (CCD) classes	
10/08	Thursday	6.00 PM	Dalton	Spl intention of Waite Family
10/09	Friday	12.00 PM	Bayard	Jim & Bonnie Randall
10/10	Saturday	5.30 PM	Dalton	Spl intention of Waite Family
10/11	Sunday	8.00 AM	Bayard	Theresa Dukesherer
10/11	Sunday	10.30 AM	Bridgeport	Oneva Lummel

ALL SOULS
617 P STREET
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SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER:
MASS TIME
Tuesday — 6:00 PM
Sunday — 10.30 AM

**Wednesdays at 6.30 PM –
Religious Education
Classes**

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$195.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$227.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 422.00
MASS STIPEND	
TOTAL	\$ 422.00
BUILDING FUND	
HEAT/AC	\$50.00

- Prayer line requests may be made to Carolyn-262-0453 or Teresa-262-0439.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.

We have started TMIY on September 10th. For now, we are meeting in person at the parish hall on every Thursday at 6 am. All safety precautions are employed. All men are welcome.



SACRED HEART
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SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER:
MASS TIME
Friday – 6:00 PM
Sunday – 8.00 AM

**Wednesdays at 6.30 PM –
Religious Education
Classes**

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$354.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$26.00
SUBTOTAL	\$380.00
MASS STIPEND	\$20.00
TOTAL	\$ 400.00
BUILDING FUND	
JUBILEE REFUND	\$1243.00

- Prayer line requests may be made to Paula-586-2992.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.
- There will be coffee and rolls after Mass on October 11.

SAINT MARY'S
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SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER:
MASS TIME
Thursday – 6:00 PM
Saturday – 5.30 PM

**Wednesdays at 6.30 PM –
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Classes**

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$565.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$20.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 585.00
MASS STIPEND	
TOTAL	\$ 585.00
BUILDING FUND	

- Prayer line requests may be made to DeAnn-249-1735.

