



Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church

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Our Lady of Sorrows, San Antonio

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 4, 2020

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

Office Hours:

Monday	8am - 1pm
Tuesday	9am - 4pm
Wednesday	9am - 4pm
Thursday	9am - 4pm
Friday	9am - 4pm

Parish Priest: Fr Praveen Lakkisetti
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210-730-1234

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Pastoral Coordinator: Amada Briones
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Parish Secretary: Vanessa Guevara
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Parish Sacristan: Antonio Morales

Mass Schedule:

Monday through Saturday: 8am English
Thursday: 7pm Spanish
Saturday: 530pm English - Sunday Obligation
1st Saturday of the month: 7pm Polish

Sunday:

8am Polish
930am English
11am English (Live stream on Facebook)
1230pm Spanish

Adoration:

Thursday 6pm-7pm
First Friday 430pm-530pm

Confession/Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Monday-Saturday 15 minutes before mass
Thursday 6pm-7 pm
Saturday 5pm-530 pm or by appointment

MASS INTENTIONS

Twenty-Seventh Sunday OT October 4

930am For the health of Joe Toro
Health of Robert Sammaron

11am +Santiago y Delfina Gonzalez, y
+ sus cuatro hijos difuntos

1230pm +Margarita Garcia

Monday October 5

8am Nathan Bautista on his birthday

Tuesday October 6

8am For the health of Joe Toro

Wednesday October 7

8am Souls in Purgatory

Thursday October 8

8am +Clara G. Garcia

7pm Health of Henry Lopez

Friday October 9

8am + Joe G. Martinez

Saturday October 10

8am Our Lady of San Juan de los Lagos

530pm For the health of Joe Toro

Collection September 19-20

Candles \$330.76
Mass Intentions \$115.00
Donation \$100.00
Funeral \$285.00
Flowers \$150.00
5:30 \$674.39
8:00 \$609.29
9:30 \$427.75
11:00 \$288.15
12:30 \$93.00
2nd Collection \$570.70
Total Collection \$3644.04

Attendance: 216

Second collections:

October 3-4: For Peter's Pence Collection

October 10-11: Hope for the future/Catholic Schools

Total Rummage Sale:

\$8,737.26

OUR LADY of SORROWS



PRAY for US!

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Ministry Personnel

CCD Religious Education:

Darlene Jimenez 210-771-5757

Altar Society:

Tina Courchesne 210-737-2203

Knights of Columbus:

George Alcantar 210-422-5502

Hospitality:

Aurora Lopez 210-732-1945

Guadalupanas:

Teresa Perez 210-259-3897

RCIA:

Kimberly Brietske

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Respect Life Sunday

Monday: Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, St Faustina Kowalska

Tuesday: St. Bruno; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher

Wednesday: Our Lady of the Rosary

Friday: St. Denis and Companions;

St. John Leonardi

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Sacraments

Baptisms are celebrated every second and fourth Saturday or every month at 11:00 a.m. Baptismal Preparation Class will be held the last Thursday of every month, at 6:00 pm. You must be registered a week before the class begins.

For Marriage, please kindly contact the office at least six months in advance, and before any plans for reception halls have been made. We will be happy to help you prepare to enter into the Sacrament of Marriage!

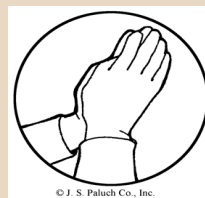
Please call the office for more information 210-732-6295.

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Thursday, October 8- 6pm Holy Hour; 7:00PM Spanish Mass

Friday, October 9- 530pm Devotion to Seven Sorrows of Mary

Sponsor flower arrangements for the altar and for Blessed Virgin Mary, to honor a loved one, \$40 x 1 arrangement, \$80 x 2, contact Church Office

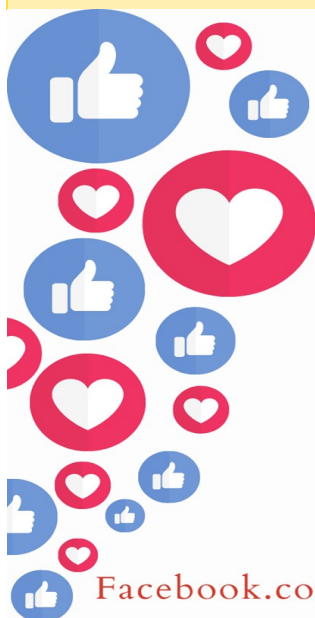


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Sunday Scripture Speaks...October 4, 2020:
Am I in compliance with the Gospel's best practices?



Stories, analogies and similes stick well with students and fetch phenomenal results in their learning process. Students grasp better in understanding scientific theories or formulas when explained using an analogy or a story. As a continuation of the parable of two sons, and their relationship to listen and act on the Word of God, Jesus enunciates the parable of the owner of the vineyard. This parable is striking for its emphasis on the action that is required to spread the nature of God's Kingdom. The context and the social location sheds more light to understand this parable in relation to what Jesus points towards his eventual passion, death and resurrection. With an allusion to the vineyard, Jesus calls for active engagement through planting, hedging, digging, building, leasing, and harvesting. This shows how God is actively present in our lives, constantly calling us to bear fruit and be productive. In response to God's active care for us as the owner of the vineyard, we are invited to welcome and embrace the Word that He sends us. This is where rubber meets the road. If I am lost in my world with my agendas and priorities, two things could happen: I become insensitive and non-responsive to God's active calling, or I become passively aggressive. Both of these approaches are contrary to the Gospel. As Jesus concludes, 'the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruits.' In the corporate world of business and work, the employers make sure that their employees are productive to the highest possible extent, aiming to maximize the result and achieve gross profits. In the same manner, such productivity and fruitfulness comes only from living a purposeful life of the Gospel, and only through my compliance with the Gospel's best practices. Am I in compliance with the Gospel's best practices?



Through our baptism, we
are called to be priests,
prophets and kings...

**We can share
the love and
mercy of God
through social
media.**



Like, Follow and Share
our page and posts

Facebook.com/OLScentennial2015

October Mass Count

To help create a year-to-year analysis for planning, the parish will be recording the total attendance at weekend Masses during the month of October. This activity does not call for any action on your part, but is simply for your information. Thank you.

#SENDYOURHUG

The elderly are your grandparents

Pope Francis invites young people around the world to perform "gestures of tenderness" toward the elderly, as many are forced into isolation to observe Covid-19 health guidelines.

Do something that shows kindness and affection for older people who may feel lonely.

Share your outreach efforts on social media by including #sendyourhug in the post.



call - text - email - video chat

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are preparing to update our parish database. In an attempt to record the most accurate information possible, we need your assistance. Would you kindly take a moment to go visit our website: <https://olssa.org/become-a-parishioner> and fill out the Online Registration Form as a "Parishioner Update".

If you would like to register as a new parishioner and become an active participant in the life of our parish community, this is the perfect way to do so! Just go to the same link and register as "New Parishioner"

Please know how much your assistance is appreciated in this project. Thank you!

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Religious Education Updates

It's Not Too Late to Register!

Jesus is inviting you and your children to come to CCD or RCIA to Know, Love, and Serve him in this world and gain Heaven in the next. Please make sure you or your child is registered for classes. There are many ways to register:

1. You may register online at olssa.org by hovering over the Ongoing Faith Formation tab and clicking Religious Education or RCIA and filling out the online form.
2. You may register at the Parish Office.

THE STRENGTH
of the Christian community is
INFINITELY LARGER
than the sum of our weaknesses.

Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, MSPS, Transformed by Hope, Let Us Rebuild Our Tomorrow! Archdiocese of San Antonio, 14 Sept. 2020.



Archbishop's Appeal

Countless lives are spiritually transformed and uplifted through the Annual Archbishop's Appeal, thanks to individuals like you. As Christ, we too, are called to Accompany with Joy, Give with Grace.

Your participation in the Appeal is essential in helping form and educate future priests, deacons, and catechists, as well as provide the basic necessities of food, clothing, and other social service ministries that aid the most vulnerable in our community.

In gratitude to God for the blessings He has given to you, pray and discern in your heart a gift of love so that others, may too, encounter Christ. Your gift is your willingness to Accompany with Joy, Give with Grace so that united we will further Christ's Mission, here and now.

Your gifts can be given:

1. Using the parish Appeal envelope
2. Online at www.archsa.org/archbishops-appeal
3. Calling 210-734- 1604

Please ensure our parish receives credit for your gift. Thank you and God bless you for your willingness to Accompany with Joy, Give with Grace.

Please wear your mask as an expression of Christian charity.

Please keep your nose and mouth fully covered from the moment you enter the church until you leave after the Mass.

This act of kindness keeps everyone safe as we are in this together.



Would you like to schedule an appointment with Fr Praveen Lakkisetti?

- DO YOU HAVE A
- COMMENT/CONCERN/QUESTION?
 - ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A MINISTRY OR LEAD ONE?
 - MARRIAGE PREP?
 - ANY ISSUES RELATED TO PARISH?
 - CONFESSION?
 - SPIRITUAL DIRECTION?
 - MEET & GREET?

Call the parish office at (210) 732-6295 for an appointment or email: praveen.lakkisetti@olssa.org



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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's first reading, psalm, and Gospel concentrate heavily on vineyards. For those of us who don't drink wine or have never set foot in a vineyard, these scriptures may seem inaccessible. But if we consider the tremendous importance of wine to the ancient world, we hear the scriptures asking us to make a life-or-death decision. Choosing death means forsaking our relationship with God and taking upon ourselves all the anxiety of faithlessness. Choosing life means paying attention to the kingdom of God on earth, striving to pursue "whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious." Today's vineyard metaphors invite us to identify our highest priority in life and tend to it. If we ask, God will help us order our lives correctly so we are free to cultivate our vineyards in love.

CONNECTED TO TRADITION

The Church presents today's Old Testament and Gospel readings together, as a pair. We delight in the symmetry between the two passages. Jesus, who is the Word of God, knows the Hebrew scriptures by heart and intends for his parable to echo Isaiah. As Jesus begins speaking, he summons the words of Isaiah, knowing his learned audience of chief priests and elders will feel comfortable with a familiar scripture passage. These scholars recognize immediately that Jesus is referring to a prophetic passage about sin, about the chosen people's tendency to turn away from God and grow "wild."

AMAZED BY INNOVATION

Jesus adds a new twist to Isaiah's well-known words, adding a new character, the landowner's very own son. Adding this innovation shows that Jesus confirms the prophet's warning—that God longs for "his cherished plant" to grow according to the divine plan. The narrative twist also allows Jesus to reveal the fullness of God's plan in a way his audience can understand. Like a master teacher, Jesus respects the knowledge and faithfulness of the chief priests and elders, and then builds on what they know. By adding the landowner's son to the parable of the vineyard, Jesus gently expresses his own mission as the Son of God. Matthew's Gospel often depicts the chief priests and elders as oppositional; they worry that Jesus will abolish the law and foment rebellion. As the Lord said earlier in Matthew's Gospel, however, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill" (Matthew 5:17).

Vigésimo Séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

La primera lectura, el salmo y el evangelio de hoy se concentran principalmente en los viñedos. Para aquellos de nosotros que no bebemos vino o nunca hemos puesto un pie en un viñedo, estas escrituras pueden parecer inaccesibles. Pero si consideramos la tremenda importancia del vino para el mundo antiguo, escuchamos las escrituras pidiéndonos que tomemos una decisión de vida o muerte. Elegir la muerte significa abandonar nuestra relación con Dios y asumir toda la ansiedad de la infidelidad. Elegir la vida significa prestar atención al reino de Dios en la tierra, esforzarse por perseguir "todo lo que es verdadero, todo lo que es honorable, todo lo que es justo, todo lo que es puro, todo lo que es hermoso, todo lo que es misericordioso". Las metáforas de los viñedos de hoy nos invitan a identificar nuestra máxima prioridad en la vida y a atenderla. Si lo pedimos, Dios nos ayudará a ordenar nuestras vidas correctamente para que seamos libres de cultivar nuestras viñas con amor.

CONECTÁNDOSE A LA TRADICIÓN

La Iglesia presenta a la lectura del Antiguo Testamento y del Evangelio juntas, como un par. Nos alegramos con la simetría entre los dos pasajes. Jesús, que es la Palabra de Dios, conoce de memoria las Escrituras hebreas y pretende que su parábola haga eco a Isaías. Cuando Jesús empieza a hablar invoca las palabras de Isaías, sabiendo que su audiencia son los principales sacerdotes y ancianos que son conocedores de las Escrituras y su interpretación, estarían familiarizados con ese pasaje de las Escrituras. Por eso reconocen inmediatamente que Jesús se refería a un pasaje profético sobre el pecado, sobre la tendencia del pueblo elegido de alejarse de Dios y volverse "salvaje".

SORPRENDIÉNDOSE POR LA INNOVACIÓN

Jesús añade un nuevo giro a las palabras muy conocidas de Isaías, añade un nuevo personaje, el propio hijo del dueño de las tierras. Al añadir esta innovación muestra que Jesús confirma la advertencia del profeta, que Dios anhela que "su preciada planta" crezca según el plan divino. El giro narrativo también permite a Jesús revelar la plenitud del plan de Dios en una forma que su audiencia pueda entender. Como un maestro, Jesús respeta el conocimiento y la fidelidad de los principales sacerdotes y ancianos, y luego construye sobre lo que saben ellos. Al añadir al hijo del dueño de las tierras a la parábola de la viña, Jesús expresa gentilmente su propia misión como el Hijo de Dios.

SAINT FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

October (August 25, 1905 – October 5, 1938) Saint Faustina's name is forever linked to the annual feast of the Divine Mercy, the Divine Mercy chaplet, and the Divine Mercy prayer recited each day at 3 p.m. by many people. Born in what is now west-central Poland, Helena Kowalska was the third of 10 children. She worked as a housekeeper in three cities before joining the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in 1925. She worked as a cook, gardener and porter in three of their houses. In addition to carrying out her work faithfully, generously serving the needs of the sisters and the local people, Sister Faustina also had a deep interior life. This included receiving revelations from the Lord Jesus, messages that she recorded in her diary at the request of Christ and of her confessors. "I do not want to punish aching mankind," he once told Saint Faustina, "but I desire to heal it, pressing it to my merciful heart." The two rays emanating from Christ's heart, she said, represent the blood and water poured out after Jesus' death. Sister Maria Faustina died of tuberculosis in Krakow, Poland, on October 5, 1938. Pope John Paul II beatified her in 1993, and canonized her seven years later.

