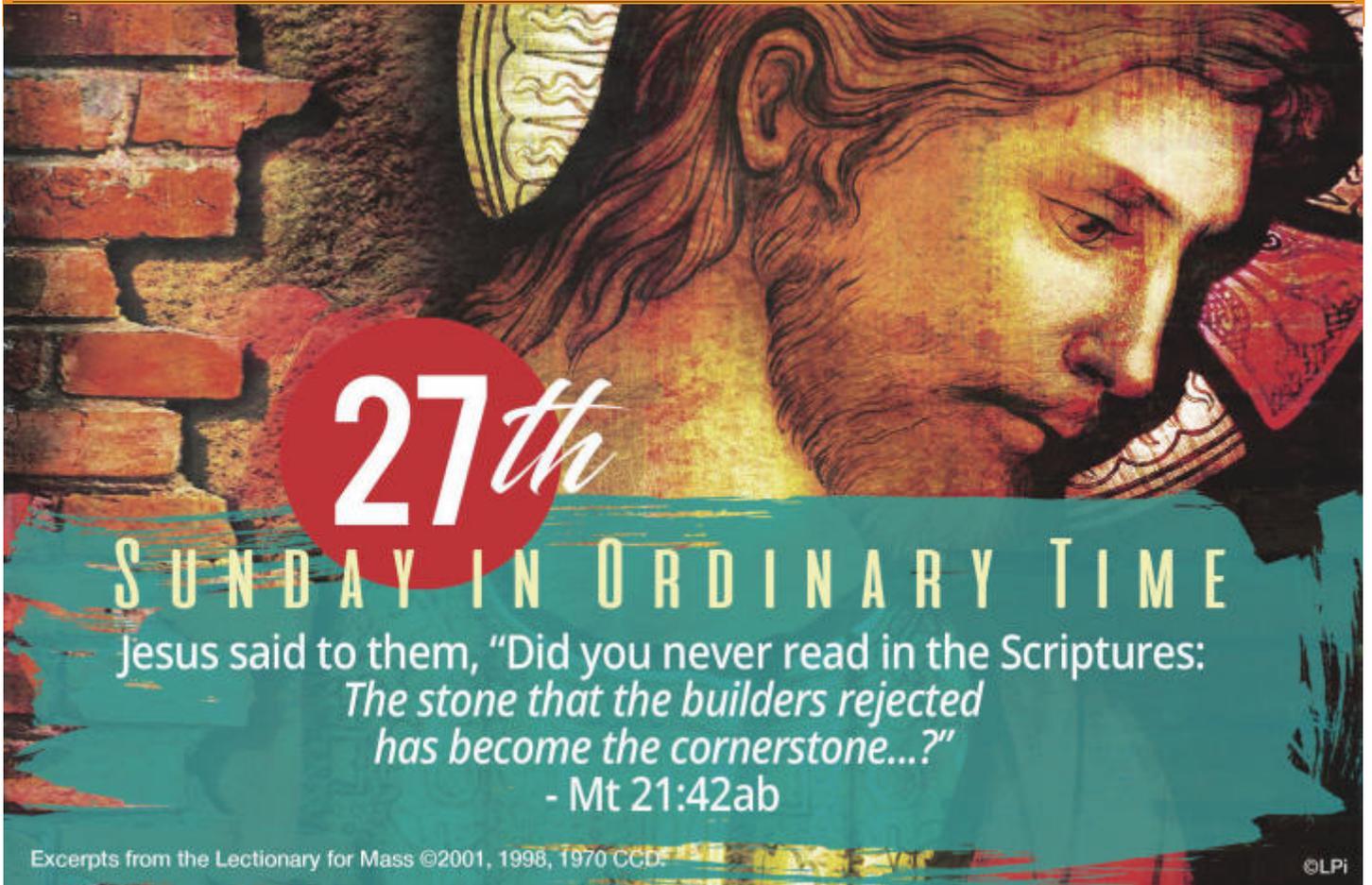


St. John The Beloved Parish



27th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures:
*The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone...?"*
- Mt 21:42ab

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OCTOBER 4, 2020

Pastor: Very Rev. Joseph Piekarski

Liturgy Schedule

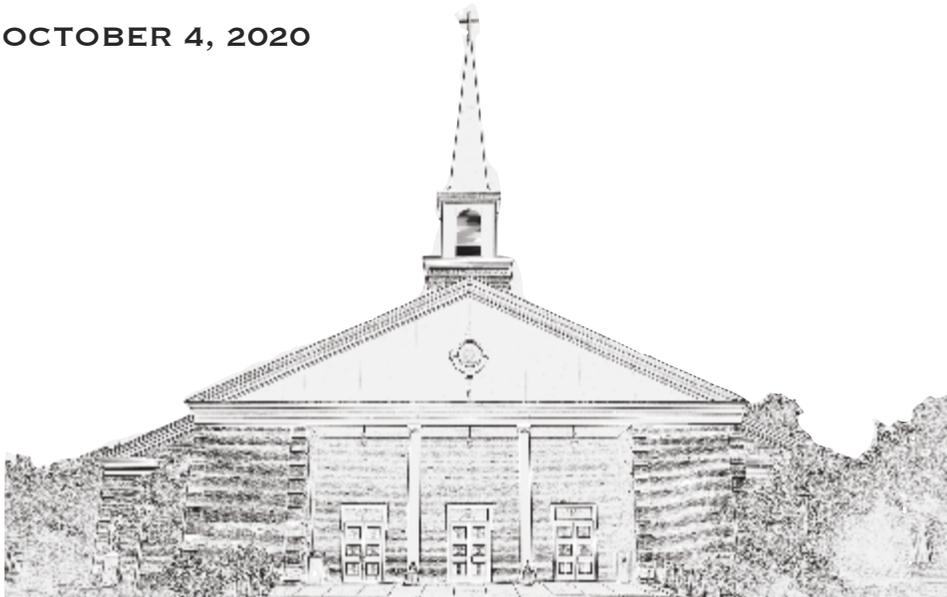
Saturday	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	7:30 a.m.
	9:30 a.m.
	11:30 a.m.
	5:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday	8:00 a.m.
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Parish Office

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*Our Mission: "Growing a welcoming community of disciples through participation
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Please visit SJBDE.org and click on the "Join Our Parish" button to register to become a member of our faith community.

Parishioners, please take a minute to update your information at

wilmington.parishsoftfamilysuite.com.

We appreciate your assistance. **Thank you!**

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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (Confession)

Reconciliation is available on Saturdays from 4 to 4:45 p.m. in the sacristies. Masks are required.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

To schedule a Baptismal Preparation Class please call the Parish Office at (302) 999-0211.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please complete our online Wedding Form at SJBDE.org one year prior to the wedding.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK Anyone seriously ill, or facing surgery, please call a priest to make arrangements.

HOLY DAY MASSES As announced.

DEVOTIONS - MONDAYS

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - suspended until further notice.

Adult Choir - suspended until further notice.

Holy Spirit Prayer Group - suspended until further notice.

First Saturday Devotions with the Blue Army are held monthly beginning with 8 a.m. Mass.

Legion of Mary - suspended until further notice.

Lazarus Ministry helps those who have lost a loved one. [More at SJBDE.org/lazarus-ministry](http://SJBDE.org/lazarus-ministry).

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Are you interested in becoming a member of the Catholic faith, or in learning more about the Church? For information please call the Parish Office.

Sunday Reading Discussion - suspended until further notice.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality meets the first Sunday of the month at 7:30 a.m. Mass to honor our Blessed Mother, (September - June). Please join us after mass to pray the rosary.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES:

All Saints: 737-2524

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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



The Bible is not always about “feeling good.” Today’s readings are not necessarily uplifting and we tend to shy away from these darker chapters by wanting to turn the page. The prophet Isaiah is frank in addressing ancient Israel. Paraphrasing, he states: “Israel, you are God’s chosen people and much is expected from you. God is our friend and created us like a fertile vineyard with planted vines to yield choice grapes.” As the prophecy concludes, this vineyard yielded wild grapes because of Israel’s infidelity and the Lord allowed the vineyard to be overgrown with great disappointment.

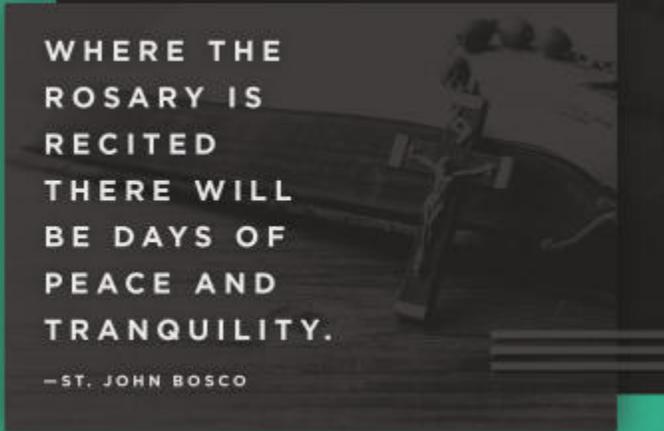
This is **Respect Life Sunday**, and today’s readings are appropriate; opening our eyes to the darker chapters of our society. This year’s theme, *‘Live the Gospel of Life,’* was inspired by the commemoration of the 25th anniversary of Saint Pope John Paul II’s encyclical, *The Gospel of Life*. Pope John Paul masterfully articulated defense of the right to life for children in their mothers’ wombs, the elderly, persons with disabilities, and the marginalized.

More relevant today than ever before, we have to ask ourselves: How are we, the “New Israel” tending the Lord’s vineyard? How are we receptive to God’s Covenant, God’s Law, God’s Incarnate Son, His Church? They are given to us to nurture and sustain life and should be evident in our daily response to one another.

Instead, there is an increasing relativism throughout society that is rejecting God, deafening the Fruits of the Spirit to grow among us. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control (Galatians 5) are overtaken by hate, sadness, turmoil, rage, intolerance, indecency, faithlessness and indulgence. The wild grapes of our times are the effects of infidelity to the Lord. Saint Pope John Paul termed it best: “We have become a Culture of Death.”

Last November, the U.S. bishops reaffirmed that “the threat of abortion remains their preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed.” While they noted not to ‘dismiss or ignore other serious threats to human life and dignity such as racism, the environmental crisis, poverty, and the death penalty,’ the U.S. bishops renewed their commitment to protect the most fundamental of all human rights – the right to live. Pope Francis extols the Church’s firm stand that if we fail to protect life, no other rights matter. Pope Francis also said that abortion is not primarily a Catholic or even a religious issue; it is first and foremost a human rights issue.

The Gospel of Life provides a blueprint for building a fruitful vineyard, a culture of life and civilization of love. The important work of transforming our culture begins by allowing the Gospel of Christ to touch and transform our own hearts and the decisions we make. May we strive to imitate Christ and follow in His footsteps, caring for the most vulnerable among us as we courageously and faithfully cultivate *The Gospel of Life*.



Readings for the week of October 4, 2020

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 [Is 5:7a]/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43
 Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c [5]/Lk 10:25-37
 Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 [24b]/Lk 10:38-42
 Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4
 Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [68]/Lk 11:5-13
 Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [5]/Lk 11:15-26
 Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 11:27-28
 Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/ Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Your gifts make a meaningful difference to St. John The Beloved Parish's ministries and programs. We wish to extend a sincere **THANK YOU** to everyone who financially supports our parish through weekly giving, special collections, one-time gifts, and all of the other avenues of giving (e.g. volunteering your time and talent). Everyone's income and needs are different, and each gift is understood to be a sacrifice given for the greater good. May God Bless your efforts. We appreciate all you do.

Saints and Special Observance
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Respect Life Sunday, World Communion Sunday,
Jewish: Succot, 2nd Day, Saint
Francis of Assisi

7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family
 9:30 a.m. Helen Nesci
 11:30 a.m. Dorothy Moore
 5:00 p.m. Sharon Lupinski

Monday: USA: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

8:00 a.m. Santos Balan
 Rocci Rapposelli

Tuesday: Saint Bruno, Priest, USA: Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher, Virgin

8:00 a.m. Joseph Jaksinski
 William Breslin

Wednesday: Our Lady of the Rosary

8:00 a.m. Donna Chickadel-Campbell
 Francis & Marie Murray

Thursday:

8:00 a.m. Oligerd Musik
 Sira & Peter Fernandes

Friday: St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Matyrs, Saint John Leonardi, Priest

8:00 a.m. John Blyskal
 Helen Bradley

Saturday: Weekday, BVM Jewish: Shemini Atzeret

8:00 a.m. Doris Logue
 Thomas Gildea
 Cletus H. Shanvely
 Chuck Heal
 5:00 p.m. Joseph Cieniewicz

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jewish: Simchat Torah

7:30 a.m. Robert Kanick
 9:30 a.m. Peter J. Mollica
 11:30 a.m. Robert Bors
 5:00 p.m. Mary Frances Herkes

Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish as your gift for the good things God has given you.

Offertory for September 20, 2020	\$ 16,159.56
Building and Maintenance	208.00
Holy Days	120.00
Outreach	368.00
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Total Parish Collections	\$ 17,096.56
St. Vincent DePaul	1,312.00
Diocesan Collections	140.00
Total Collections Thank you!	\$ 18,548.56
August Parish Electronic Giving	\$ 23,556.00

PARISH NEWS



Please remember in your prayers all those who have gone before us and the recently deceased of the St. John the Beloved Parish Community:

- + Deacon James Tormey, Sr.
- + Peter Delikat
- + Joseph M. Fahey, Sr.
- + Beverly Ann Samson
- + Mary Marinelli
- + James Otis Farmer
- + Jean Beattie
- + Francis Brzoska
- + Patricia Sharpe
- + Dora Spriggs Halton

*Eternal rest grant unto them,
 O Lord, and let perpetual light shine
 upon them. May their soul, and the
 souls of all the faithful departed,
 through the mercy of God,
 rest in peace.
 Amen.*

Blessing of Animals: Saint Francis of Assisi is one of the most beloved saints. Although his life attracted people to a radical conversion with Lady Poverty and the Mystery of the Cross, people mainly recall his regard to creation and animals. Normally, October 4th is his feast day when we have the blessing of animals within our parish. Because his feast falls on Sunday and social distancing is required this year, we have videoed the Blessing of Animals on our website. Simply connect with us this week on your computer SJBDE.org and click **Blessing of Animals**.

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY Join us in praying the rosary out front of the SJB Rectory on Saturday, October 10, 2020, at 12 p.m. Masks and social distancing required. Questions call Toni Quindlen 302-235-5640.

Van Needed - St. John the Beloved's Outreach ministry is looking for a mini-van or cargo van to assist in the operation of its ministry. If anyone would like to donate a van, please call 302-999-0211.

Please sign up to assist after Mass. Volunteer by completing the form online at SJBDE.org. Your help is needed and appreciated. Thank you.

Every Outreach donation goes to assist members of our community most in need. Please visit sjbde.org/outreach to learn more and make a difference.

- ___ mac & cheese
- ___ pasta, pasta sauce
- ___ soup, beans, rice,
- ___ canned fruit and vegetables
- ___ peanut butter and jelly
- ___ tuna, canned meats
- ___ breakfast cereal
- ___ shampoo, deodorant
- ___ body wash, bath soap (toiletry items)
- ___ toothpaste and toothbrushes



*If you are able, please prayerfully consider making a donation to Outreach via online giving @ sjbde.org/connect-now-giving, or add to the collection at Mass. Parish Outreach is located at Community of Christ Church 1205 Milltown Rd.

Thank you!



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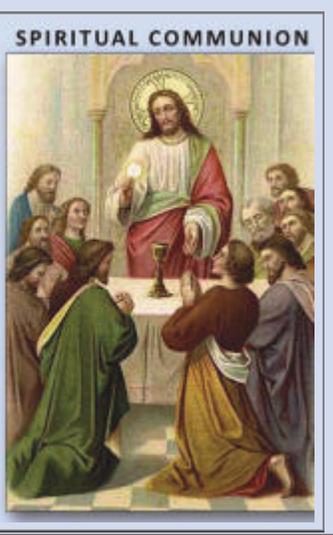
To abide by social distancing, take advantage of the many wonderful spiritual exercises available on television and websites:

- Holy Mass at St. John the Beloved www.youtube.com/channel/SJBDE, Saturday, 3 p.m.
- [EWTN](http://www.ewtn.com) Daily Mass is live-streamed Mon. - Fri. at 8:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.
- CDOW Sunday Mass Live-Stream is at 9:30 a.m. with Bishop Malooly from the Cathedral and is available online anytime at www.Youtube.com/DioceseofWilm.

Make a Spiritual Communion when you listen and participate reverently in Mass online and televised. This is the act of unifying yourself with the Eucharistic Lord.



My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.



INSPIRE

Pray for Vocations: That men and women will be open to the voice of the Lord, asking the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help them recognize and answer His call to serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord. **AMEN**

A misconception among some Catholics is that the priest has an ideal job: he works one day each week, Sunday. They forget that the other six days a week, the priest works long and hard behind the scenes: bringing communion to the sick and elderly, counseling troubled families, visiting school classes, preparing individuals for sacraments. Often the job is frustrating, exhausting and thankless, but always of vital importance. Take some time this week and express appreciation to your priests for the difficult work they do.
Serra for priestly and religious vocations



Marriage Moments: Which of the following qualities is your beloved strongest in - honesty, honor, justice, graciousness...? Be thankful and ask your spouse to pray that you also may grow in this quality.

Parenting Pointers: October is Respect Life Month. Talk to your child about respecting the human lives that are too often dismissed as unworthy or inconvenient (the unborn, the poor, the imprisoned, the handicapped...). **By Susan Vogt**

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On the September 19, episode of **Catholic Forum**, Deb Fols from the Diocese of Wilmington's Development Office will tell us how the Share in the Spirit campaign is helping families afford Catholic schools for their children. *Catholic Forum* is a production of the Office of Communications of the Diocese of Wilmington. Listen each Saturday morning at 11:00 a.m. on Relevant Radio 640 and via podcast at cdow.org/CatholicForum, after it airs.

Bishop's Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass

Due to COVID-19, the Bishop's Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass, scheduled for October 18, 2020, has been **cancelled**. Even though the Mass will not take place, all couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th wedding anniversary, or any anniversary beyond 50th, will be honored with a *certificate*. To be included, please print and complete the form which can be found on our parish website, SJBDE.org.



Birthright's Annual Bottles for Babies Fundraiser "Respect Life month"

These uncertain times are causing anxiety for everyone. The Mother's we serve have faced so many challenges when the world turned upside down. As anxiety grows, the need for our services become even more greater and our office has remained open to serve the needs of our Mommies who come to us. With that being said, **WE WILL BE HOSTING THE BOTTLES FOR BABIES FUNDRAISER!**

Due to the Pandemic, there will be a few ways you can participate, and that is, You can mail your Personal Checks directly to us or you can drop your donation off! Receiving Bottles is still an option, if you want them, as well! The address is:

**Birthright of DE
1311 North Scott Street
Wilmington, DE 19806**

Please be sure to mark the Memo section of your check, with your parish name, for Credit and tax purposes.

We have extended the time frame, so you can return donations to us the whole month of October, November and December due to the Pandemic. Proceeds benefit pregnant women and their babies. And we graciously Thank You!

If you have any questions, Please contact Tinisha at 302-656-7080.

October is Respect Life Month

www.respectlife.org

Marriage – Unique for a Reason

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Register for Marriage at SJBDE

Please join us in congratulating and welcoming the following who are new to our Catholic Faith. Through the RCIA process, each received Sacraments of Initiation, including Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist at our parish Sacraments of Initiation Mass on Sunday, September 13, 2020.

St. John the Beloved Parish is blessed to have their strong witness of faith among us. We pray that they may continue to grow in faith, be encouraged to share their gifts and always feel welcomed by our parish community.

Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist:

Gregory Krolick
Noah Longnecker

Confirmation and First Eucharist

Heidi Artinger Arena
Melissa Colpo
David McMahan
Katie McMahan
Thomas Medico
Nidhi Abraham Varghese
David Pepper

First Eucharist

Gabe Medico
Thomas Medico
Noah Longnecker
Gregory Krolick
Nidhi Abraham Varghese



CELEBRATION OF RECEPTION INTO FULL COMMUNION



Twenty-seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time**Entrance Antiphon**

Within you will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Penitential Act**Gloria in Excelsis**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word**Reading 1 IS 5:1-7**

Let me now sing of my friend,
my friend's song concerning his vineyard.
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.
Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard:
What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I had not done?
Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes,
did it bring forth wild grapes?
Now, I will let you know
what I mean to do with my vineyard:
take away its hedge, give it to grazing,
break through its wall, let it be trampled!
Yes, I will make it a ruin:
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
but overgrown with thorns and briers;
I will command the clouds

not to send rain upon it.
The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah are his cherished plant;
he looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed!
for justice, but hark, the outcry!

Responsorial Psalm PS 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20

R. (Is 5:7a) The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

A vine from Egypt you transplanted;
you drove away the nations and planted it.
It put forth its foliage to the Sea,
its shoots as far as the River.

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.
Why have you broken down its walls,
so that every passer-by plucks its fruit,
The boar from the forest lays it waste,
and the beasts of the field feed upon it?

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.
Once again, O LORD of hosts,
look down from heaven, and see;
take care of this vine,
and protect what your right hand has planted
the son of man whom you yourself made strong.
R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.
Then we will no more withdraw from you;
give us new life, and we will call upon your name.
O LORD, God of hosts, restore us;
if your face shine upon us, then we shall be saved.
R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Reading 2 PHIL 4:6-9

Brothers and sisters:
Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God.
Then the peace of God that surpasses all
understanding
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
Finally, brothers and sisters,
whatever is true, whatever is honorable,
whatever is just, whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious,
if there is any excellence
and if there is anything worthy of praise,
think about these things.
Keep on doing what you have learned and received
and heard and seen in me.
Then the God of peace will be with you.

Alleluia **JN 15:16****R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go and bear fruit that will remain.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.**Gospel** **MT 21:33-43**

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people:

"Hear another parable.

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.

When vintage time drew near,

he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce.

But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat,

another they killed, and a third they stoned.

Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones,

but they treated them in the same way.

Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking,

'They will respect my son.'

But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another,

'This is the heir.

Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.'

They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?"

They answered him,

"He will put those wretched men to a wretched death

and lease his vineyard to other tenants

who will give him the produce at the proper times."

Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures:

The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

by the Lord has this been done,

and it is wonderful in our eyes?

Therefore, I say to you,

the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

Homily**Profession of Faith****The Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God,

the Father almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the Only Begotten Son of God,

born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made, consubstantial with the

Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin

Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried,

and rose again on the third day

in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory

to judge the living and the dead

and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of

life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is adored and

glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic

Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness

of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the

dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist**Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts****Prayer over the offerings****The Eucharistic Prayer**

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and

earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation**Communion Rite****The Lord's Prayer****Communion****The Concluding Rites****Final Blessing and Dismissal**

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