

October 8, 2023

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary



CHOOSE LIFE

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.

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Fruit of the Second Vatican Council: The Synod

October 11 is the anniversary date of the opening of the Second Vatican Council and the feast day of Pope St. John XXIII. One of the fruits of Vatican II appeared immediately after the Council, in Pope St. Paul VI’s establishment of the Synod of Bishops as a way to keep alive the experience of the Second Vatican Council. “Synod” (pronounced “SIN-id”) is a word based on Greek roots meaning “coming together.” Paul VI instituted the Synod of Bishops as a way of consulting with the bishops of the world on important matters. Since 1965 the Synod has been gathered by popes eighteen times.

Pope Francis has expressed a special interest in developing this idea of consultation as a model for the Church. “A synodal Church is a Church which listens,” he has said. He has engaged the Synod of Bishops in these conversations, broadened and deepened the consultation that takes place in their deliberations, and given added weight to the documents they produce. Now, in preparation for the 2023 “Synod on Synodality,” Pope Francis solicited input from all the dioceses around the world well before the bishops met to address the question about how to make the Church more synodal—more collaborative—in the long term: How can we become a Church that “walks together”? You should have received an invitation from your bishop and pastor to participate over a year ago. This autumn, it will be fascinating to see the outcome of all this input from around the world. Be sure to watch for it!

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TRUE WEALTH

Measure wealth not by the things you have, but by the things you have for which you would not take money.

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TODAY’S READINGS

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

Psalm — O Lord, protect what you have planted (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — God’s peace will guard your hearts and minds (Philippians 4:6-9).

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
 Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
 Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
 Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13
 Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26
 Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28
 Sunday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Denis and Companions; St. John Leonardi; Columbus Day; Indigenous People’s Day; Canadian Thanksgiving Day
 Wednesday: Saint John XXIII
 Saturday: St. Callistus I; Blessed Virgin Mary

Take my hand and walk along with me, not ahead of me; otherwise I may not follow you.

**The office will be closed Oct 9th
Columbus Day**

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

The Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary

(Recited as part of the Rosary on Monday and Saturday)

1. The Annunciation
2. The Visitation
3. The Nativity
4. The Presentation of the Lord
5. The Finding of Jesus in the Temple

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OCT 1ST
 LECTOR MARK
 SERVERS LESLIE & MARINA
 COUNTER TOM & BEVERLY
 Oct 8TH
 LECTOR JANE/T/MARINA
 SERVER CARLOS & MAX
 COUNTER MARY & ANN F
 Oct15th
 LECTOR PEGGY
 SERVERS JESUS & LESLIE
 COUNTER TOM & BEVERLY
 Oct 22nd
 LECTOR JEFF
 SERVER CARLOS & MAX
 COUNTER MARY & ANN F
 Oct 29th
 LECTOR MARY
 SERVERS MARINA & JESUS
 COUNTER TOM & BEVERLY

**Oct 1st 2023
Sunday collection
\$972..00
B&M
\$530.00**