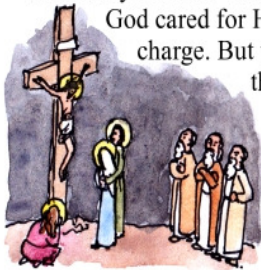


# Tenants of the Vineyard

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the parable of the vineyard that was leased out to tenants. When the owner's servants came to collect the pay, the tenants beat them. When the owner sent his son, they killed the son because they thought they would be able to take the vineyard if the son was dead.



This story is about God's people. For hundreds of years God cared for His people, leaving leaders in charge. But when He sent His Son Jesus, the leaders did not respect Him.



In fact, they killed Him on the cross! God's people were like the vineyard and the leaders were like the tenants who killed the son.

In a way your life is like a vineyard too. God has given it to you and cared for you all your life. When God wants you to do something for Him, you have the choice of doing what He asks or being like the bad tenants and refusing. Whenever we don't do what is right, we are offending Jesus. But you don't want to be like those bad tenants, do you? Make sure that everything you do is for God!



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### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Baptisms are usually celebrated on the fourth Sunday of every month. Please contact the Parish Office at least **6 weeks** before the date.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Couples must contact the Parish Office to arrange at least **6 months** before the desired date.

### MASS INTENTIONS:

Intentions must be booked at least by the Wednesday, one week before the desired date.

## Synod Prayer

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts.

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen

### PRAYER DURING THE HURRICANE SEASON

O Lord, our God and Father, who gives rain and sunshine to your children, we ask you in this rainy season to uphold us and provide for our needs.

You try our patience and test our faith and reliance on you; forgive our sin of ingratitude. So often have we forgotten to thank you for your goodness and acts of mercy. Teach us to look up to you each day, appreciative of rain and sunshine, as you, in your wisdom, through any kind of weather do feed us all.

In your mercy, protect us against hurricanes and tropical storms. Pour out your blessings upon our nation and our people, and make us grateful for the weather we receive from your bountiful hand.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



### *Bearing Fruits of Righteousness.*

In today's Gospel, Jesus returns to the Old Testament symbol of the vineyard to teach about Israel, the Church, and the kingdom of God. The symbolism of the First Reading and Psalm is readily understood. God is the owner and the house of Israel is the vineyard.

A cherished vine, Israel was plucked from Egypt and transplanted in a fertile land specially spaded and prepared by God, hedged about by the city walls of Jerusalem, watched over by the towering Temple. But the vineyard produced no good grapes for the wine, a symbol for the holy lives God wanted for His people. So God allowed His vineyard to be overrun by foreign invaders, as Isaiah foresees in the First Reading.

Jesus picks up the story where Isaiah leaves off, even using Isaiah's words to describe the vineyard's wine press, hedge, and watchtower. Israel's religious leaders, the tenants in His parable, have learned nothing from Isaiah or Israel's past. Instead of producing good fruits, they've killed the owner's servants, the prophets sent to gather the harvest of faithful souls. In a dark foreshadowing of His own crucifixion outside Jerusalem, Jesus says the tenants' final outrage will be to seize the owner's son and to kill him outside the vineyard walls. For this, the vineyard, which Jesus calls the kingdom of God, will be taken away and given to new tenants, the leaders of the Church, who will produce its fruit.

We are each a vine in the Lord's vineyard, grafted onto the true vine of Christ, called to bear fruits of the righteousness in Him and to be the "first fruits" of a new creation. We need to take care that we don't let ourselves be overgrown with the thorns and briars of worldly anxiety. As the Epistle advises, we need to fill our hearts and minds with noble intentions and virtuous deeds, rejoicing always that the Lord is near.

(excerpt: stpaulcentre.com)

### SUNDAY READINGS

#### First Reading

Is.5:1-7

#### Second Reading

Phil.4:6-9

#### Gospel

Mt.21:33-43

### MASS TIMES

#### Gros Islet

Morning Prayers:  
Mon -Fri  
5:45 a.m.



#### MONDAY

6:00 a. m./12:30 p.m.



#### TUESDAY

6:00 a.m.



#### WEDNESDAY

6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.  
**G/Riviere:** 6:00 p.m.



#### THURSDAY

6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.  
**Monchy:** 6:00 p.m.



#### FRIDAY

6:00 a. m./12:30 p.m.



#### SATURDAY

6:30 a.m./6:00 p. m.



#### SUNDAY

**Gros Islet/G. Riviere**  
7:30 a.m.

**Gros Islet/Monchy**  
10:00 a.m.



**HOLIDAY**  
Variable



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### CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday  
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.  
&  
by appointment

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## October, the month of the Most Holy Rosary.

To understand this feast, we need to go back in time. In the 16th century, the Islamic Ottoman Empire presented a serious military threat to Western Europe. Pope Pius V recognized the grave danger and organized a fleet called the Holy League to confront the navy of the Ottoman Turks sent to attack Europe. On October 7, 1571, the two navies engaged in a battle to determine who would control maritime traffic in the Mediterranean, Adriatic and Aegean seas. The fate of Western Europe depended upon the success of the Holy League in this battle which involved more than 400 warships, the largest naval battle in Western history for centuries.

Pius V knew that more than military strength was needed to defend Christian Europe, so he asked that all the faithful pray the rosary requesting the intercession of the Blessed Mother. At the end of the Battle of Lepanto, the Holy League was victorious and the maritime expansion of the Ottoman Empire was permanently halted. The next year, Pius V established a feast, on October 7, in honor of the Blessed Mother. Originally called Our Lady of Victory, the name of the feast was changed to Our Lady of the Rosary after a few centuries to more clearly recognize that prayer was the greatest power at work that day on the seas.

In 1571, the rosary was still a relatively new prayer form for the universal church. Pope Pius V had issued a decree formally establishing the devotion to the rosary just two years before. The Holy Father's universal promulgation recognized the growing devotion to the Blessed Mother throughout Europe, as well as the increased praying of the rosary in various locations.

The structure of the rosary as we know it today developed between the 12th and the 14th centuries as the larger collection of 150 prayers was further divided into groups of 50 and separated by biblical verses or themes, now referred to as mysteries. It is these mysteries, like a grouping of roses in a garden, that gave the name *rosary* to this prayer form.

The rosary is a living prayer form and continues to develop even in recent times. The invocation known as the Fatima Prayer was added in the early 20th century. In 2002 Pope John Paul II added a new set of five reflections called the Luminous Mysteries which encourage additional meditations on the life of Jesus.

The rosary is an invitation to experience the grace of Mary's spiritual motherhood as she leads us to her Son, Jesus. For this reason, it has been an invaluable source of countless spiritual graces for the saints. The wealth of spiritual graces offered through the rosary comes from the imitation of Christ through obedience to the Father's will, according to the example of the Blessed Mother. Maybe October would be a good month to turn off the radio or podcast as you commute to work or school, and pray the rosary instead. See what graces the Lord wants to pour into your life from the rose garden of this prayer.

(excerpt: nw.catholic.org)

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

#### THE SICK

Patsy Crafton  
Iris Macauldy  
Martha Mason  
Theresa Huntley

#### DECEASED

Marie Altenor  
Patrick Charles  
Martin Aurelien  
Anthony Cigobin  
Septimus George  
Anne Marie Clovis  
Jean Baptiste Eleodore

### WEEKDAY READINGS



#### **MONDAY**

Jon.1:1-2;1:11  
Lk.10:25-37



#### **TUESDAY**

Jon.3:1-10  
Lk.10:38-42



#### **WEDNESDAY**

Jon.4:1-11  
Lk.11:1-4



#### **THURSDAY**

Mal.3:13-20  
Lk.11:5-13



#### **FRIDAY**

Jl.1:13-15;2:1-2  
Lk.11:15-26



#### **SATURDAY**

Jl.4:12-21  
Lk.11:27-28



### MASS INTENTIONS

#### GROS ISLET

#### CLERGY/RELIGIOUS

#### INTENTIONS

### 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Sat Oct 7 - 6:00 p.m.

Restore us, O God  
Almighty; make  
your face shine  
upon us, that we  
may be saved.

**Guid:** Augusta Toussaint  
**Int:** Dionysia Sealy-Compton  
**B'day:** Nicholas St. John, Kaleia George

Sun Oct 8 - 7:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

#### MISSA PRO POPULO

**Thks:** Celia Cox  
**B'day:** Kate Haywood  
**Int:** All elderly, sick & shut -ins

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

#### Eucharistic Service

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

- Psalm 80:7 -

#### Eucharistic Service

### WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Oct 9 - 7:00 a.m.

Fr. Cezar Herrera  
Rev. Andrew Edward  
Sr. Ramona George

**Dc'd:** Felicite Cox

12:30 p.m.

**B'day:** Hester Parker  
**Thks:** Stennett Bent & family

Tue Oct 10 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Barnabas Iorgilim  
Sr. Benedicta Chanda  
Sr. Petronilla Banda

**Thks:** Althea & Ellen Regis  
**B'day:** Chiara Edward, Evelyn Edward

Wed Oct 11 - 6:00 a.m.

Sr. Scholastica Felician

**Dc'd:** Thalmise Jn. Paul

Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

#### Parishioners

Thu Oct 12- 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Festus Iwuagwu  
Rev. Wilfred Harris  
Rev. Marcellus Serieux

**B'day:** David Popo  
Gerald Sidoine, Mary Edwin

12:30 p.m.

**Dc'd:** Joseph Cox

Fri Oct 13 - 6:00 a.m.

Rev. Vincent Norbert  
Rev. Anthony Pierre  
Rev. Madison Stanislaus

**B'day:** Vimlawatti St. Hill  
Sarah Monplaisir, Shana Marius

12:30 p.m.

**Dc'd:** Kevin Haywood, Harris Cleary

Sat Oct 14- 6:30 a.m.

*BVM  
Mass at the Shrine*

Msgr. Justin Barthelmy  
Sr. Mary Dungdung  
Sr. Mercy Masaka

**Dc'd:** Owen Barnard  
James & Paulina Prudent