

Sunday, Oct.8, 2023

The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 1) Isaiah 5:1-7
- 2) Philippians 4:6-9
- 3) Matthew 21:33-43

FOCUS: If we remain in Christ, we will bear fruit.

Both the first reading and the Gospel describe the people of Israel as a vineyard. God has given them everything they need, sending prophets and even his own Son. Yet the vines have yielded wild grapes, and the prophets and the Son have been killed. The kingdom of God will be taken away from those who reject Christ and given instead to believers in Christ, who will produce its fruit.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah sings of the vineyard that yielded wild grapes. Paul writes to the Philippians that they will have peace from God if they make their requests known to him and think about things that are worthy of praise. Jesus tells a parable about a vineyard whose tenants killed the landowners' servants and son. He tells the chief priests and elders that the kingdom of God will be taken from them and given to a people that will produce its fruit.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Let us lift up our voices and make our requests known to God.

- 1) That the evangelizing work of the Church may bear fruit for the glory of God, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) That all people may have their hearts opened to the word of God spoken by his messengers, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) That all who suffer from anxiety may find comfort and peace in Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) That all of us gathered here may be strengthened by our communion in Christ, the true vine, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) That all who have died may be at peace in God's heavenly kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: God of peace, we ask that you look with favor upon the petitions we offer, through Jesus Christ our Lord.