

**October 4<sup>th</sup> 2026 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time – Year A Matthew 21:33-43**

<sup>21-33</sup>“Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. <sup>34</sup>When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit. <sup>35</sup>“The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. <sup>36</sup>Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. <sup>37</sup>Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said. <sup>38</sup>“But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup>So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. <sup>40</sup>“Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” <sup>41</sup>“He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.” <sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes’? <sup>43</sup>“Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.

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| <p>➤ <b>Read and re-read</b> – out loud and slowly the Gospel.</p> <p>➤ <b>Meditate</b> - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life.</p> | <p>➤ <b>Pray</b> - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition.</p> <p>➤ <b>Action</b> – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do).</p> |
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This week’s gospel is first of all the story of the landowner deeply aggrieved at the conduct of his tenants. The land owner represents us when we give our all as parents, teachers, church and community leaders. The landowner also represents God so that we are invited to enter into God's feelings when we see how we humans treat His precious sons and daughters and our beautiful nature. We can see that at the root anger in the tenants is that they want to own the vineyard. This parable tells us of the destructive effects of greed - doing violence to the rights of others.

What attitude towards possessions has helped you to be at peace in yourself and at peace with others?

**Prayer:**

**Thank You Lord** for those who have loved us without being possessive. When the time came for us to go, often to far away lands, they let us go with peace and calm in their heart.

**Forgive us Lord** for looking on our wealth or the wealth of our country as our own, to do with as we like.

**Help us Lord** to put into practice what we received from you, both in words and actions. Let your peace be with us and help us to be aware of the loving God present in our everyday experience.