

# Getting Ready for Sunday!





## **Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Jesus speaks to us through the medium of a parable again.**

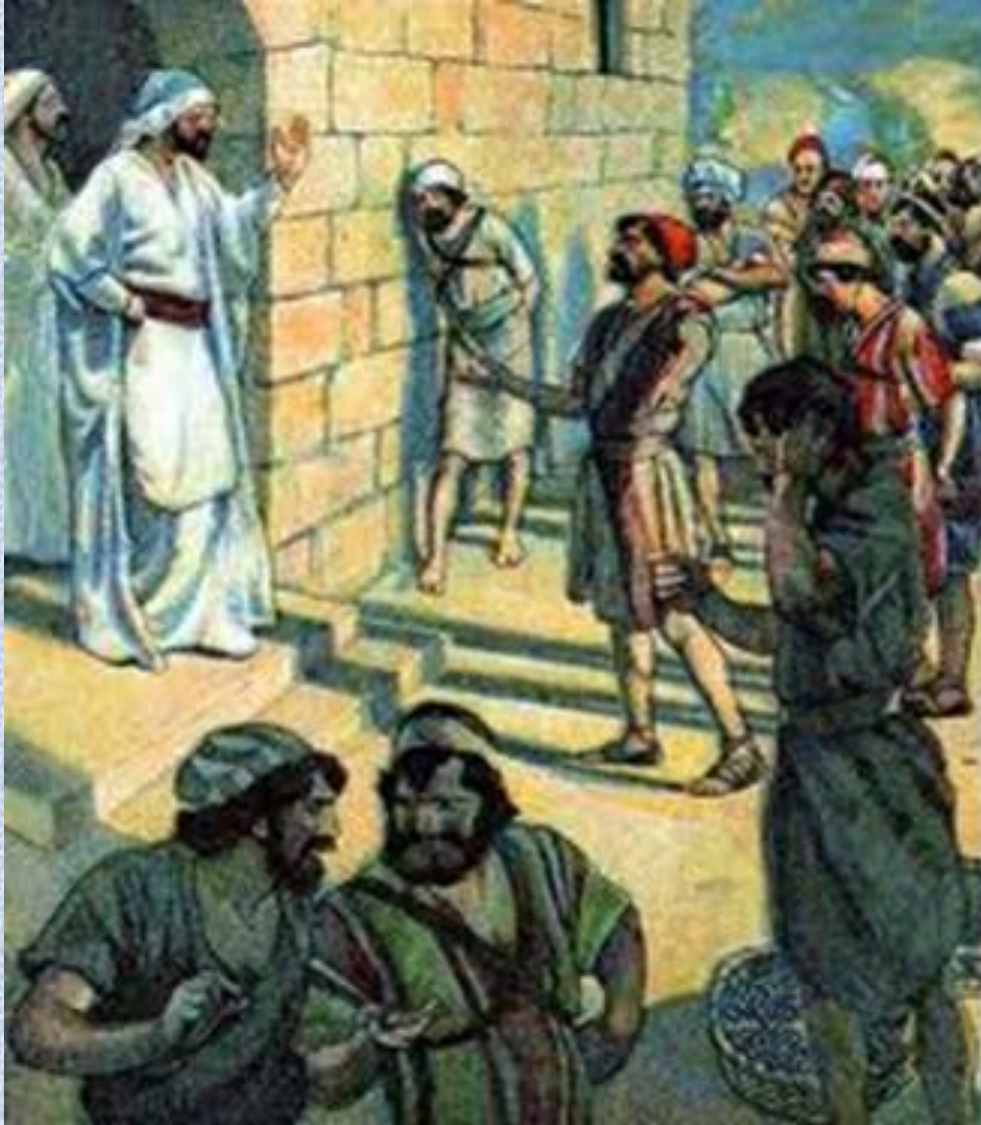
**Jesus was speaking to the chief priest and elders who were refusing to accept His teachings.**

**They were missing out on knowing God and growing in friendship with God through Jesus.**

**This Gospel passage challenges us to open our eyes to see God at work in our lives and world and to accept the many gifts that are offered to us each day.**



# Matthew 21:33-34



***The Parable of the Wicked Tenants***



**Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower.**



**Consider**

**God our Father  
watches over the  
Kingdom.**

**Each one who dwells  
in the kingdom has a  
great purpose and the  
gifts and talents to  
live this purpose.**



**Then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third.**



**Consider**

**God our Father shares  
the Kingdom with  
each person.  
Each one is equal and  
precious in God's  
eyes.**

**However, we don't  
always treat one  
another as precious  
and equal to us.**



Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. **“They will respect my son”** he said.



**Consider**  
*God our Father sent Jesus  
among us. How was He  
treated?*

**Consider**  
Jesus is present with us in  
every person we meet – in  
every created person!  
How do we treat Jesus  
today?

But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, “This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance.”



So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered: **He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.**



**Consider**  
How can you act in justice  
today?

**Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?**



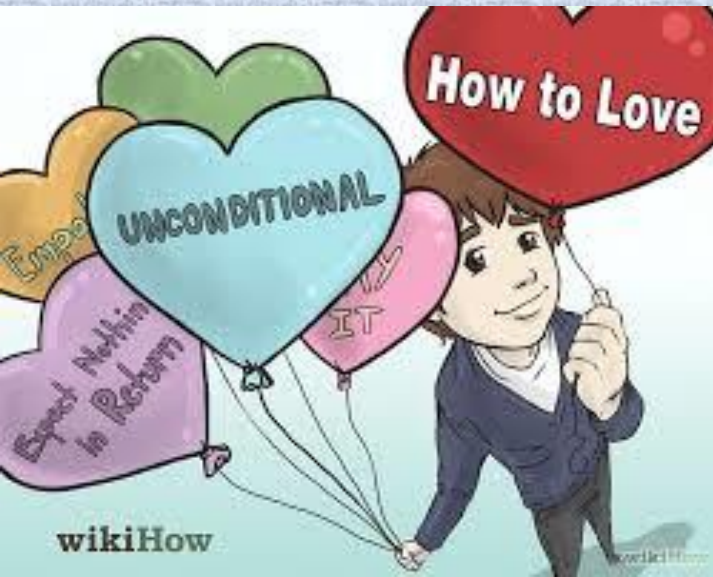


***I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.***



**Consider**

**The kingdom of God belongs to those who follow the loving example of Jesus.**





# Bible Search

Read **Matthew 21:33-43** in your family Bible-this is the Gospel reading at Mass this Sunday.





# Consider



**Do you play your part in the kingdom by sharing your gifts and faith with others?**



# Praying to Jesus



**Pray for the grace to be aware  
of God's presence with you.**

**Ask God to guide you to live in  
justice.**

