

Getting Ready for Sunday!



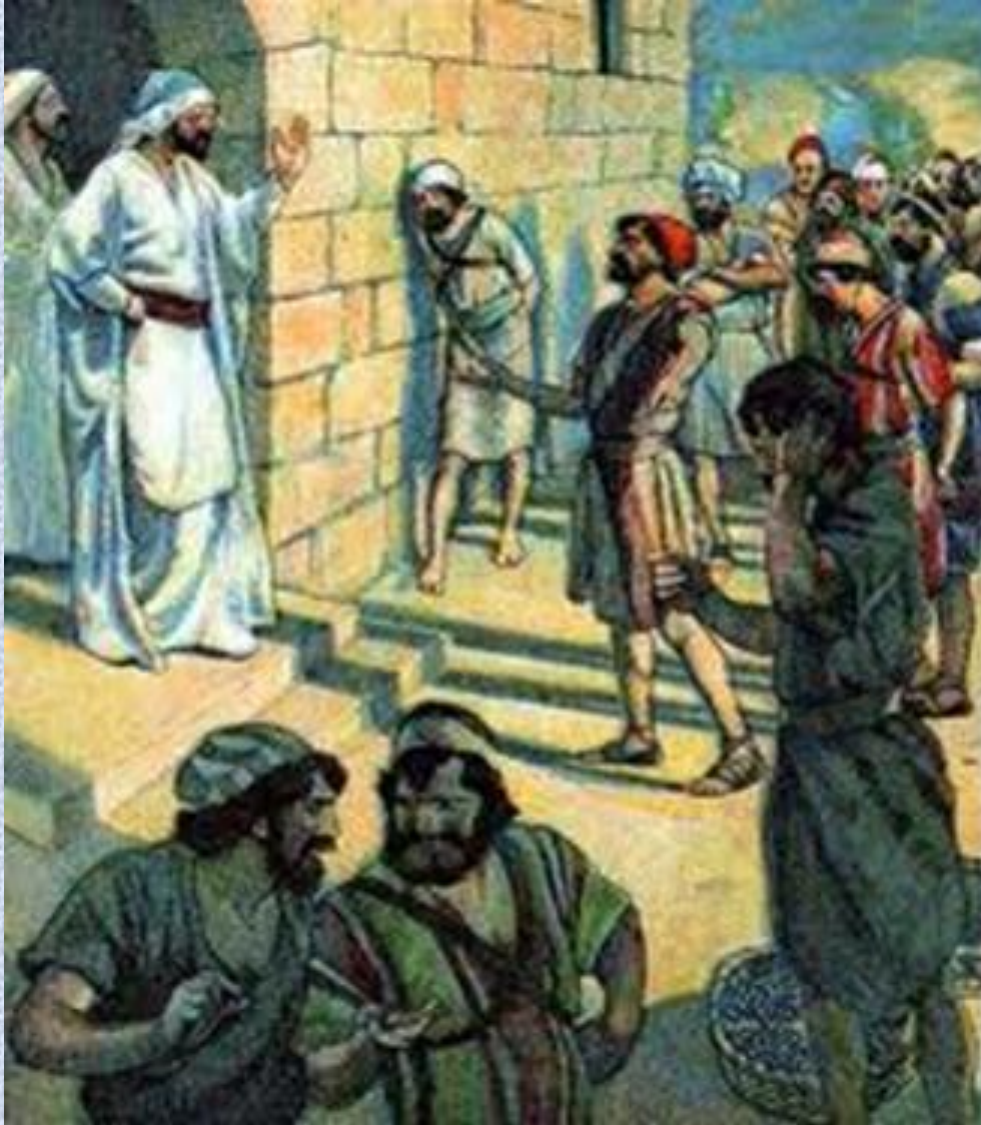
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower.



**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 to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.



**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.**

Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, *They will respect my son.*

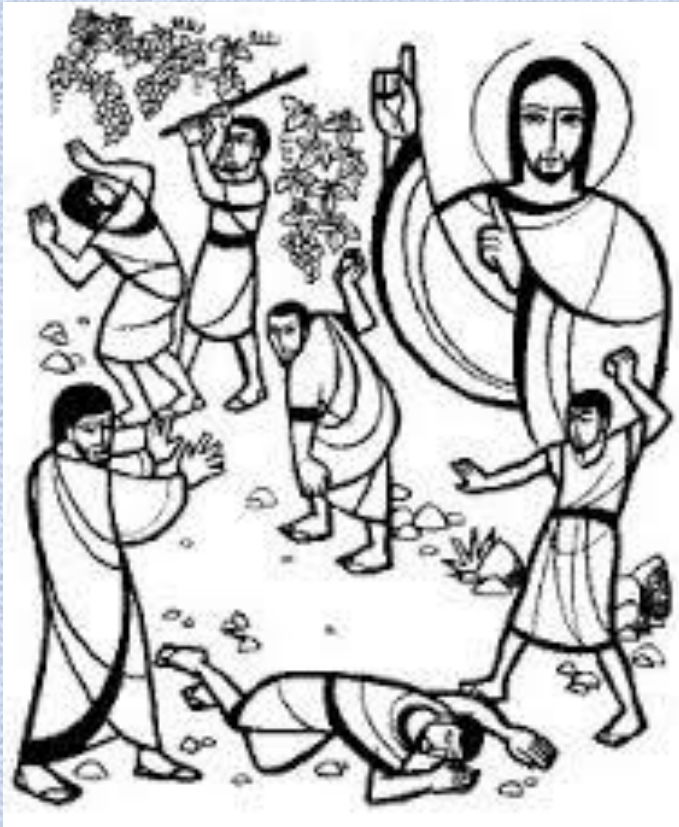


*God our Father sent Jesus
among us. How was He
treated?*

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 themselves: *This is the heir;
come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.*

So they seized him, 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 said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'



How can you act in justice today?

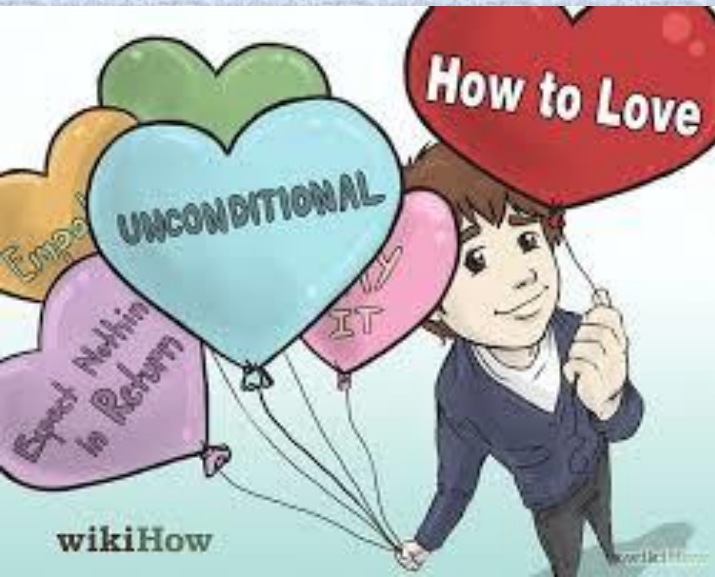
Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes”?’



Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.



**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.**

