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WELCOME!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

TUESDAY - FRIDAY

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

12:30 pm (Vietnamese for Youth)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30 pm Adoration
6:00 pm Mass

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 pm - 4:50 pm
Sunday 8:00 am - 8:20 am
Tuesday - Friday 5:30 pm - 5:50 pm

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Parish Staff: Ext. 2
Administrative Support: Ext. 3

Please leave a message if no one answers and your call will be returned.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP (SEPT. 30TH & OCT 1ST)

Donation	\$4,918.00
Donation Online	\$1,230.00
Maintenance Fund	\$30.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Total Donation	\$6,178.00

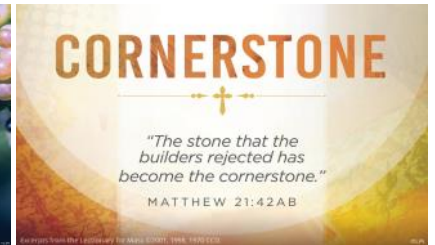
World Mission Sunday (10/14-10/15)

Mission Sunday is celebrated the world over. Remembering that we are baptized and sent as a Universal Church, this collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith ensures the work and service of the Mission Church, as it supports mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who are Christ's witnesses to the most vulnerable communities.



If we were unable to attend a Parish input session, please submit online in English, Spanish or Vietnamese: archseattle.org/partners

Last day to submit your feedback is Saturday, October 14th!



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Gift that Gives Back

It never ceases to amaze me how often I fall into the trap and end up grumbling about the greatest gifts in my life. A husband, children, a life that is full almost to bursting: these are things for which I once begged God. These are the jewels in the crown of my life.

Oh, but the children need care. Constant care. And a husband — a real flesh-and-blood creation of God, entrusted to me by God, to help me be holy and relying on me for holiness in turn — well, that relationship is a lot of work, isn't it? And a "full life" — I laugh to think of it, and then I blush with shame, because I admit sometimes, I do yearn for a life that is a little less ... full. A full life can leave you awfully tired at the end of the day.

I would imagine it's the same for everyone, no matter your life circumstances or vocation. Your greatest blessings are also those things that require much of you, more than you imagined you would ever be asked to give. The biggest jewels make the crown heavy.

But if we had any of these gifts without the effort it takes to maintain them, would they be half as sweet?

In this same way, the work of the vineyard is opened to us through baptism; we are given the chance to produce fruit for the kingdom. It's a chance we never dared to dream would be given to us.

It's a gift. But just like with any gift worth having, it requires effort. Upkeep. Work.

It requires that we give in return. And it's the giving that somehow, mystically, transforms us. It's the giving that turns into the gift itself.

"...the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." — Matthew 21:43

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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Homily by Father Joseph Vu

God Is Good, Patient, and Merciful

God is reminding us today that all good things in life have come from him.

- Many people often get angry at God and ask why he allows bad things to happen.
- Fewer people are humble and honest enough to ask themselves a much more important question:
- Why do good things happen, why is there any good in the world at all, where did it come from?
- We should think more about the answers to those questions.

Today's Readings paint the picture of a vineyard, or a garden.

- Gardens are environments carefully created by gardeners in order to enable plants to be healthy and reach maturity, bearing abundant fruit.
- God sees our souls as gardens of virtue.
- Just as God supplied the vineyard with air, sunlight, water, soil, the wall to protect it, and the tower to guard it,
- so he supplies each one of us with life, talents, opportunities, family, sacraments, faith, knowledge, conscience, and the guidance of the Church.

- There is no good thing we can think of that doesn't owe its origin and existence to God.

One of the very best things that God gives us is his mercy, his patience.

- Today's Readings show how many chances God gives his tenants to do the right thing, to fulfill their duties, to do what they were put there to do.
 - When they don't do what's right, God sends three different messengers, including his own son.
 - In justice, however, he didn't have to send any.
 - He could have evicted those selfish stewards right away.
 - But God is patient with our sin and selfishness.
 - He keeps giving us more and more chances, many more than we deserve.
 - He never gives up on us, even though sometimes we give up on ourselves.
- God's boundless mercy is the best evidence of his immense goodness.

The Secret to Experiencing God's Mercy

St Paul powerfully experienced this limitlessness of God's goodness and mercy.

And he describes in today's Second Reading the results of this experience for his own soul.

He calls it "the peace of God that surpasses all understanding," a peace that keeps all anxiety at bay and "guards our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

- All of us are thirsty for that kind of interior peace.
- The circumstances of life on earth tend always to be turbulent and stormy, in one way or another, but in our hearts we long for depth, peace, and stability.
- The experience of God's boundless mercy and goodness can give that to us, because we suddenly realize that we don't have to earn God's love, the way we have to earn other people's love - we already have it, in abundance!

And Jesus himself told us the secret to having that experience.

- He said: "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."
- If we show mercy to others, our hearts mysteriously open up, and God's mercy, which he is always showering down upon us, can get in and clean things out, like a refreshing spring rain.
- But if we don't show mercy to others, it's like we put an umbrella over our own hearts and God's transforming mercy just glides right off.
- And mercy isn't about forgiving others because they deserve to be forgiven.
- On the contrary, mercy is forgiving precisely when they don't deserve it, because that's how God forgives us.

Who in our life has offended us and doesn't deserve to be forgiven?

During this Holy Mass, let's ask God to give us the grace to forgive them,

- to show mercy and goodness to them,
- to take the initiative in rebuilding the relationship,
- so that God's mercy and goodness will finally get free rein in us, filling us with his "peace that surpasses all understanding."

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I had not done?
Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes,
did it bring forth wild grapes? (Is 5:4)

Psalm:

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel. (Is 5:7a)

Second Reading:

Keep on doing what you have learned and received
and heard and seen in me.
Then the God of peace will be with you. (Phil 4:9)

Gospel:

"What will the owner of the vineyard do to those
tenants when he comes?"
They answered him,
"He will put those wretched men to a wretched
death
and lease his vineyard to other tenants." (Mt 21:41)

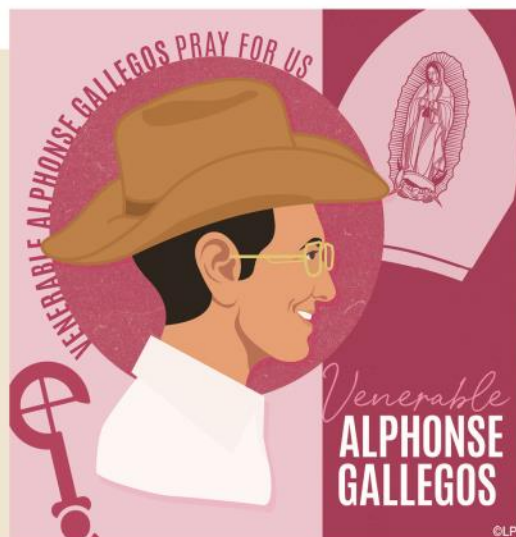
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God's kingdom is open to anyone who will
produce its fruit. He offers it to every single one
of us. We must be ready to bring forward the
goodness of God into each and every day.

Observances for the week of October 8, 2023

- Sunday:** 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** Columbus Day; St. Denis, Bishop, and
Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi,
Priest
- Wednesday:** St. John XXIII, Pope
- Saturday:** St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Venerable Bishop Alphonse Gallegos was the auxiliary bishop of Sacramento, California, in the 1980s. He'd often serve those in need wearing a cheap sombrero and simple t-shirt to fit in. His kindness caused his community to affectionately name him Bishop of the Barrios.

Prayer

God our Father, In Bishop Alphonse Gallegos, O.A.R., You gave light to Your faithful people. You made him a pastor of the Church to feed Your sheep with his words and to teach them by example. We pray that his life of holiness and service to the People of God be acknowledged and that this loyal son of Our Lady of Guadalupe be counted among the saints of Your Kingdom.

We ask this blessing through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

(Prayer Source: www.augustinianrecollects.org)