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*Give thanks to the Lord for
His many Blessings
On Thanksgiving*

Sunday Reflection.....

Jesus tells the parable about the wicked tenants
(*Matthew 21:33-43*).



Today's Gospel follows directly after [last Sunday's Gospel](#) in which Jesus was questioned by Jewish religious leaders about the source of his teaching authority. After refusing to answer their questions, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons and then criticizes the priests and elders for their lack of belief in John the Baptist.

In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son.

After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent.

In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question.

Today's Gospel has a parallel in [Mark 12:1-12](#). There are some notable differences, however. In Matthew's version, the religious leaders condemn themselves; in Mark's Gospel, Jesus answers his own question. Matthew names the religious leaders as Pharisees and chief priests. Clearly this Gospel shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who thought that his message was dangerous. Matthew's Gospel was written about 70 years after Jesus' death and reflects the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian community for whom Matthew was writing. Many biblical scholars believe that the tension between Matthew's community and their Jewish neighbors can also be heard in today's reading.

This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



October 9th-15th, 2023

Monday, October 9th

No Mass

Tuesday, October 10th

7:00pm—Pro Populo

Wednesday, October 11th

(Multiple Intentions)

7:00pm—Zenaida Viray Fulgencio

Maria Lourdes Aitchison

Thursday, October 12th

7:00pm—Gavino Fronda

Friday, October 13th

7:00pm—Pro Populo

Saturday, October 14th

5:00pm—Pro Populo

Sunday, October 15th

10:00am—Community of Our Lady of the Assumption

12:00Noon—Mary Monette

5:00pm (Tagalog)—Pro Populo

7:00pm —Pro Populo



Let us pray!

For those who are sick members of our parish and those who love and minister to them.



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Offertory Collection

Sunday Collection—\$9, 275.00

2nd Collection—(Healing and Reconciliation)
\$1,022.00

Thank you for your generous hearts!

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS
FACE TO FACE SESSIONS in the Parish Hall**



**First Reconciliation/First
Communion**

Saturday, October 21st, 2023 at
10:00am-12:00Noon



Sacrament of Confirmation

Saturday, October 21st, 2023
at 2:00pm-4:00pm in the Parish Hall

*We are still accepting the registrations
for First Communion and Confirmation
until November 15th, 2023*

*For information, please call the parish
office at 416-787-4547*



ROSARY — MONTH OF OCTOBER

The Rosary is such an important tool for prayer in our lives that the entire month of October has been dedicated to the Rosary. The liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated every year on October 7th.

It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful. In the month of October, let us consider this beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a means that we too can use in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation.

The Family That Prays Together, Stays Together!

**World Mission Sunday Special Collection
October 22**

Since 1922, the Pontifical Missions Societies through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith has supported the temporal needs of missions as well as created awareness of the work of the missions throughout the world. Some examples of projects include: building churches, pastoral centres, cathedrals damaged by tsunamis and earthquakes, religious houses of formation, homes for the clergy, formation programs for lay missionaries, radio and television production, audio-visual materials for remote mission areas as well as support of pastoral work in various rural dioceses. For more information, please visit the Society for the Propagation of the Faith: www.missionsocieties.ca



**PARISH HEAD
COUNT**

Will be held at all weekend masses at OLA the weekends of **October 14/15 and October 22/23**. The purpose of this count is to provide an accurate profile of Mass attendance in the Archdiocese.

**COFFE SUNDAY October 15,
after the 10am Mass!!!**



Children Liturgy of the Word

The parish is planning to have Children Liturgy on Sundays at 12:00 Noon Mass. We are looking for volunteers to facilitate the program. Must be a practicing Catholic and one that knows the faith. If you are interested in participating in this catechetical ministry, please contact the parish office or talk to Fr. Lorenzo at 416-787-4547 ext. 210.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!



Catholic boys and girls who are in the 3rd grade and above are eligible. Our parish needs young people to serve the Holy Mass who are: serious about their faith + reliable + trustworthy + able to work with others. If interested, please contact the parish office at 416-787-4547.



PARISH REGISTRATION

If you are new to Our Lady of the Assumption Parish and AFCM and you will be staying to worship with us, please fill out a registration form located at the foyer or on the parish website. If your children attend OLA School, you are not automatically registered in the parish. Also, if you are recently married or an adult no longer living with your parents, we kindly ask that you also register as member of the parish.



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