

He Who is not With Me is Against Me

When our Lord spoke in parables, He often used allegory familiar to His listeners. In today's Gospel reading, the vineyard represents Israel; the vineyard owner represents God; and, the managers (the tenants) of the vineyard represent the political and religious leaders of the time. Just as the responsibility of the vineyard managers was to produce a profit for the vineyard owner, so was it the responsibility of the religious leaders in the time of Jesus to bring God's people to fruitfulness in knowing, loving and serving God. But, they failed in this, just as the vineyard managers in the parable failed to bring a profit to the vineyard owner.

In response to this, the vineyard owner sent his servants to the vineyard, just as God sent the prophets into the world. However, like

the prophets, the servants in the parable were rejected, mistreated, ignored, even killed. Finally, the vineyard owner sent his son to reason with the managers, but they killed him out of jealousy. Jesus, too, was rejected and ultimately crucified at the hands of devious and jealous men.

Are we, at times, like the managers of the vineyard who rejected the Son? How often do we knowingly distance ourselves from God and His commandments? There is a pride in the human heart that urges us to take control of our own lives even if it means disobedience to all that we know to be right and true. Our Lord tells us that "he who is not for Me is against Me." (Matthew 12:30) When we act in such a way we really are no different from the tenant farmers in the parable.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Tenant Farmers (Matthew 21:33-42)

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Sunday – September 4, 2022

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All Services will be Live Streamed at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM

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OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FOR LITURGIES

Sunday September 4 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(For the Parish) (+Anna Satsurska from the Futey Family)
Wednesday September 7 9:00 a.m.	(Health of Amelia Iwaskiw from Family)
Thursday September 8 **6:00 p.m.**	Nativity of the Mother of God (+Odile and +Roman Marynowych from Family)
Friday September 9 9:00 a.m.	(Deceased of the Nagurney-Medwid Family from Irene)
Sunday September 11 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(Victims and Families of 9-11 attacks) (For the Parish)

HAPPY LABOR DAY TO ALL OF OUR PARISHIONERS

On this Labor Day Weekend, we ask Almighty God to bless all of our faithful parishioners, who in their daily labors continue to support their families and our parish.

God bless you all and may you enjoy a restful Labor Day on Monday!

Prayer List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Chuck Basile, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, Taisia Bullard, Michele Burns, Robert Matthew C., Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Lilian Garland, Alice Gogniat, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmanskyy, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Kateryna Jurach, Oksana K, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Fr. Mykhailo Kuzma, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Mark Pidlusky, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, James Salandro, Maria Sawkiw, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Michael Sharr, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Cindy Turchek, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Rose Wilson, and Jennifer Wilson.** If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.

THE NATIVITY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD – LITURGY SEPTEMBER 8 AT 6:00 P.M.

We will celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God on Thursday September 8, with a Divine Liturgy at 6:00 p.m. Please try to come to Church for this Holy Day.

God With Us Catechism

THE BIRTH OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

For a long time, Saint Joachim and Saint Ann prayed to have a child. God answered their prayers and gave them a daughter, Mary. The troparion for the Feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God calls Mary “Mother of God” and announces that the birth of Mary heralds “joy to the universe.” We call Mary the Theotokos, which means the Mother of God. The birth of the Theotokos heralds salvation because through Mary we had received Jesus Christ, who saved us from the curse of death and “gave us everlasting life.” As we sing in the troparion, Jesus Christ is the “Sun of Justice.” When we sing the troparion for this feast, we praise the Theotokos; and we look to her son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.