

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 Wicked Tenent Farmers (Matthew 21:33-42)

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Sunday – August 18, 2024

Glory to Jesus Christ – Glory to Him Forever + Слава Ісусу Христу – Слава на віки

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Sunday August 18 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(+William Scheig from the Wilson Family) (For the Parish)
Wednesday August 21 9:00 a.m.	(+Vasyl Nichveda from Khrystyna)
Thursday August 22 9:00 a.m.	(Blessings for Sonia from Anna Byers)
Friday August 23 9:00 a.m.	(+Lydia Kernitsky from Family)
Saturday August 24 10:30 a.m.	Ukrainian Independence Day (Blessings for Peace in Ukraine)
Sunday August 25 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(+Mary Ann Kuchmy from Lorraine) (For the Parish)

UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY 2024 - SATURDAY AUGUST 24

On Saturday, August 24, for the third year in a row, US Ukrainian Activists (USUA) is bringing together supporters of Ukraine, the Ukrainian diaspora, and local Ukrainian-American groups and organizations to celebrate Ukraine's Independence Day in Washington D.C. Come together in a rally and march to honor Ukrainian Heritage, Culture, and Liberty! August 24 also marks 2.5 years since the start of russia's genocidal war against Ukraine, launched by the russian federation on February 24, 2022. During the event, we will pay tribute to the countless Ukrainian Heroes and Victims of russia's decade-long invasion of Ukraine. This family-friendly event welcomes everyone, Ukrainians and non-Ukrainians alike. WHEN and WHERE: August 24, 2024 (Saturday):5:00 p.m.: Assembly in front of the White House (North side). 5:30–6:30 p.m.: Official program featuring speakers and Ukrainian songs interlude. 6:45–7:15 p.m.: March from the White House to the Taras Shevchenko Memorial. 7:30 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.: Concert at Taras Shevchenko Memorial.

Prayer List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, Taisia Bullard, Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Ferne Fisanich, Myroslava Futey, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmanskyy, Vanessa Hetmanskyy, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Ellen Hitchens, Daniel Horeczko, Boris Hlynsky, Nila Iwaskiw, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Melissa Martin, Paul Marynowych, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Thomas Nagurney, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell,, Teresa Sherwood, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Anne Woroniak, Fr. George Worschak, Rose Wilson, Jennifer Wilson, Paul Yarrish.** 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.