



Building Faith@HOME

1st Reading: [Is 5:1-7](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20.](#)
Second Reading: [Phil 4:6-9](#)
Gospel: [Mt 21:33-43](#)

God's Vineyard

The Bible frequently uses the image of the vineyard to express the relationship between God and His people. The vineyard image provides the assurance that God remains in relationship with his people, continues to care for and nurture the relationship even when the people fail to do so. This unconditional love found in the vineyard is a sign of hope. In the Parable of the Tenants, the vineyard symbolizes God's people, whom he gathers in. The tenants, those entrusted to care for the vineyard, do not permit the landowner's (God's) servants to gather what belongs to the landowner. The landowner even sends his own son (Jesus). Today's Gospel Jesus exposes the religious leaders for their failure to heed God's messengers. It is an opportunity for us to consider how we respond to those who are God's messengers today, calling us to correct our ways and return to the way of the Lord.

Living as Disciples: In the parable, God sends prophets and His Son, Jesus, to Israel, but they're repeatedly rejected, symbolizing historical dismissals of God's messengers. This story teaches us about discipleship: we must recognize our role as caretakers of God's gifts, including the Gospel and our personal talents, and understand that neglecting or betraying these divine responsibilities carries serious consequences.

The Missionary Family: In family life, this gospel teaches us to be grateful for our blessings, share with others, listen to wise advice, fulfill our roles responsibly, and understand that actions have consequences. This means appreciating each other, working together, valuing guidance from family members, and taking responsibility for our actions.

"I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go and bear fruit that will remain." Jn 15:16

National Hispanic Heritage Month

CHIQUEQUIRÁ



Learn more about Our Lady of Chiquinquirá, the patroness of Columbia and Venezuela. Visit CatholicIcing.com

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Question for Children: Why is it important to follow through on your promises to others?

Question for Youth: What are some of God's rules that we must follow? How do we respond to God's messengers today?

Question for Adults: When have your actions not measured up to your promises? What was the outcome?

Care for Creation

Today's parables teach about God's justice. God's justice calls us to be caretakers of this world and all its gifts. Talk about the importance of stewardship of the earth's resources. Begin by taking



a walk or drive to look for signs of good stewardship and signs of poor stewardship. Who is responsible for taking care of the earth's resources? What can we do as a family?

This week's Virtue

LISTENING

What do you think is the difference between listening and hearing? What is the difference in listening and hearing God's Word?

Links for More Ideas, Activities & Resources FYI


loyolapress.com - 6 Ways to Be a Better Listener at Home (Adults faith builder)

Catholicmissionarydisciples.com - 12 Marks of Discipleship (Adult and family faith builder)

Catholicapostolatecenter.org - The Art of Listening (Adult Faith Builder)


Alteteia.org - *Hispanic Heritage in the US is all about the Catholic faith* (Adult & family faith builder)





5 FORMS of PRAYER

-  **BLESSING AND ADORATION**
We acknowledge our dependence on God
-  **PETITION**
We ask God for physical and spiritual goods
-  **INTERCESSION**
We make requests on behalf of other people
-  **THANKSGIVING**
We thank God for everything he does for us
-  **PRAISE**
We express our love for God

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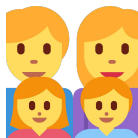
Use these as sample prayers or have family members make intentions for the prayer time. Practice these forms each day.



Lord, bless our family and guide us to do your will.



Lord, help those who are hungry that they be nourished.



Lord, we pray for all children, born and unborn that they are held in God's love.



Lord, thank you for these the gift of creation as we enjoy these autumn days.



Lord, we praise you for the bountiful harvest you provide for us.

Cut & Pray! 

Scripture Verse of the Week
From Monday's Daily Mass
October 9th, 2023



"You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart,
with all your being,
with all your strength,
and with all your mind,
and your neighbor as
yourself."
Lk 10:25-37

How am I loving God?
How am I loving others?