

MARKUS SPIKKE FROM / PEXELS

[Jesus said,] "The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

MATTHEW 21:43

Caring for God's Vineyard

Today's readings are troubling texts. This is not because of what they say, but because of how they have been interpreted through the ages. In the first reading, despite everything the owner has done, the vineyard identified as Israel/Judah has brought forth wild grapes. In the Gospel the issue is with the trustworthiness of those who work and care for the vineyard. It is clear that Jesus is criticizing the leaders of his day with a failure of leadership. For this reason, leadership will be taken from them and given to others.

Both of these readings have been interpreted as condemnation of the Jewish people. This has sometimes resulted in anti-Semitism. We must remember that both readings reflect internal problems—something that all religious bodies experience. Despite their failure, the people of Judah

were still called God's "cherished plant" (Isaiah 5:7). In the Gospel, leadership was taken from some Jews and given to other Jews—not to outsiders. One religious tradition didn't replace another.

We experience similar struggles in today's Church. As the vineyard of God, what kind of fruit do we produce? After all God has done for us, how do we respond? How faithful are we in caring for God's vineyard? This is a difficult time with respect to religious leadership, but how supportive are we of genuine local Church leadership? You and I have been entrusted with the growth and health of the Church. How good have we been at caring for that vineyard?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- * *We are the Church. How do we handle some of its internal problems?*
- * *We pray for the leaders of the Church at every liturgy. Make those prayers your own.*



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Contact Pastor

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Contact Fr. Jason -6 Months Prior

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

By appointment with the Pastor

OCTOBER 4TH

St. Francis Xavier, Clayton

Weekend Mass: Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 10:30am

**Daily Mass: (Wed-Spanish)-Fri at 12:10pm
Thurs at 5:30pm**

Adoration /Confession: Tue 5:30-7:30pm Thurs 6:00-7:00pm

Honor of Our Blessed Mother Mass: 1ST Sat 10:30am

Confession: Saturday 4:00-5:00pm OR By Appointment

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Weekend Mass: Sunday 8:00am (Oct 1 - May 31)

Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

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Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

NENM Detention Facility, Clayton (For Residents/Staff)

1st, 2nd & 3rd Sunday's Mass 2:00PM

Confession: Sunday 1:30pm—2:00


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*This is my body, which will be given up for you.  
This is my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.  
It will be shed for you & for all... so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in memory of me.*

*Masses will be offered September/October 2020  
+ All the Departed Parishioner's & Family Members  
SI All the Sponsors, Benefactors & Supporters of SFX Clayton  
SI Good Health & Well Being of all Parishioners & Families*

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|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sat, Oct. 03</b>   | SI Agnes Fisk<br>+Orlando Bugas<br>+Gary Carter                                       | by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter                                                      |
| <b>Sun, Oct. 04</b>   | +Gladys Marie Jesko<br>+Roy Kimble<br>+Lorri Montoya                                  | by Kirk & Debbie Jesko<br>by Donna Kimble & Family<br>by Donna Kimble & Family                                                        |
| <b>Wed, Oct. 07</b>   | +Orlando Bugas<br>+Dieu Hoang Family                                                  | by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Dieu Hoang                                                                                             |
| <b>Thurs, Oct. 08</b> | SI Dieu Hoang Family                                                                  | by Dieu Hoang                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Sat, Oct. 10</b>   | SI Agnes Fisk<br>+Gary Carter<br>+Eli Garcia                                          | by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Kimberly, Bridget, Farah<br>& kids                                         |
| <b>Sun, Oct. 11</b>   | +Gladys Marie Jesko<br>+Roy Kimble<br>+Lorri Montoya<br>OLOG +Truitt Schramm & Family | by Kirk & Debbie Jesko<br>by Donna Kimble & Family<br>by Donna Kimble & Family<br>by Kohler Ray Seaton,<br>Keith Lewis & Tim Donnelly |
| <b>Wed, Oct. 14</b>   | +Dieu Hoang Family                                                                    | by Dieu Hoang                                                                                                                         |

**Weekly Collections Summary: September 2020**

|                 | <u>SFX</u>  | <u>OLOG</u> |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| September 26-27 | \$ 1,646.00 | \$ 458.00   |
| September 19-20 | \$ 1,612.00 | \$ 400.00   |
| September 12-13 | \$ 2,081.00 | \$ 339.00   |
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[www.catholic culture.org](http://www.catholic culture.org)

The Church opposes abortion, but embraces with mercy those who have made this mistake. Let's all take encouragement from these words of Pope John Paul II: "I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly. If you have not already done so, give yourselves over with humility and trust to repentance. The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To the same Father and to his mercy you can with sure hope entrust your child."

**Announcements**

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We will start selling the  
2020 "The Birth of CHRIST!!!"  
Raffle Tickets early this year at \$5.00 a ticket  
or \$20.00 a book.

You can get them at the office during office  
hours, the church after mass, or call the office  
and we will mail them if need be.

**Lectors for Masses**

**Sat, Oct. 03** 5:00pm - Craig Reeve—Lector  
**Sun, Oct. 04** 10:30am - Jack Chosvig--Lector  
**Sat, Oct. 10** 5:00pm - Ross Carter—Lector  
**Sun, Oct. 11** 10:30am - Pat Crisp—Lector

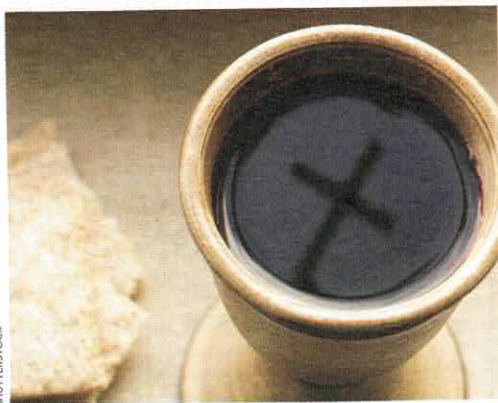
All Ministry schedules are updated  
monthly and posted on the church website.  
If you need to know when you serve,  
check [www.sfxclayton.org](http://www.sfxclayton.org)!!

# Dear Padre,

## Aren't we discriminating against other Christians when we don't celebrate the Eucharist with them?

**Y**ou have to keep the Church's intentions in mind: Are we excluding to make people feel left out, or are we excluding to uphold the dignity and sanctity of the Eucharist?

Everyone is welcome to celebrate the Eucharist—there's only one part they can't participate in. That might sound like a cop-out, but Catholics believe that the Eucharist is the actual Body and Blood of Christ. For it to be true Communion, everyone who receives it must believe the same thing about it.



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In its Guidelines for the Reception of Communion, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops says, "Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily

not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission" as outlined in canon law. "All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another" (GRC).

—Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR  
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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Many members of our communities yearn to receive the Eucharist at one table, as the concrete expression of full unity. We experience the pain of those who share their whole lives, but cannot share God's redeeming presence at the Eucharistic table....We long for this wound in the Body of Christ to be healed.*

—JOINT STATEMENT, CATHOLIC-LUTHERAN  
COMMEMORATION OF THE REFORMATION, OCTOBER 31, 2016



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## Calendar

### Monday

OCTOBER 5

Weekday

Gal 1:6–12

Lk 10:25–37

### Tuesday

OCTOBER 6

Weekday

Gal 1:13–24

Lk 10:38–42

### Wednesday

OCTOBER 7

*Our Lady of the Rosary*

Gal 2:1–2, 7–14

Lk 11:1–4

### Thursday

OCTOBER 8

Weekday

Gal 3:1–5

Lk 11:5–13

### Friday

OCTOBER 9

Weekday

Gal 3:7–14

Lk 11:15–26

### Saturday

OCTOBER 10

Weekday

Gal 3:22–29

Lk 11:27–28

### Sunday

OCTOBER 11

*Twenty-eighth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*

Is 25:6–10a

Phil 4:12–14,

19–20

Mt 22:1–14

or 22:1–10

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