


ST. MICHAEL ARCHANGEL
MEANS "WHO IS AS GOD?"
He is one of the main angels. His name is a battle cry; both shield and weapon in the struggle against the enemy.

ST. RAPHAEL ARCHANGEL
MEANS "DIVINE HEALER"
He is friend of the walkers and doctor of the sick both physically and spiritually.

ST. GABRIEL ARCHANGEL
MEANS "STRENGTH OF GOD"
He had one of the most important missions: announcing Virgin Mary that she would be the Mother of the Messiah.

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OUR LADY OF VICTORY AND WHY OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY By Alejandro Bermudez

October is designated by the Catholic Church as the "Month of the Rosary" because the Church celebrates "Our Lady of the Rosary" on Oct. 7.

The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, also celebrated as Our Lady of Victory or Victories, was established by Pope St. Pius V in 1571 to celebrate the miraculous victory of the Christian forces in the Battle of Lepanto on Oct. 7 of that year. Previous to the decisive battle, St. Pius V had requested all Western Christians to pray the rosary; thus he attributed the victory to the power of the Marian prayer rather than the power of ships and cannons.

Two years before establishing the feast, in 1569, Pope St. Pius V officially approved the rosary in its present form with the papal bull *Consueverunt Romani Pontifices* ("The Roman Pontiffs are accustomed," the first words of the document). In a development from earlier methods of praying the rosary, the new version included the second half of the Hail Mary, as well as the "Glory Be" prayer at the end of each mystery.

The dedication of October to the Holy Rosary became common thanks to Pope Leo XIII, an enthusiastic promoter of the rosary. In only five years, Pope Leo wrote eleven encyclicals on the rosary.

St. John Paul II called the rosary his favorite prayer, "in which we meditate with Mary upon the mysteries which she as a Mother meditated on in her heart (Lk. 2:19)."

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OCTOBER 8, 2023
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A
Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80
Phillipians 4:6-9
Matthew 21:33-43

The Symbolism of Vines

Grapes hold deep significance in the Bible, particularly in the context of vineyards in ancient Israel. Vineyards weren't just sources of fruit and wine; they symbolized the relationship between God and His people. Isaiah likens Israel to a vineyard tended by the Lord, the imagery carrying a message of care and expectation. The poetic song describes God's nurturing efforts and Israel's shortcomings, represented by "wild grapes," a symbol of sin.

The resonance of vines continues where the psalmist reflects on Israel's history as a planted vine. This reflection likely emerged during the challenging exile of Judah. Despite their errors, the vine, representative of God's people, remains a focus of divine concern. These accounts emphasize God's connection to humanity endures, even amidst their mistakes. It's a hopeful image, depicting God's ongoing care, a tangible commitment.

In these vineyard narratives, the tangled relationship between God and His people is laid bare. The vines serve as a reminder of human fallibility and divine patience. Amidst warnings and hardships, the message isn't flowery or grandiose, but a reminder of God's unchanging care, offering an undiminished bond with His people, even in the face of their waywardness.

Seeking Peace Amidst Turmoil

The parable of the wicked tenants holds a mirror to the Jewish leaders, who recognize its pointed message directed at them. Across history, prophets have faced mistreatment, and now, these leaders are poised to apprehend Jesus, unmistakably depicted as the son in the narrative. Jesus reinforces his stance by quoting Psalm 118, revealing his awareness of their rejection, yet affirming his commitment to fulfilling his Father's will. A parallel narrative unfolds in the early Christian community, enduring similar rejection.

Paul's exhortation in the second reading offers solace to this community, reminding them to embrace the peace of Christ amid tribulations. In our contemporary world, where peace often seems elusive, Paul's counsel holds resonance. As we navigate global complexities, it's crucial to heed his guidance. Engage in heartfelt prayers, both supplicative and appreciative, staying attuned to world events while striving for the tranquil embrace of God's kingdom.

Cultivating Truth and Responsibility

The gospel parable serves as a call for us to actively protect and support those who courageously speak the truth, despite the challenges they may encounter. Just as the landowner's servants faced adversity, contemporary truth-bearers also confront opposition, and it's our responsibility to ensure their safety and amplify their voices.

The parable also emphasizes the importance of caring for the vineyards in our lives. The vineyard is a metaphor for the blessings and responsibilities God entrusts us with. Just as the tenants were expected to cultivate and tend the vineyard, we're called to nurture and steward the gifts bestowed upon us. This concept underscores the significance of being accountable and diligent stewards of our relationships, talents, and resources. By actively caring for our "vineyards," we honor God's intentions for us and contribute to the flourishing of our lives and those around us.

Adapted from: <https://young-catholics.com/2944/27th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-a/>

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- a downloadable digital workbook/journal
- opportunity for live Zoom conversation with Dan and others

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WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

We are blessed to have you worship with us as we nurture each other in faith. While visiting our community, we humbly ask you to consider investing in our parish offeratory and Diocesan Appeal to help ensure our parish and Diocese can be one of your partners in faith. Thank you!

DIOCESAN APPEAL

As you plan your budget, consider a pledge. Use your bank's Bill Pay feature to set up automatic payments or use envelopes on the back table (Please change date to 23-24).

<https://thediocesanappeal.org/>



For Reflection

- ★ In what ways can we actively protect and support truth-bearers who face opposition, as depicted in the parable?
- ★ How does actively caring for our "vineyards" contribute to honoring God's intentions and the flourishing of our lives and relationships?

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MISSION

To care for the poor, abandoned, and the marginalized.

SCHEDULE

Mass: Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Liturgy of the Word: Tuesday, 10 a.m.

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Parish Leader

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OCTOBER 08, 2023

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Lector: Kerry L. Mess

Eucharistic Minister: Carol Tyson

Mass Intention

For the continued growth of our parish

An individual may request a Mass be offered for a certain intention, for example: in thanksgiving for the intentions of another person (such as someone who has died). If you would like to request an intention for a mass, simply call the office to schedule: (607) 263-5143.

Pray for

- ✕ the deceased members of our parish and their families and friends
- ✕ the sick, their caregivers, and all who have asked for our prayers, especially Sr. Theresa Ahern MSBT, Amy O'Brien, John O'Brien, Jo Franklin, Lynn Joy, Michelle Lee, Justin Lilley, Teresa Meyers, Clara Murphy, Diane Neczesny, Maria Papendrea and sister Camella, Karina Tabone and (welcome to) new baby Matthew Tabone, Joe and Carol Tyson, Lorraine Tyson, John Zaleski
- ✕ all men and women of our parish family serving in the military, all first responders and emergency personnel: Ryan Barry, Jim Barry, Meghan Barringer, Dan Holmberg, Ben Murphy

A candle can only give light if it lets itself be consumed by the flame. It would remain useless if its wax failed to nourish the fire. Allow Christ to burn in you, even at the cost of sacrifice and renunciation. (Pope Benedict XVI)

Pope Francis's intention for October: For the Synod, may the church adopt listening and dialogue at every level, and accept guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Engage in Living Community

HOLY CROSS PARISH

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Sunday, October 22, after mass—3 p.m.

AGENDA

Opening Prayer

Lectio Divina (John 15:9-17)

Lunch

Reflection on The Crocus Prayer & discussion

Joy Filled Cards & Labyrinth

Sharing of the Day

Phillipians 4:13 and 19 "I can do all things in Him who strengthens me. My God will fully supply whatever you need." Make your requests known to God and he will bless your marriage and your life.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of marriage experiences: Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church.

November 10-12, 2023 in Huntington, NY (Immaculate Conception Seminary)

Registration is limited; \$100 application fee. For more information/to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at (860) 337-2447 or <https://wwmectw.org/>.

Upcoming Events

10/08: Coffee Hour following mass

10/10: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.
Parish Council Meeting, 6 p.m.

10/11: Monthly Charismatic Healing Mass, 7 p.m. prayer & music, 7:30 p.m. liturgy, Christ Our Light Church, Loundonville NY

10/12: Community Prayer, 11 a.m.
(our parish/villages/state/country/world)

10/17: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

10/19: Consolation Group (grieving loss of a loved one, job, pet, anything important), St. Mary's, 10 a.m.

10/19: Community Prayer, 11 a.m.
(our parish/villages/state/country/world)

10/20-22: Eucharistic Congress; Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine

10/22: Special collection (Mission Sunday)
Women's Retreat, after mass till 3 p.m. (see details)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 01, 2023

Mass Attendance: 53

Collection: \$866.75