



27th Sunday Ordinary Time

8th October 2020



This Sunday's Gospel is one of Jesus' hardest parables. It is not a parable of forgiveness and love but of the truth of our faith. He calls us to bear fruit for the kingdom of God or it shall be taken from us, just like the tenants of the vineyard. In layman's terms, we have to do his will or risk never knowing the splendour of heaven.

We are called to be perfection, though perfection is impossible. Our mission is to serve others and live as best we can. To many, this story is a reminder to never become a lazy Christian. We have all been there, thinking we don't have to go to church or we can't, or don't want to, forgive those who have wronged us. This can lead us astray from God and our humanity. Sometimes we need a reminder of what happens when we aren't vigilant and always living for our fellow humans. This story is one of those reminders. Let this Gospel light a fire under us to do more than we are because our work is never done. In this current climate, more than ever before, we must constantly ask ourselves the Vincentian question: what must be done?

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.



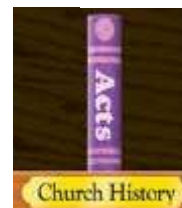
Bible Basics After the Gospels, the New Testament continues with the spreading of Jesus' message after he has ascended into heaven.

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES: Jesus returns to the Father, the Holy Spirit comes to the church, and the gospel of Jesus spreads throughout the world.

ROMANS: Paul summarizes how the Gospel of Jesus works in a letter to the churches at Rome, where he plans to visit.

1 CORINTHIANS: Paul writes a disciplinary letter to a fractured church in Corinth and answers some questions that they've had about how Christians should behave.

2 CORINTHIANS: Paul writes a letter of reconciliation to the church at Corinth and clears up some concerns that they have.



God of goodness and mercy,

Support us and guide us in these uncertain times. Look after our loved ones and all members of society who are finding times difficult and upsetting.

Let us work together with support, friendship and love. Amen.

"A tree is known by its fruit; a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love." Saint Basil

In addition, this week let us pray for

- ♦ our new school community members as they continue to settle in to Springhill life;
- ♦ all those who are hungry or cold;
- ♦ all those connected to our community who are unwell, upset or mourning.



The God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4