# Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time October 8, 2017

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7; Responsorial Psalm 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9; Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

"Then the God of Peace will be with you."

We are saddened by the horrendous deaths of the 58 victims of gun violence in Las Vegas. Appropriately, the parable that we receive

this Sunday tells us that violence will never have the last word. Jesus offers us the image of the vineyard that because of evil tenants doesn't produce good fruit. Jesus promises that the love and peace of the Kingdom of God, "will be given to a people that will produce its fruit." We are those people. As tenants of the vineyard, we have the responsibility for producing the life giving fruit of God's reign. This happens as we care for and protect the earth and all of its inhabitants.

During this Respect Life Month, and always, we are urged as People of God to do our part to serve and protect life from all forms of violence, from the moment of conception to a natural death. May we be determined and fruitful in our efforts to end gun violence in our nation. Let us never give in to idols and priorities that fail to produce goodness and life for one another. After all, we are tenants of the vineyard and servants of God's Kingdom of nonviolence and peace.

## October: Respect Life Month

## WHEN I CALL FOR HELP: A Pastoral Response to Domestic Violence Against Women—USCCB

As pastors of the Catholic Church in the United States, we state as clearly and strongly as we can that violence against women, inside or outside the home, is *never* justified. Violence in any form"— physical, sexual, psychological, or verbal"—is sinful; often, it is a crime as well. We have called for a moral revolution to replace a culture of violence. We acknowledge that violence has many forms, many causes, and many victims—men as well as women.

The Catholic Church teaches that violence against another person in any form fails to treat that person as someone worthy of love. Instead, it treats the person as an object to be used. When violence occurs within a sacramental marriage, the abused spouse may question, "How do these violent acts relate to my promise to take my spouse for better or for worse?" The person being assaulted needs to know that acting to end the abuse does not violate the marriage promises. While violence can be directed towards men, it tends to harm women and children more. In 1992 we spoke out against domestic violence. We called on the Christian community to work vigorously against it. Since then, many dioceses, parishes, and organizations have made

violence a priority issue. We commend and encourage these efforts.

In this update of our 1992 statement, we again express our desire to offer the Church's resources to both the women who are abused and the men who abuse. Both groups need Jesus' strength and healing.

We focus here on violence against women, since 85 percent of the victims of reported cases of non-lethal domestic violence are women. Women's greatest risk of violence comes from intimate partners—a current or former husband or boyfriend.

Violence against women in the home has serious repercussions for children. Over 50 percent of men who abuse their wives also beat their children. Children who grow up in violent homes are more likely to develop alcohol and drug addictions and to become abusers themselves. The stage is set for a cycle of violence that may continue from generation to generation...

We recognize that violence against women has many dimensions. This statement is not meant to be all-inclusive, but rather to be an introduction, along with some practical suggestions of what dioceses and parishes can do now. [For the entire document please see: http://usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/marriage/domestic-violence/when-i-call-for-help.cfm.]

## Pax Christi USA: Spirituality of Nonviolence and Peacemaking

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For more information about Pax Christi, please visit their website: paxchristiusa.org.

## Hope's Pantry and Boutique

Our Hope's Pantry and Boutique are in need of additional parishioners to assist with this important ministry to those in need of food and clothing Wednesdays from 9:45 to 11:30 am. Please speak with Lydia Newton or Janice Hawkins, or leave a message in the Parish Office.

## Fence Replacement — Update

Good news — a contractor has been selected and approved by the church and the three neighbors involved with the project. Our share of the project is approximately \$21,000. We expect work will begin within three weeks, and will continue for about three weeks.

Thank you for your patience and support for this project.

#### **Parents with Infants**

We are happy you are with us! If you wish to use it, there is a room with a closed-circuit TV of the Mass across from the women's bathroom.

#### 2nd Collections

This Sunday, October 8, 2017

Diocesan Right to Life Ministry

Next Sunday, October 15, 2017

For the victims of the Earthquakes in Mexico

## Offertory Report 10/1/17

Plate \$3,155; Hope's Pantry \$55; Other \$847; Total \$4,057.

### Mass Intentions October 7-13, 2017

Sat., 4:30 pm Kathie Riordan Sun., 9:00 am +Jeffery Warren Sun., 11:15 am +Giuseppe Manuguerra Sun., 5:00 pm +Manuela Cabrera Ramirez Wed., 7:00 am +Edward McGloughlin

Thu., 7:00 am +Elizabeth Groves +Pilar Paredes Fri., 7:00 am

+Patrick Aldape

#### **NOTICIAS ESPECIALES**

Misa en Español - Cada domingo a las 5:00 pm.

Bautismos, Bodas, Quinceañeras - Favor de hablar con P. Dennis.

Confesiones - Cada sábado, 3:30 pm y por cita.

**Músicos** - Si Ud. toca guitara, otro instrumento, o quisiera cantar con el coro, favor de participar en nuestro coro. Los ensayos son a las 4:15 pm, cada domingo antes de la Misa.

## Cuando Pido Ayuda: Una Respuesta Pastoral a la Violencia Doméstica Contra la Mujer

Como pastores de la Iglesia en los Estados Unidos, nos unimos a los obispos de otros países, especialmente Canadá y Nueva Zelandia, al declarar tan clara y fuertemente como podamos que la violencia contra la mujer, en el hogar o fuera del hogar, nunca es justificada. La violencia en cualquier forma - física, sexual, psicológica, o verbal - es pecaminosa; muchas veces es también un crimen.

El abuso es un tópico en el que a nadie le gusta pensar. Pero como éste existe en nuestras parroquias, diócesis y vecindades, presentamos esta declaración como un primer paso en lo que nosotros esperamos será un continuo esfuerzo de la Iglesia en los Estados Unidos para combatir la violencia familiar en contra de la mujer. Esta declaración es una respuesta a las repetidas solicitudes de muchas mujeres y hombres a lo largo de los Estados Unidos para tratar el tema.

Favor de leer el documento en la siguiente pagina de web—http://usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriageand-family/marriage/domestic-violence/cuandopido-ayuda-una-respuesta-pastoral-a-la-violenciadomestica-contra-la-mujer.cfm.

Youth Corner (Matthew 21:33-43) "Dear young people, do not be afraid of the future! Dare to dream big! Keep joy alive, a sign of a young heart that has encountered the Lord." —Pope Francis

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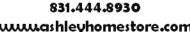
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Sunday: 9 am & 11:15 am Spanish Mass: Sunday at 5 pm

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**Office Hours** 

Wednesday through Friday 9 am - 12 pm; 2 - 4 pm

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