



Today's Gospel follows directly after [last Sunday's Gospel](#) in which Jesus was questioned by Jewish religious leaders about the source of his teaching authority. After refusing to answer their questions, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons and then criticizes the priests and elders for their lack of belief in John the Baptist.

In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son.

After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent.

In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question.

Today's Gospel has a parallel in [Mark 12:1-12](#). There are some notable differences, however. In Matthew's version, the religious leaders condemn themselves; in Mark's Gospel, Jesus answers his own question. Matthew names the religious leaders as Pharisees and chief priests. Clearly this Gospel shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who thought that his message was dangerous. Matthew's Gospel was written about 70 years after Jesus' death and reflects the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian community for whom Matthew was writing. Many biblical scholars believe that the tension between Matthew's community and their Jewish neighbors can also be heard in today's reading.

This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?

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October 4 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Office Hours

Mass Times

Reconciliation

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Tuesday – Friday – 9:00am – 12:00pm

Weekdays: 11:00 AM (Tuesdays – Fridays)

Saturday: 7:30 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM

Saturday: 6:30 – 7:00 pm or by appointment

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Baptism of children: Contact the Parish Office (even prior to the birth of your child) about the process for Baptism for parents & godparents.

Marriage: Couples wishing to be married in the Catholic Church should contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to their wedding date.

OCIA: Any persons wishing to join the Catholic Faith, please contact the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick: If you wish to receive anointing and/or receive holy communion, please contact the Parish Office at 250-782-3456 or by email: nddc@shaw.ca.



Tuesday Oct 6 - Sunday, Oct 11

Tuesday	NO MASS <i>Erlinda Santiago Tuliao +</i>
Wednesday	NO MASS <i>Sabella Guinto</i>
Thursday	NO MASS <i>Georgette Bourbeau +</i>
Friday	NO MASS <i>Elizabeth de Castro +</i>
Saturday	7:30pm Mass <i>Deceased Priests & Religious of NDP</i>
Sunday	10:00am Mass <i>For all Notre Dame Parishioners</i>



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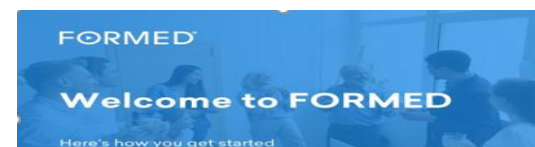
*every way for your great generosity, which will
produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the
rendering of this ministry not only supplies the
needs of the saints but also overflows with many
thanksgivings to God.*

(2 Corinthians 9:11-12)



Please pray for all the sick and suffering especially:
Fran Papp, Cheryl Shuman, Carol Dufour,
Clarrisa Aragon, Kevin Moeller, Mark Stanistreet,
Renard Salamanca, Bunny Figura, Rowell
Manalang, Hannah Wawreniuk, Bernie O'Reilly.

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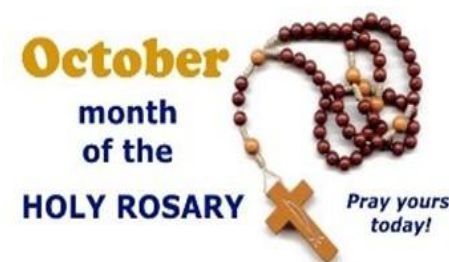
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**JOIN AND PRAY THE ROSARY FOR:
'CANADA NEEDS OUR LADY MOVEMENT'**

What: The Holy Rosary
Where: Notre Dame Church
When: Oct 10, 2026 12:00pm – 1:00pm



Every year, the Most Holy Rosary is celebrated
throughout the month of October. The liturgical
feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated
annually on October 7. It was instituted as a way
to thank the Blessed Virgin Mary for the
protection she provides the Church in response
to the rosary prayers of the faithful.

please note

NO WEEKDAY MASS
October 6 – October 9
Priests' Convocation in Prince George

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ANNUAL LIFE CHAIN**

Today, October 4 2026 from
2-3 pm at the NAR
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you to come and join this

peaceful **SILENT** prayer vigil for life.
Please contact Juliann Kress at
jkress@hotmail.ca for more information.

**2026-2027 Diocesan Annual Appeal
Parish Goal is \$28,331.**

Each parish is encouraged to support the
appeal because it raises funds for much-
needed projects within your own parish.
Every dollar raised above the parish's
share of the diocesan goal is returned to
the parish for important projects and
unmet needs.

We hope that every
household in our parish
actively participates, a
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Please consider your
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can make the same pledge, but if we all
offer our sacrifice, we will truly be
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be hosting a pancake
breakfast this
Sunday, October 4
right after mass at
Notre Dame School
Gym. The fee is by
donation. See you
there!

