

October 8, 2023: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Jesus tells the parable about the wicked tenants.”

- Matthew 21:33-43

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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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am.

Mass During Week:

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7 pm.
Friday at 10 am.

Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather.

Lohnes Complex

First Fridays - 2 pm at the Lohnes Complex.

Bible Study:

Post-poned until further notice.

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Post-poned until further notice.

Reconciliation:

By request.

Marriages:

Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms:

Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

Family Connections:

At www.rcchurch.com you will find a link to family connections.

St. Vincent de Paul:

To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

September 30th – October 1st, 2023

Regular Sunday	\$1,275.00
Loose Offering	128.15
Building Fund	180.00
Word Among Us	5.00
Mass Stipends	70.00
St. Vincent de Paul	20.00
Roof Donation	100.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. 7 pm	Late Edward Buckle Late Edna Carroll
Wed. 7 pm	Late Gus & Irene Rumboldt Late Jimmy Quigley
Thur. 7 pm	Late Gould & Rex Families Late John Joyce
Fri. 10 am	Late John Joyce Late Annetta Hackett
Sat. 4:30 pm	Late John Joyce Late Marie Pennell
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

October 14	
Don Gallant	Marie Pennell
October 15	
Anna House	Calvin Gillis
Communion to the sick – Eileen Moore	

COFFEE TIME: Our Parish Outreach Committee will continue coffee time after masses on Sunday mornings. Come join us for a cup of tea or coffee and maybe a little snack. This is the time to share with your brothers and sisters and welcome new members. Baked good are always welcome.

OFFICE CLOSURE: The Parish office will be closed on **Monday, October 9th** - Thanksgiving Day.

OCTOBER: a month to turn to Our Lady of the Rosary. The Mysteries of the Rosary center on the events of Christ’s life. The repetition in the Rosary is meant to lead one into restful and contemplative prayer related to each Mystery.

INSTALLATION OF FR. LEE LAINEY: A special mass to mark the official installation of Fr. Lainey will take place on **October 12th at 7pm.** Bishop Bart will be presiding the Mass. All parishioners are invited to attend a social following the Mass. If you can bring along a few sandwiches or cookies, it would be appreciated.

PARISH OUTREACH: This committee, consisting of, Marie Pennell (709-388-5090), Gerard Deveaux (709-638-4411), Pat Moore (709-785-2440), and Tony Griffin (709-632-5755) are offering to bring communions and provide a pastoral visit to those who wish to have this ongoing contact. They are also exploring social activities for the parish as a whole. Please support them in their efforts. Please call them if you or a family member wish to avail of this service.

OCTOBER DANCE: Sacred Heart Parish will be hosting a dance on **Saturday, October 21st at 8pm** at the Canadian Legion. Tickets are \$10:00. Tickets can be purchased at the door or by calling Marie Pennell at 388-5090.

LADIES GROUP: Our next meeting will be on **October 11th, 2023, at 1:30 pm.** Please bring a friend! Join us for some fun. We hope you have your ticket for the Dance. Plans are on-going for our Parish Luncheon & Bingos.

PARISH WEBSITE: Please visit our website at www.sacredheartparish.ca for events updates!

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: There will be a parish council meeting on **Tuesday, October 10th** following the 7pm mass.

THE FOOD BANK NETWORK THANKSGIVING DAY FOOD DRIVE: We will be holding our annual Thanksgiving Day Food Drive this year. Please donate non-perishable food items to your child’s upcoming school food drive, at your church, at any local community fundraiser, or in the food collection bin located in the major grocery stores. Thank you for your continued support.

SEPTEMBER BINGO DRAW: The Sacred Heart Ladies Group would like to thank the following people who donated to our September Bingo Draw: Debbie Allen, Donna Beales, Diane Bennett, Loretta Bennett, Sharon Bennett, Marjorie Blanchard, Coleen Boland, Cathy Bolt, Dorothy Brake, Edward Brake, Sandy Buckle, Hilda Butt, Joan Butt, Joe Byrne, Roberta Canning, Linda Cashin, Marina Cashin, Christine Chadderton, Lynn Coombs, Linda Corbett, Gertrude Daye, Theresa Dobbin, Madonna English, Tom George, Marie Pennell and Assumpta Roche. If any name is omitted, please contact Pat Jones/Marie Pennell. The winner will be announced next week.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Applications are now open for Knights of Columbus State Council Scholarships. There are a **total of 10 scholarships** to be awarded. The deadline for applications is **October 31.** Information on the scholarships and the applications can be found at www.kofcni.org.

HOSPITAL MINISTRY: I was sick, and you visited me. (Matt. 25:36). The need for a team of people to visit hospital, bringing comfort and consolation to the patients, is greater than ever before. Palliative care is looking for volunteers to be present to those in need. We are, therefore, inviting you to consider this special ministry. You’d need to meet with us, have the protocol completed, be updated on making the best of visitation and be aware of ongoing support. A gathering for this purpose will take place on **Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 10am.** at **Holy Redeemer Cathedral lower level** to coordinate our team effort. If you would like to be part of this ministry, kindly come to this gathering, or contact Father Ed Terry, R.C. Hospital Chaplain at ed.terry49@hotmail.com. You may also call 709-649-7420. Many thanks for considering this special calling to serve our church community.

E-TRANSFER: You always have the option to make donations and mass requests via email money transfer. The email address for e-transfers only is sacredheartparish@gmail.com. Please use "Church" as the password to the security question you are asked to create, also include your envelope # in the comments section.

HUMOUR:
 What do you call a turkey the day after Thanksgiving? “Lucky!”
 Why did the turkey cross the road? “To prove that he wasn’t chicken!”
 How do you unlock a door on Thanksgiving? “With a Tur-Key!”
 What did the pumpkin say after Thanksgiving dinner? “Good-pie everybody!”