

Reflection Question of the Week

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

**27th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

October 4, 2026

What is one thing God has given you that you can take better care of or share with others?

Children

Where do you see yourself in this Gospel story—someone who receives responsibility, resists it, or is trying to listen—and what might Jesus be asking you to change?

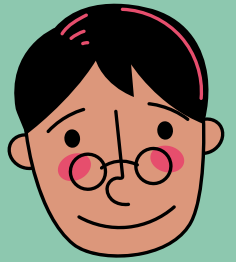
Teens

What “vineyard” has God entrusted to you—your family, work, relationships, faith, or gifts—and how are you caring for what God has placed in your hands?

Adults

What has God entrusted to our family, and what is one thing we can do this week to show God that we are grateful and willing to share His gifts with others?

Families





The Word of God

Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he **leased** it to tenants and went on a journey. When **vintage time** drew near, he sent his servants to the **tenants** to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they **stoned**.

Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his **inheritance**.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times." Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

Gospel Glossary

To **lease** means to rent.

A **tenant** is someone who rents a piece of land.

Vintage time is when the grapes are ready for harvest.

To **stone** is to kill someone by throwing stones at him.

An **inheritance** is a gift left for you by someone who has died.

Closing Prayer

Loving God, your love for us surpasses all our hopes and desires. Forgive our failings, keep us in your peace and lead us in the way of salvation. We ask this, as we ask all things, through Christ our Lord,
Amen