



The Little Flower Weekly

A Supplement to the St. Therese Parish Bulletin



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“When I die, I will send
down a shower of
roses from the
heavens. I will spend
my Heaven by doing
good on earth.”

-St. Therese

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 4, 2020

Faith @ Home

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

The Scriptures for the above can be found here:
<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/100420.cfm>

1. LISTEN

“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” (Matt. 21-43).

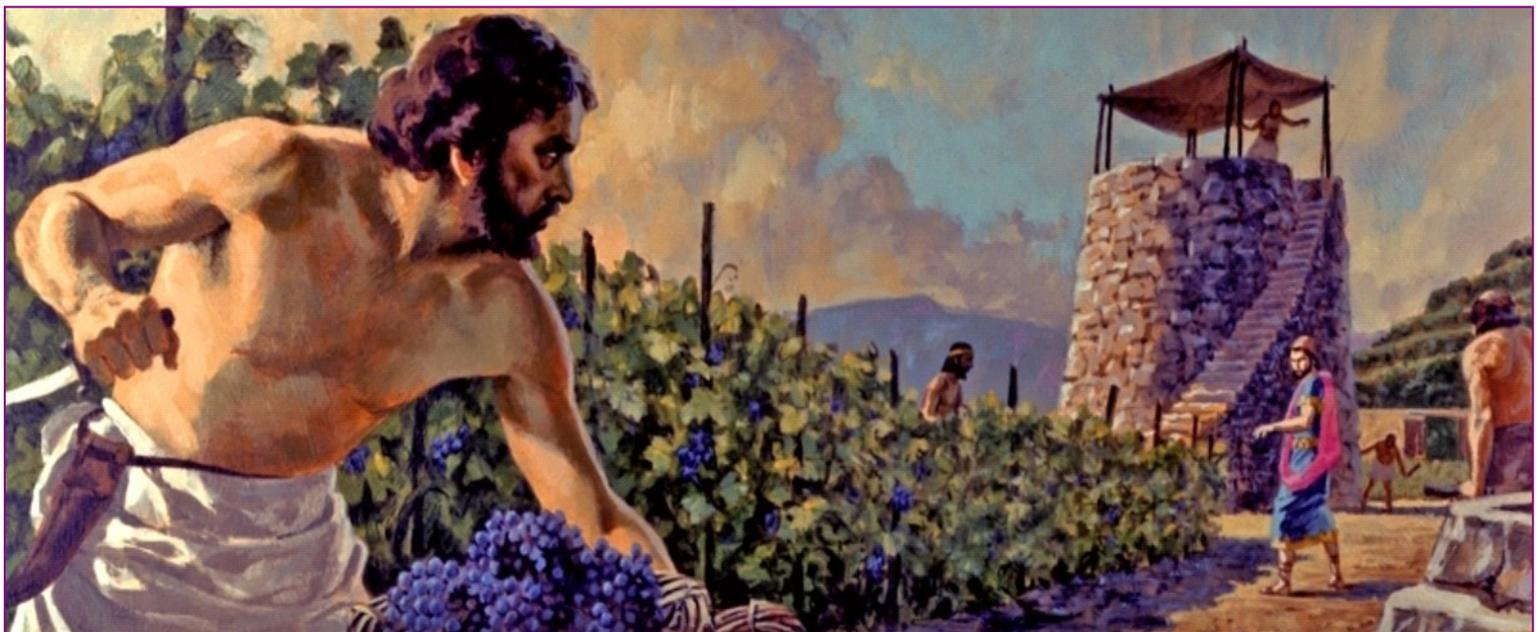
Go to the link above and read the entire Gospel
OR listen to it proclaimed via a video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2xiumzKF3Tg&feature=youtu.be>

2. PONDER AND PRAY

In today's Gospel we hear that God sends messengers to share how to build the Kingdom of God on earth. **Who is the first person you think of who exemplifies God's love?** Give thanks to God for this person and ask Him to bless him or her.

Now, think of an occasion when you did not respond kindly to someone who was trying to share God's love with you. **How could you have better responded to this person?** Say a prayer for this person's intentions.

Is there a time when YOU were trying to share God's love with someone and they didn't respond in the way you had expected? Do you feel as though God may have been speaking to you through that experience? Pray to Him now asking that He lead you to show His love through you to those you come in contact with.



"GOODBYE" - "HELLO!"

A time and place to say "GOODBYE" to Fr. Philip and Fr. Matthias, to say "HELLO!" to our new pastor, Fr. Thomas Koller, and to Fr. Godfrey Chandya, (one of the Ugandan Carmelites who will help to administer the Sacraments), to say "WELCOME BACK" to Fr. Bernard, and to say, "GLAD YOU'RE NOT LEAVING US, TOO!" to Fr. David and Bro. Jason.

THIS WEEKEND, Sunday, October 4, following the 5:00 p.m. Mass, YOU are invited to a special celebration in honor of our Carmelite Friars, especially those leaving us (Fr. Philip and Fr. Matthias) and those arriving here (our new pastor, Fr. Thomas, and Fr. Godfrey).

DINNER! GET 'EM WHILE THEY LAST! There will be a limited number of boxed burrito dinners provided by caterer Maureen Craig (first come, first served!). Pick up a box in the Hall and then go outside to eat it in your chair. Wine will also be available!

NO GIFTS: Fr. Philip requests **NO gift items** ("especially," Fr. Philip says, "no skinny jeans, no fur coats, and no bar bells") as he cannot take any extra items on his flight to Africa. He adds that "**CA\$H GIFTS** are very welcome" as they will go 100% towards his traveling expenses and, especially, to the Carmelite Mission in Uganda where he will serve. Fr. Matthias also says, "please no gift items," but spiritual gifts are most welcome!



I wouldn't have left so early if I knew there would be a party!

Yes, no gifts... but I'd LOVE to have you pray a Rosary for me or have a Mass offered for me...

Well, I'M not going anywhere... but, uh, I'd be happy to take any unclaimed gifts those guys don't want....

Praise God we can all celebrate together! It will almost feel like pre-March 2020!
Hope to see YOU there! Just wear your mask!

Wow! These last 40 years—oh, I mean 9 years!—have gone by really fast! Come over to say "Bye," but you'd better not make me cry!...

I really miss you all, but I'm wondering...
When in the "CovidWorld" do we get to start hugging again!

Hello! I'll be your new ("and improved") pastor. It's ok... Fr. Philip is the one who said that first! Anyway, I'm really looking forward to meeting you—and seeing the people I knew when I was here in the early 90's. Can't wait to celebrate the love of Jesus with you! God bless you all!

It kind of feels like I've just been away on a long retreat at El Carmelo... but I'm definitely b-a-c-k with all you lovely people at St. Therese. I've got some new jokes to share with you, too!

Ki Kati!
I am so happy to be here with you, too! I have been at Santa Cruz Church, the Carmelite Parish in Tucson, but am now assigned to St. Therese! Be sure to come by and say "Oli Otya"!

Our Patroness, St. Therese



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