

# *Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## *Bulletin for 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2023*



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• [Isaiah 5:1-7](#) • [Psalm 80](#) • [Philippians 4:6-9](#) • [Matthew 21:33-43](#) •

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable to some Jewish leaders about vinedressers who killed the servants sent by a landowner to collect the fruit of the harvest Matthew 21:34-39. What is Jesus trying to say?

It would be easy to conclude that Jesus is rebuking these chief priests and elders for rejecting John the Baptist and himself. But he's doing more than foreshadowing his death by identifying himself with the murdered son of the vineyard owner Matthew 21:37-42. He's not addressing only the Jewish leaders; he is speaking to us as well.

Jesus is telling us that the kingdom of God will be given to people who bear fruit. Throughout Matthew's Gospel, we hear the same message. John the Baptist exhorted Israel's religious leaders to "produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance" Matthew 3:8. Jesus warned his disciples that "every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down", 7:19. And what's the good fruit he is looking for? Faith in him and love for his people.

Jesus told this parable the day after entering Jerusalem to shouts of "Hosanna" Matthew 21:9. He cured all the sick who flocked to him there, and everyone was amazed—except these leaders. Instead of accepting him and rejoicing that God's people were healed, they questioned his authority, 21:23-24. And in doing so, they bore no fruit.

But that doesn't have to be our story. We can be a fruitful vineyard for the Lord! He has already planted the seed of faith within us. Each day he pours out grace to make us "rich soil" that produces fruit, even a hundredfold, *Matthew 13:8*. So, let's nurture our seed with faith-filled prayer and prune our vines with repentance and works of mercy.

Let's bear the fruit of faith, hope, and love. Let's receive the kingdom!

*the Word among us, Oct 2023*

***"Jesus, help me to bear fruit for you today."***

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***"If God took the name of Father, it was to inspire us with a greater confidence in him."*** St. John Vianney

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### ***Confirmation Registration***

Confirmation Catechism Classes start, **Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> October at 6:30pm via Zoom.**

You will need to register with the parish office in advance to receive the course materials and the Zoom link. Please register today!

The orange forms are at the back of the church, and attached to this email.



### ***The Rosary***

You can pray the Rosary with others or by yourself. Because it is so simple and relaxing, children as well as adults love praying the Rosary. You may pray the Rosary as a daily respite from the commotion and worries of life. For more info: [www.how-to-pray-the-rosary-everyday.com](http://www.how-to-pray-the-rosary-everyday.com)



# Mass Times

## Sunday Mass

Our Lady of the Mountains	Saturday	5:00 pm	Rosary at 4:30 pm
Our Lady of the Mountains	Sunday	9:00 am	Rosary at 8:30 am
St. Christopher's, Mt. Currie	Sunday	11:30 am	

## Daily Mass

Our Lady of the Mountains	Monday and Friday at 6:00 pm, Sat 9:00am
St. Francis of Assisi, Pemberton	No daily Mass this week

## Our Lady of the Mountains

Rosary before Mass on Saturdays and Sundays: for those who have left the Church  
Bible Study on Tuesdays at 5:00pm

## MASS LECTORS



**Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> Oct** Alyssa  
**Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> Oct** Nathan



## COFFEE & COOKIES

**Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> Oct** Volunteer required

**Sacrament of Reconciliation – Contact Fr. Andrew L'Heureux: Cell: 1-778-257-4203**

## Pope Francis Urges Us to Pray for Synod 4<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023

*“Everything comes to us from the family, every bit of our lives”* Abp. Charles J. Chaput.

At the beginning of the 2023 Synod on Synodality General Assembly in Rome, the Pope said, “we do not need purely natural vision, made up of human strategies, political calculations, or ideological battles.” Instead, he said, “We are here to walk together with the gaze of Jesus, Who blesses the Father and welcomes those who are weary and oppressed. May God grant Synod the “gift of listening” All the faithful are invited to pray during the Synod, which takes place 4th to 29th October. The Pontiff Pope Francis has written his own prayer for Catholics to use around the world. “Let us also pray for the Synod of Bishops, which this month will hold its first Assembly on the theme of the Church's synodality.”

**The recitation of the Holy Rosary is also recommended for the duration of the Synod Assembly.**

## Eucharistic Adoration

“Adoration is essentially an embrace with Jesus in which I say to him: “I am yours, and I ask you, please stay with me always.”” *Pope Benedict XVI*

We encourage you to make personal visits. Our Church in Whistler is open everyday during regular office hours from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm and before and after Mass.

So please come to pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

## Thanksgiving Day 9<sup>th</sup> October



It is fitting for God's people to offer public thanks for all the gifts we have received. The bountiful produce of the earth is a visible sign of the many blessings God wants to shower on us through Christ, *Ephesians 1:3-10*. Our God also wants us to share the goods of the earth with all people.

## Happy Thanksgiving

## Faith in Action Campaign 33 - Be A Doer of Faith

This weekend we are given an opportunity to make our pledge in support of Faith in Action Campaign 33. If you are not able to respond this weekend, you may send your pledge at a later time. If you did not receive any Faith in Action material in the mail, please contact the parish office.

Thank you to all who respond to this Faith in Action Commitment Weekend.



## Office Hours

Tuesday to Thursday 9:30am-3:00pm  
In important or urgent matters, call:  
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## Donations / New Church Pledge Form

Pledge Forms in support of building the new church are available via this QR code and on our website at <https://whistlercatholicchurch.ca/>