

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OUR LADY OF LORETTO (LODGE GRASS), ST. CHARLES BORROMEO (PRYOR),
ST. DENNIS (CROW AGENCY), ST. FRANCIS XAVIER (ST. XAVIER), ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA (WYOLA)

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

OPENING SONG

This Day God Gives Me #639

SCRIPTURE READINGS begin on page 204

MASS PARTS Mass of Creation #884-888

CLOSING SONG

Baakukkoolak Jesus

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 vine-

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

9:00 AM Saint Dennis
10:30 AM Saint Charles Borromeo
12:30 PM Our Lady of Loretto
4:00 PM Saint Francis Xavier

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY

6:00 PM Saint Dennis

FRIDAY

6:00 PM Our Lady of Loretto

CONFESSIONS

Before mass and on request.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

TUESDAYS

6:00 PM Sewing Group
Meeting Room in Small Hall
(St. Dennis)

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yard 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?

Family Connection

In an ideal household, family members know the rules and follow them consistently. Even the most conscientious among us, however, sometimes needs to be reminded of the rules and their importance. How we respond to such correction reveals our true character. In today's Gospel Jesus exposes the religious leaders for their failure to heed God's messengers. It is an opportunity for us to consider how we respond to those who are God's messengers today, call-



ing us to correct our ways and return to the way of the Lord.

As you gather as a family, talk about some of the most important rules of your household. Consider how consistently family members follow these rules. How are family members reminded when rules are not being followed? How do they respond? In today's Gospel Jesus corrects the religious leaders through a parable telling them that they have not heeded God's messengers. Read Matthew 21:33-43. What are some of God's rules that we must follow? How do we respond to God's messengers today? Pray together as a family that you will heed God's messengers and follow God's ways. Pray together the Act of Contrition for the times when your family has not heeded God's word.

ROSARY GATHERING

October is the month of the Holy Rosary, please join us at one of two gatherings held at both Our Lady of Loretto and St. Dennis on Saturday, October 14th at 12pm.

BINGO CONCESSIONS

We're still in need of volunteers to sign up and help with concessions. Please either signup in the doorway at St. Dennis or call 406-620-7500. Thanks!

INFANT/CHILD BAPTISMS (UNDER 7)

Our next class for parents/godparents is on Saturday, **November 4th** from **10:30-11:30am** at St. Dennis with baptisms to follow for families having theirs done afterwards inside the chapel. Other dates and locations will be scheduled accordingly. Visit crowcatholicparishes.com or contact one of the priests to register.



Parish Leadership Day 2023

Friday, October 20, 2023 St. Patrick Co-Cathedral, Billings, MT

Bishop Jeff Fleming and your Chancery Team are excited to present to you Parish Leadership Day 2023! This is a day designed for all Priests, Parish Staff, and Parish Volunteers from across the diocese to come together to celebrate Mass, hear updates and vision for the Diocese, and learn in a wide variety of breakout sessions designed to help you walk away with skills to help your parish.

Intended Audiences: Priests, Deacons, Religious, Parish Administrators, Bookkeepers, Religious Education Staff/Volunteers, Pastoral Council Members, Finance Council Members, Safe Environment Coordinators, and anyone interested in helping lead their parishes.

Registration is Open!

Register by using the QR code on this flyer, going to our webpage (www.dioceseGFB.org) and clicking on "Parish Leadership Day Registration", or going directly to <https://form.jotform.com/232675303518052>.



COFFEE MINISTRY

A big thanks to those who've been bringing items to share after Mass. We appreciate your help with this ministry.



In the 2nd reading today God commands us to “have no anxiety at all ... and make our requests known to God”. The idea of making

a Marriage Encounter Experience, bucking the status quo to make a good marriage better makes us anxious. What more invitation do you need to trust your needs to God and to have no anxiety. Many couples will tell you making the weekend Experience is the best thing they did for their marriage. 90% of couples have a very good experience. Significantly better odds than buying a lottery ticket. The next Experience in Wyoming will be in Ucross, **November 3-5**. To learn more about the Experience, visit the website wwme.org or apply today by calling 307-215-9444.

CLOSING SONG

Traditional Crow Indian hymn and melody attributed to John Well Known, c1920



E - HE-LA YA-HE - HE-LE Baa - ku-kkoo-lak HE - HE-LE
He is in heaven.



Je - sus baa - ku - kkoo-lak. HE HE-LE
Jesus is in heaven.



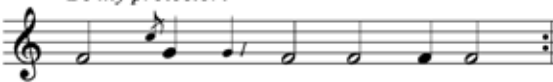
Bii kux-shih. WE E* - HE-LE Bii kux-shih. WE E* - HE-LE
Be my protector. Be my protector.



Baa baat-chaa - che iis - chii-saa - lee - tak. HE-LE
Almighty one, before whom there is no one,



Bii kux-shih. WE E* - HE-LE (Optional ending here)*
Be my protector.



Bii kux-shih. WE E* - HE-LE
Be my protector.

