

Twenty-seventh Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
  
October 4, 2026  
  
You are Lord of all!

“La viña del Señor de los ejércitos -dice el profeta- es la casa de Israel” (PRIMERA LECTURA). La parábola de los viñadores homicidas tiene mucho que ver con aquellas palabras, porque al rechazar el Hijo de Dios, el pueblo de Israel sufriría la catástrofe y Dios se buscaría otro pueblo (EVANGELIO). Por su parte, san Pablo (SEGUNDA LECTURA) invita a los cristianos a vivir intensamente bajo la mirada de Dios y a obrar de acuerdo con el buen ejemplo recibido.



### Masses For The Week

**sab 03** **Vigilia del XXVII Domingo Ordinario**  
04:30 pm Missa Pro Populo

**Sun 04** **XXVII Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
11:30 am +Margarita Romero (Granddaughter)  
+Mario Martinez (Collazo Family)  
+Oscar R. Noriega (Family)  
Donald Harris - Birthday

**Mon 05** **NO MASS**

**Tue 06** **Weekday**  
08:00 am +Fr. David Munoz, OMI (Fr. Nolasco Hinojosa)

**Wed 07** **Our Lady of the Rosary**  
08:00 am +Fr. José María Guevara (Fr. Nolasco Hinojosa)

**Thr 08** **Weekday**  
08:00 am Gloria G. Salinas – Birthday (Fr. Nolasco Hinojosa)

**Fri 09** **Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**  
08:00 am Gloria G. Hinojosa – Birthday (Fr. Nolasco Hinojosa)

**Sat 10** **Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary**  
08:00 am Honeria B. Ramirez – Birthday (Fr. Nolasco Hinojosa)

### The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning in Memory of  
+John Albert Martinez (Hiis Wife Nancy Martinez)

## Good News!

October 4, 2026  
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)  
Isaiah 5:1–7 / Philippians 4:6–9 / Matthew 21:33–43  
FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

A wise old sage once observed, “When it starts out stupid, it just gets more stupid.” The parable in today’s gospel illustrates this wisdom.

The son has been sent. The jig is up. The owner is not going to give up the vineyard. The tenants gambled and lost. It’s time for them to accept the inevitable and pay the rent. But common sense and wisdom do not prevail. *Kill the son, they think, and all that he would have inherited will be ours!*

How do you get from “don’t pay the rent” to “kill the son”? It is not a straight or smooth path. There are a lot of twists and turns between point A and point B. But it happens. It sneaks in. It demands little compromises and small dishonesties along the way as it becomes easier and easier for you to choose what is destructive. Then, you find you have lost it all your very self. And the corruption you’ve embraced convinces you that you’re making wise choices. You must be completely cleansed of the seduction that has enabled you to make these choices. You need to start again. ●

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## Dear Padre

October 4, 2026

*My friend is deeply involved in her faith, but I struggle with our friendship because I don't like how she treats her pets. I don't understand how someone who values religion so highly can show so little care for animals. What should I do?*

Franciscan Friar Kevin Mackin writes, “The bond between person and pet is like no other relationship, because the communication between fellow creatures is at its most basic. Eye to eye are two creatures of love” (“Why We Bless Animals,” Catholic Update). Because of this strong bond between humans and sentient creatures, it’s especially difficult to witness their mistreatment, either through neglect (such as failing to provide sufficient food, water, shelter, or veterinary care) or direct physical abuse (a violation of anti-cruelty laws and a criminal offense in all fifty states). Studies show that owning pets offers us companionship and emotional support; in turn, these qualities can foster in us greater empathy and compassion toward others. Yet, while pets may greatly benefit our health and well-being, owning them comes with a serious obligation and moral responsibility. Vulnerable pets depend on humans for adequate care and protection. At times, some pet owners can be overwhelmed by their responsibility to provide proper care; others may even be unaware that they are treating their pets inappropriately. Out of concern for both your friend and her pets, consider a non-critical, non-confrontational approach to discuss your observations and to offer assistance. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

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### LIFE CHAIN IN LAREDO

Sunday, October 4, 2026, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
Sidewalks from McPherson Road and Hillside Road. Join us to prayerfully witness that **Every Human Life Matters and is Sacred from conception to natural death.** This will be a peaceful opportunity to pray for respect for the Life of every human being.

**Cadena Pro-Vida en Laredo**  
**Domingo, 4 de octubre, 2026, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM**  
**En las banquetas de McPherson Road y Hillside Road**  
**Acompáñenos para dar testimonio de nuestra convicción que la vida de Todo Ser Humano es Importante y Sagrada desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural. Sera un evento de paz donde rezaremos por el respeto de la vida de cada ser humano.**



### ANNUAL RED MASS

Parishioners are invited to join His Excellency, John J. Gomez, JCL, on Tuesday, October 06, 2026, at 6 pm at San Agustin Cathedral. The Red Mass is offered for all legal professions throughout the Diocese of Laredo. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Misa Roja Anual**  
Se extiende una invitación a los feligreses para que acompañen al Obispo John J. Gómez, JCL, el ~~ma~~tes, 06 de octubre, 2026 a las 6pm en la Catedral de San Agustín. La Misa Roja se ofrece por todos los miembros de la profesión legal en la Diócesis de Laredo. Todos están cordialmente invitados.



God's own peace  
will guard over  
your hearts and  
minds,  
in CHRIST JESUS

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**LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH**  
Justin Pecina, Irma Santos, Gerardo Castro, Guadalupe Ortiz, María E. Maldonado, Alicia Guardiola, Delia Hinojosa, Rebecca Quintero, Herminia Torres, Vladimiro Checchin, Lalo Uribe, Maria Elena Garcia and Aida Ramirez.



By prayer and petition,  
with thanksgiving,  
make your needs known to god

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**Colecta de la Semana Pasada**  
Envelopes: \$ 2,061.00  
Loose: \$ 161.00  
Children's Envelopes: \$ 3.00

**Total Sunday Collection: \$ 2,225.00**

**Total Expenses Last Week: \$2,943.27**

### FRIENDLY STEWARDSHIP REMINDER

#### Recordatorio Amistoso de la Mayordomía

Tithing is the setting aside of a tenth (10%) of one's income for sacred purposes (Gen 28:22; Deut 14:22-29; Amos 4:4; Matt 23:23; Luke 11:42; Heb 7:1-10; 1 Cor 16:1-4; 2 Cor 8-9; and the practice was upheld by the Council of Trent in 1545-63). Recently the suggested trend is that five percent (5%) should be given to the parish; four percent (4%) to a charity of choice; one percent (1%) to the local diocese. It is our duty to give back to God part of what He gives to us. What He gives to us comes from the top; therefore, what we give back should not come from the bottom. El diezmo es poner al lado de un décimo (10%) del ingreso de uno para los propósitos sagrados (Gen 28:22; Deut 14:22-29; Amos 4:4; Mateo 23:23; Lucas 11:42; Heb 7:1-10; 1 Cor 16:1-4; 2 Cor 8-9; y la práctica fue apoyada por el Concilio de Trent en 1545-63). Recientemente la tendencia sugerida es que cinco por ciento (5%) debe darse a la parroquia; cuatro por ciento (4%) a una caridad de su preferencia; un por ciento (1%) a la diócesis local. Es nuestra obligación devolver a Dios parte de lo que Él nos da. Lo que Él da a nosotros viene de lo máximo; por lo tanto, lo que nosotros devolvemos no debe venir de lo mínimo. Your total weekly gift to the parish is calculated as follows: Su regalo semanal total a la parroquia se calcula como sigue:

(ANNUAL GROSS INCOME times .05) divided by 52

| Sample Gross Annual Incomes<br>and<br>Sample Weekly Gifts |                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| \$ 5,000 → \$ 4.82                                        | \$ 10,000 → \$ 9.62    |
| \$ 15,000 → \$ 14.42                                      | \$ 20,000 → \$ 19.23   |
| \$ 25,000 → \$ 24.05                                      | \$ 30,000 → \$ 28.84   |
| \$ 35,000 → \$ 33.65                                      | \$ 40,000 → \$ 38.46   |
| \$ 45,000 → \$ 43.27                                      | \$ 50,000 → \$ 48.08   |
| \$ 55,000 → \$ 52.88                                      | \$ 60,000 → \$ 57.69   |
| \$ 65,000 → \$ 62.50                                      | \$ 70,000 → \$ 67.31   |
| \$ 75,000 → \$ 72.12                                      | \$ 80,000 → \$ 76.92   |
| \$ 85,000 → \$ 81.72                                      | \$ 90,000 → \$ 86.54   |
| \$ 95,000 → \$ 91.35                                      | \$ 100,000 → \$ 96.15  |
| \$ 125,000 → \$ 120.19                                    | \$ 150,000 → \$ 144.23 |
| \$ 175,000 → \$ 168.27                                    | \$ 200,000 → \$ 192.31 |

