

Twenty-seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time

October 4, 2026

You are Lord of all!



Masses For The Week

Sun 04 Twenty-Seventh Sun in Ordinary Time
09:00 am +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandra Leyendecker)
+Antonio Nieto (Su Esposa, hijos y nieta)
+Diane Phelps (Armando & Nena Colchado)
+Mary Lou Castillo (Maria Valles)
For Rain (Belia Flores)

Thr 08 Weekday
12:05 pm **NO MASS** – Fr Nolasco on Vacation

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There is no reason for the tenants in the vineyard to feel threatened by or envious of the son and heir; they already have a stake in the landowner’s property. He has equipped them with all that is necessary to make a good profit; they simply have to be content that it is not theirs by right, but on loan to them by the landowner. Saint Paul pleads, “Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me.” Converted to what is true, honorable, just, pure, and gracious, our own life is the vineyard leased to us, and it bears fruit when we welcome the Son. We need “have no anxiety at all.” Like Isaiah, let us call the vineyard owner our friend, for in truth he is.

The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning for
+All Souls in Purgatory (Sandra Leyendecker)

Good News!

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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Isaiah 5:1–7 / Philipians 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. ●

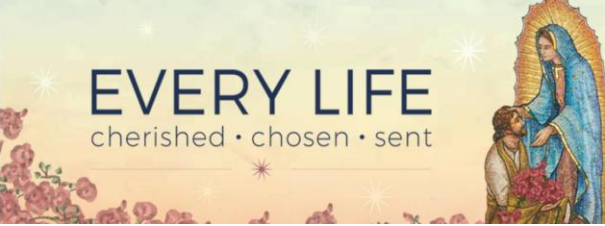
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**we share
one cup,
one Bread**

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LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH
Cristina Zarate, Mina Aldaco, Ramona Alaniz, Edna Flores, Ana Maria Finley, Mary G. Finley, Margarita Inocencio, Lucia Rodriguez, Maria Teresa Cassiano, Dotty Guffey, Rodrigo Medina, Armando Colchado, Elida Aldaco, Michelle Angela Nelson and Renee Chapa.



EVERY LIFE
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LIFE CHAIN IN LAREDO
TODAY Sunday, October 4, 2026, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Sidewalks from McPherson Rd. and Hillside Road. Join us to prayerfully witness that Every Human Life Matters and is Sacred from conception to natural death.



26TH ANNUAL RED MASS
Honoring all members of the judiciary and legal profession



OCTOBER 6, 2026 | 6:00 PM
SAN AGUSTIN CATHEDRAL
Free parking available at San Agustin Cathedral and La Posada Hotel
Reception to follow Mass at La Posada Hotel



The Most Reverend John J. Gomez, JCL.



Professor Sandra Guerra Thompson
University of Houston Law Center

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

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

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Last Sunday’s Collection
Envelopes: \$ 1,371.00
Loose: \$ 75.00
Children’s Envelopes: \$ 2.05

Total Sunday Collection: \$ 1,448.05

Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 4,446.51

Dear Padre

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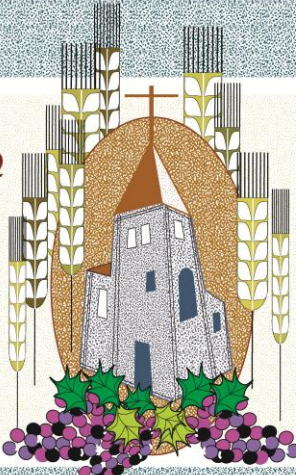
My friend is deeply involved in her faith, but I struggle with our friendship because I don’t like how she treats her pets. I don’t understand how someone who values religion so highly can show so little care for animals. What should I do?

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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