

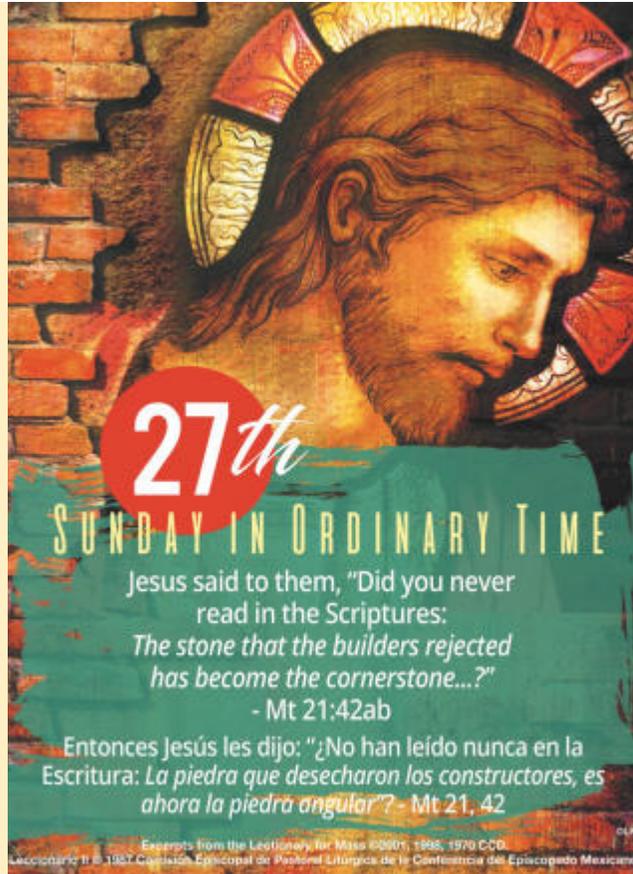
ST. BRIGID

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En toda la narración de la Biblia, la “viña” es un símbolo de la historia de Israel. El profeta Isaías, nos lo muestra con su cántico de la viña. *“Déjenme cantar, en nombre de mi amigo, la acción de mi amigo por su viña. Una viña tenía mi amigo en una loma fértil. La cavó quitando las piedras y plantó cepas escogidas. En medio de ella construyó una torre y también cavó un lagar. Él esperaba que produjera uvas, pero solo le dio racimos amargos”*. (Isaías 5:1-2). El cántico refleja el dilema del bien y del mal, de la fe y de la infidelidad. Esto aparece reflejado en la primera lectura y en el Evangelio. Somos la viña de Dios, tanto el pueblo de Israel de aquel entonces, como la comunidad mundial de la actualidad.

Dios siempre espera la conversión y la fidelidad del pueblo, por eso enviaba a los profetas para recordarles sus infidelidades. El dueño es Dios y de mil y una formas se hace presente para que la humanidad vuelva su vida hacia Él. ¿No es acaso lo que se nos ha pedido a razón del coronavirus? El Papa Francisco, insiste en que en medio de todo lo que vivimos sea el *“vino nuevo la viña de la misericordia”*. El Papa continúa. *“La urgencia de responder con frutos de bien a la llamada del Señor, que nos llama a convertirnos en su viña, nos ayuda a comprender qué hay de nuevo y original en el cristianismo”*. (Radio Vaticano). ¿Qué nos pide Dios en este momento de reacomodo en el mundo a causa del sufrimiento de la pandemia? ¿Qué estoy dispuesto a dar para aliviar el sufrimiento de otros?



Do you ever wonder why things never seem to come together? We see glimpses of consistency, equity, justice, peace, harmony, and wellbeing, but it always falls short. Human life is still expendable and manipulated, people are used for personal advancement, countries are at war, the economy continues to face turbulence, anger and frustration are widespread, and happiness is the possession of just a few and not the many. Could it be that we are serving the wrong kingdom? We keep trying to make our kingdom work and find ourselves still scratching our heads after repeatedly failed attempts to do so. It is almost as if people are saying, “we’ll get it right this time if we do ...,” as if some new and secret innovation has yet to be tried. We serve God’s kingdom. We may not like hearing that, but it is true. God did not make only a few of us. God made all of humanity and all of humanity is called into service.

How often do we defer any of our decision making to God? Secular leaders enjoy winking at the Sacred Scriptures and using them when they advance a cause, but are they really listened to? Even those who consider themselves believers tend to sift through God’s Word, taking what seems to fit and apply and discarding the rest. After all, if we were really serving God’s kingdom, we would see an abundance of fruit testifying to this fact. But what’s growing on the vine is anything other than good Gospel-centered fruit.

Nothing in this world or the next belongs to us. We have such a hard time believing this and live our lives as if everything belongs to us. And, the fruit does not lie. Trees that are neglected and not properly fertilized reveal that fact. They cannot keep these deep secrets from being discovered. If God’s kingdom was really being served, then life would have looked much differently after the crucifixion. By now, there would be plenty of fantastic fruit to harvest in abundance: faith, hope, love, prudence, temperance, justice, and fortitude. Do we see these in abundance around us? Why not?

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Tuesday - Friday9:00 am - 4:00 pm

SACRAMENTS

Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday.....6:00-7:00 pm

Sacrament of Penance Wednesday.....6:00-6:30 pm

Saturday.....4:00-4:30pm

(Sacrament of Penance is also available by appointment)

San Juan Diego Mission—Stilwell

Misa en espanol: Domingo.....8:30 am

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Oct. 4	St. Brigid Parishioners
Tuesday, Oct. 6	+Jeannie Carlile
Wednesday, Oct. 7	Seth Short/+Arlan Hanson (Sp)
Thursday, Oct. 8	+Larry Peterson
Friday, Oct. 9	+Melody Parker
Saturday, Oct. 10 5:00pm	+Arlan Hanson



2020 Weekend Mass Times:

First Saturday 9:00am English

Saturday 5:00 pm English

Sunday 10:30 am English

12:30 pm Spanish

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Tuesday 5:30 pm

Wednesday 5:30 pm (Eng)

7:00 pm (Sp)

Thursday 12:15 pm

Friday 8:15 am

Pope's October Prayer Intention: The Laity's Mission in the Church

“We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the church.”

ST BRIGID “BOXES OF JOY” OCTOBER CHARITY DRIVE!

Once again this fall we are teaming up with Cross Catholic Outreach to give children living in the worst poverty something special for Christmas. Some of the children that will receive these boxes have never before received any Christmas gift. Last year, we had such a positive response from our parishioners, that we actually ran out of all the boxes within the first weekend! We hope this year will be an even greater success, as well!

Instructions and gift ideas will be included in each “Box of Joy” according to the age of the boy or girl who will receive your box (ie—things most needed, liked, etc.)

There's no limit to the number of boxes you may pick-up to fill. If you would like to give gifts for multiple children, no worries! We have twice as many boxes this year to go around!

Please remember each “Box of Joy” must include:

- Check written to **Cross Catholic Outreach** (*NOT St. Brigid—there was some confusion last year*) **for the amount of \$9.00** (this check will help CCO cover the cost of shipping per box).
- Appropriate and needed gift ideas (a list of suggestions is included in the box you will pick up to fill)
- Do NOT pack any liquids in your box
- Do NOT tape the boxes
- All gift items should fit cleanly into that standard size “Box of Joy” box, without spilling over/bulking out
- FYI: IF you discover after filling your box that you've got it too full, you can always get another box to fill, or simply choose to bring your leftover items to the church office. Any extra items we have will not go to waste—these can be used to help fill-out any under-filled boxes we or Cross receive.

Start Date: Oct. 3-4 (begin distributing boxes to fill)

Deadline: Sunday, Nov. 1st (last day to return filled boxes)

Readings for the week of October 4, 2020

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 [Is 5:7a]/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c [5]/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 [24b]/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [68]/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [5]/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Collections for September 27, 2020

Regular Collection: \$2,227.00

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults has begun!

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the process by which those interested in joining the Catholic Church may discern that call.

Our adult faith formation sessions for RCIA are open to all who are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church and her teachings. This also includes those already Catholic or who are baptized Catholic but have not yet made their First Communion and/or Confirmation.

Steve Hamby conducts our sessions on Sunday mornings at 9 am in the first classroom on the right in the Activity Center.

Annual Catholic Charities Appeal

The first weekend in October is the annual appeal for Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Tulsa & Eastern Oklahoma. Together with the annual Faith & Works campaign, Catholic Charities is the other major appeal we are asked to support. Faith & Works supports the ministry programs of the Diocese; Catholic Charities provides assistance to those in need throughout Eastern Oklahoma. Here at St. Brigid we receive support from Catholic Charities with our utility assistance program here in Cherokee County, and this year they also offered funding to help San Juan Diego Mission meet the needs of people in Adair County.

Please be generous in supporting this year's annual appeal for Catholic Charities, and visit their website at www.cceok.org.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Tom Tinnen, Maria Gerber, Molly Peterson, Sue Hooper, Patty Calloway, Doug Roberts, Jane Bailey, Mary Thirsty, Abigail Flavin, Donna Lewis, Janie Hanson, Wallace H. Allen, Janice Archer, Rolland Turcotte, Lisa Herrin, Justin Simmons, Mary White, Sally Hilger, Mary Fulk, John Witosky, William Righthouse, Anita Brockman, Courtney Short, Don Brockman, Larry Guthrie, Amanda King-Summers, Marty Barnett, Robert Nicodemus, Nathaniel Galdamez, Rex Fann, Dean Harless, Terry Dunlap, Angie Fay, Gary Harrington, Maddie Cochran, Kirby Merrill, Marquette Lyons, Renee Ridge, Ann Payette, Carol Carroll, Michael Roberts, Jim Roberts, Alana Roberts, Dixon Davis, Tiffany Robinson, Caden Murphy, Bill Scrimshire, Kylee Osburn, Donald Sizemore, J.D. Ward, Zack Kelley, Carrie Ann Mitchell, Melynda Elias, Jesse Price, Alan Linde, Joyce Eastham, Bobby Dean Ward, Rose Penton, Rosa Castillo, Margaret Miller, Meaghan Roberts, Kyla Roberts, Charlee Burke, Keith Burke, Glenda Burke, Debbie Rich, Kim Harris, Melanie Medaris, Kelly Callaway, Darren Sunday, Della Moore, Mary DeHaas, Kathy Seidletz, Jon Mitchell, David Alley, Andy Groat, Angie Mitchell, Emily Mitchell, Walter Sizemore, Jessie Casey, Michael Murphy, Tony Croman, Jonah Evans, Janice Booker, Matt Booker, Eddie Booker, Calvin Pope, Jasmine Evans, Calvin McCoy, Danny Craig, Laura Lollar, Karan Housley, Eddy Mcinnis, Colin Mcinnis, Cathy Farinelli, Tom Carlile, Mary Mead, Connor McClure, Terry Hearn, Jim Madison, Steve Blair, Jennifer Vinson, Bobby McCaslin, and all our military.

BAPTISMAL CLASSES/PLATICAS PRE-BAUTISMALES

Las platicas pre-bautismales reunen el primer domingo de cada mes a las 11 am en el salon con Sra. Lula Andrade.

Baptismal classes for parents and godparents in English may be scheduled with Fr. Stuart through the Parish Office.

Reminders about CoVID-19 Precautions

Tahlequah does have a mandatory mask ordinance in place for places of public accommodation, which includes churches. If you need a mask when attending Mass, we have some disposable ones available in the church foyer. Hand sanitizer is also available in the pews and in the foyer for your use.

Thank you to everyone for your consideration of others in helping us abide by these protocols.

Catholic Student Organization at NSU

Our CSO is the campus ministry group for students at NSU. All college-age young adults are welcome to attend CSO events. For information, please contact Montana Hale at (918) 284-6869 or Noah Enlow at (918) 708-2458.

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