

("Born to Be Wild?" continued from

When Jesus proclaimed the parable of the vineyard in today's Gospel reading, those who heard understood Jesus' message all too clearly. It was not that they couldn't understand Jesus; it was that most of those who heard Him rejected His message, rejected God and His protection, and chose wildness and separation from Him.

The message is clear. God's plan is to bring us into His family so we'll bear good fruit. Repent of any desire to "run wild" and rebel against the Lord (Ex 32:25).

Prayer: Father, do in me whatever it takes in order to do through me whatever You will.

Promise: "Then God's own peace, which is beyond all understanding, will stand guard over your hearts and minds." —Phil 4:7

Praise: Praise You, Jesus, "my Lord and my God!" (Jn 20:28)

*And don't forget
to pray for Pope Francis.*



October

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October 2017 Parish Collections

Date	St. John	St. Francis	St. Catherine
10-1-2017	\$ 1,542.00	\$ 551.00	\$ N/A
10-8-2017	\$	\$	\$
10-15-2017	\$	\$	\$
10-22-2017	\$	\$	\$
10-29-2017			
TOTAL	\$ 1,542.00	\$ 551.00	\$

THE VOICE

October 8, 2017

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**One Bread, One Body -
Reflection for October 8, 2017**

Born to Be Wild?

"Why...did it bring forth wild grapes?" —Isaiah 5:4

God took perfect care of His vineyard, the house of Israel (Is 5:1ff). With a perfect Gardener and perfect care, you would expect the vineyard to produce domesticated, fruitful grapes. No one would logically expect wild grapes to be produced. For this to happen, the domesticated grapevines that were planted and cultivated would seemingly need to have new DNA, that of wild grapes, and that is what resulted.

Therefore, God told the people of Israel, and us also, that if they want to change their nature to be wild, He would let them live in a condition which fits their desire for wildness. Thus, the Lord tore down the walls which protected the vineyard, allowing wild conditions, wild plants, and wild animals to invade (Is 5:5-6). Perhaps then the Israelites, and us as well, would come to their senses (see Lk 15:17ff) and return to the Lord. Perhaps the wild grapes would learn from the merciless effects of wild living and humbly return to their domesticated, fruitful nature that comes with being a child of God.

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St. Catherine, Fossil 5:00 pm

Sundays
St. Francis, Arlington 8:00 am
St. John, Condon 10:30 am

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This Weekend: October 7th & 8th
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Vigil Mass - St Catherine

Reader: Rosemary
Cup: Volunteer

8:00 am Mass - St. Francis

Reader: Myra
Cups: Volunteers

10:30 am Mass - St John

Reader: Diane
Server: Volunteers
Cup Holders: Dan & Dorothy
Coffee: Maria Cortez



Next Weekend: October 14th & 15th
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Vigil Mass - St Catherine

Reader: Sandra
Cup: Volunteer

8:00 am Mass - St. Francis

Reader: Lynn
Cups: Volunteers

10:30 am Mass - St John

Reader: Herschel
Server: Volunteers
Cup Holders: Kay & Kathy
Coffee: Youth Group Breakfast



Please welcome Fr. Victor Mena, who is the visiting priest this weekend. Fr. Victor is from from St. Francis of Assisi in Bend.

We were also blessed to have Rev. Fr. Eduardo Nebelung from Our Lady of Angels in Hermiston who was here last weekend.

Thank you and God Bless, Fr. Victor, and Fr. Eduardo.

Announcements

- ◇ 2nd Collection for Hurricane Irma victims **TODAY**
- ◇ PLEASE make your checks out to **YOUR CHURCH**. The money will be counted by the money counters, and single checks from each church will be sent to the Diocese.
- ◇ Breakfast will be served by St. John Church Youth group next weekend. Please support our young people, and enjoy the food!

Please keep Fr. Marri and his family in your prayers. Special prayers for the repose of the soul of Fr.'s brother, Rayanna Marri.



Calling All Youth!

Do you know that Jesus and Mary love you with all their hearts? Do you want to be encouraged in God's Plan for your life? Do you want to join in fellowship with other youth from around the Diocese of Baker? All Middle School Students are invited to Day of the Spirit Retreat November 3-5 and all High School Students are invited to Day of the Son Retreat November 10-12 at the Diocesan Retreat Center in Powell Butte. The cost is \$75 per youth. The theme for both retreats is: Totus Tuus Maria! Totally Yours Mary! To Jesus Through Mary! Please call the Diocese of Baker at: (541) 388-4004 to register! Space is limited so you are encouraged to sign up soon! Registration ends October 26.



Pray for Vegas

& continued prayers for the Hurricane victims



October is the month of the Holy Rosary We are instructed to say a rosary every day during the month.

