

Dear Parish Family,

This Sunday, the Word of God presents us with a beautiful but challenging image: the vineyard. In the first reading and in the Gospel, God is portrayed as the owner of a vineyard. He carefully prepares it, plants it, protects it, and gives everything necessary for it to produce good fruit. The vineyard represents God's people—and, in a very personal way, it can also represent each one of us.

God has entrusted each of us with a vineyard. He has given us life, faith, family, opportunities, gifts, and people to love and serve. He does not simply ask us to receive these gifts; He asks us to make them fruitful.

The Gospel reminds us that we are not owners of everything God has entrusted to us. We are stewards. The vineyard ultimately belongs to God. Our responsibility is to care for what He has placed in our hands and to return to Him the fruits of a life lived in faith.

What kind of fruit is God finding in our vineyard? Is there the fruit of love, forgiveness, generosity, patience, compassion, and service? Are our homes producing the fruit of prayer and faith? Is our parish producing the fruit of unity, charity, and a genuine concern for those who need us?

As we continue our journey together as a parish family, may we remember that God has entrusted this vineyard to us, not simply for ourselves, but so that it may bear fruit for others. Our families, our parish, our school, our ministries, and our individual lives are opportunities to cultivate something that will give glory to God and bring blessing to others.

May God bless you and your families, and may He continue to make our parish a fruitful vineyard where His love can grow and flourish.

Fr. Rolando