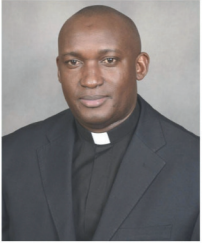


FROM FR. DEO

October 4, 2026



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

God is good, all the time...All the time, God is good!

This 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, which is also Respect Life Sunday, marks the beginning of October, a beautiful month in which we honor Mary and renew our commitment to cherishing and protecting every human life as a precious gift from God.

This Sunday's readings invite us to be good stewards of the vineyard God has entrusted to us. In the first reading (Isaiah 5:1–7), God lovingly cares for His vineyard and expects it to bear good fruit—justice and righteousness. Instead, it produces wild grapes. St. Paul reminds us that we bear fruits through prayer, gratitude, peace, and good works (Phil 4:6–9). Instead of being consumed by anxiety, we are invited to bring everything to God and live according to what is true, honorable, just, and good.

In the Gospel (Mt 21:33–43), Jesus speaks of a vineyard entrusted to workers who are called to care for it faithfully. The landowner sends servants to collect the fruits, but the tenants reject and even kill them. Finally, the landowner sends his son, whom they also kill. Jesus is speaking about Israel's rejection of the prophets, and ultimately pointing toward His own rejection and death.

Our lives, families, parish, and every human person are God's vineyard entrusted to our care. On this Respect Life Sunday, we are called to protect the unborn, care for the elderly and vulnerable, support families, and uphold the dignity of every person. May our words and actions bear good fruits of the Gospel of Life.

I warmly invite you to join our Candlelight Rosary on Friday, October 2 at 6:30 p.m., the Mass for Life on October 3 at 8:30 a.m., and the Rosary by the River, Sunday, October 4 at 3:00 p.m. Let us come together as one parish family in prayer to our Blessed Mother and support the Gospel of Life.

And let's not forget God's animal creations, our pets. The annual St. Francis pet blessing will take place at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 5 in the Ardmore parking lot.

In Parish News, I cordially invite you to my installation as pastor by our local Vicar, Auxiliary Bishop John Siemianowski, next Sunday, October 11, at the 11:00 a.m. bilingual Mass. This is a special opportunity to pray, celebrate, and renew our commitment to walking together as one parish family. Following Mass, please join us for a potluck celebration. Bring a dish, dessert, or drink as we share fellowship and give thanks for God's blessings. Please keep me and our parish in your prayers. I look forward to celebrating with you!

We will continue celebrating our parish family at our Trinity Gala on Saturday evening, November 14! Please plan to attend and invite family and friends. Dinner and raffle tickets are available online and at the rectory. All proceeds stay in our parish: 50% will support our school and 50% our parish ministries. We will also honor Fr. McCarthy for his outstanding spiritual leadership and dedicated service to our community. Thank you for your generosity and support!

Finally, please support our mission for the Station School in Rwanda by buying Spaghetti Dinner tickets or sponsoring a student. They will be for sale in the Church vestibule before and after Masses next weekend.

St Elizabeth of the Trinity, Pray for Us!

See you in church!

In Christ,

Fr. Deo

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