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PETITIONS & THANKSGIVING LETTERS

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Readings & responses for the week

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, 4 October	Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-44 The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.
Monday, 5 October Blessed Francis Seelos C.Ss.R.	1 Thess 2:2-8, Matt 28:16-20 The mouth of the just speaks wisdom.
Tuesday, 6 October St Bruno, Priest	Phil 3:8-14; Lk 9:57-62 His delight is the law of the Lord.
Wednesday, 7 October Our Lady of the Rosary	Acts 1:12-14; Lk 1: 26-38 The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy is his name!
Thursday, 8 October	Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13. Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel! He has visited his people.
Friday, 9 October SS Denis, Bishop & Companions, Martyrs	2 Cor 6:4-10; Matt 5:13-16 Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.
Saturday, 10 October Blessed virgin Mary	Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28 The Lord remembers his covenant forever.

NOVENA DEVOTIONS ON SATURDAY

8.00am, 10.00am, 12.00pm, 4.00pm,
5.30pm

2.00pm (Mandarin)

MASS ON WEEKDAYS

12:15pm, 6.30pm

9.00am, 6.30pm Public Holiday

(confession will be 30 minutes before Mass)

MASS ON SATURDAY

7.00am, 6.30pm (Sunset)

MASS ON SUNDAY

8.00am, 10.00am, 12.00pm, 5.30pm
(confession will be 30 minutes before Mass)

SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES UPDATE

No booking is required. There will not be standing room allowed in the main church.

RECEPTION OPERATING HOURS

Monday to Friday 9.00am to 8.00pm

Lunch Hour 11.45am to 12.45pm

Saturday 7.30am to 8.00pm

Sunday 8.30am to 1.30pm & 4.30pm to 7.00pm

Closed on Public Holiday

GIFTSHOP OPERATING HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
10.30am to 6.30pm

Lunch Hour 12.15pm to 12.45pm

Saturday 8.30am to 6.30pm

Sunday 9.00am to 1.30pm

Closed on Thursday and Public Holiday

BUILDING OUR WORLD, WITH GOD

All of us have probably experienced at least one tragic failure in our lives. When our exam results were not good enough to get into the university course of our choice, failing to land that dream job, or the church event that nobody showed up to. Imagine all that planning, preparation and work that we put in, only for it to fail miserably. Such failure can lead to anguish, desolation, and can even lead us to question the very direction of our lives.

God also has a project. We are God's project, all of creation is God's project. God created the world and put us in it, redeemed us from our sins and gave us the promise of eternal life. God gave us the grace that we need to bear fruit. The vineyard in today's readings from Isaiah and the Gospel of Matthew serves as an image of God's project. God has put all of Himself into this vineyard - *'he dug the soil, cleared it of stones and planted choice vines in it, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.'* God has put us in the world to bear the fruit of justice and integrity, but instead they have only borne bloodshed and distress. It seems as if God's project has failed.

There is a difference between the two passages from Isaiah and Matthew. In the Old Testament, it is God's project entirely. God alone builds the vineyard and when it doesn't bear good fruit, God gives up. God no longer sends rain and allows the vineyard to go to waste. In Jesus' parable, God invites us to share in His project. God respects our dignity and freedom and invites us to use our talents to develop the vineyard with Him.

Again, the project fails. This time, it is the cooperators, the tenants, who wish to take over the project themselves. But the vineyard, the Kingdom, is not theirs. It is God's Kingdom. They eliminate God's vision and God's presence from the vineyard and this disqualifies them from God's reign.

Last week, during his visit to France, Pope Leo used the symbol of the Notre-Dame Cathedral. It was almost destroyed, beyond hope of repair. Yet, people came together to restore it. It stands as an eloquent witness to how mutual cooperation can achieve the remarkable. Only together with God and with each other can we achieve anything that is true, noble, good, pure, virtuous and worthy of praise, as described in the Letter to the Philippians. Only when we recognize this can our lives bear fruit and can we inherit the Kingdom of God.

A Reflection by Fr. Gerard Louis C.Ss.R.

TAIZE PRAYER



NOVENA
CHURCH OF ST. ALPHONSUS

Prayer with the songs of
Taizé

Songs . Silence .
Reflection . Prayer .

Join us for an evening
of meditative prayer

**3RD FRIDAYS –
October 23, 2026**

**8:00PM TO 9:00PM
MAIN CHURCH**

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND 2026

Stay-In Weekends: English | Nov 6-8 |
Dec 4-6; Mandarin 18 -20 Sept:
Bahasa Indonesia 16 -18 Oct
Secure your Weekend at:
https://www.wmesg.org/Weekend_Reg

ADVENT MARKET



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2026 ADVENT COMMUNITY PROJECT

**A NOVENA
CHRISTMAS OF LOVE**

LOOKING FOR FLEA MARKET VENDORS!

**ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE FLEA
MARKET GOES TO THE REDEMPTORIST
CHURCH MISSION FUND.**

SIGN UP NOW!

**17 SATURDAY, 12 DEC 2026 | 10AM – 2PM
CHURCH OF ST. ALPHONSUS (NOVENA CHURCH)**

Come & share the joy of giving this Christmas!

TAMIL NOVENA & TAMIL MASS
24TH OCTOBER NOVENA 8PM
MASS 8.30PM

MIGRANT SUNDAY



NOVENA
CHURCH OF ST. ALPHONSUS

Kataluma
United People, United in Prayer

You're Invited!

MIGRANT SUNDAY

One Church, One Family, One Home.

DATE
11 OCTOBER 2026 (Sunday)

TIME
1.30 PM to 4.30 PM

VENUE
CASIMIR GODEBYE ROOM
Pastoral Block (back of Novena Church)

**Come dressed in your national outfit.
Bring a dish from your country to share during celebration.**

**This is a walk-in event
NO REGISTRATION NEEDED**
For more information, please scan the QR-Code.

PRAISE & WORSHIP
9TH OCTOBER 8PM
Theme: "Beauty Out of Ashes"
Main Church