

27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 8, 2023

This weekend celebrates Thanksgiving. As Catholics the word Eucharist is the Greek for thanksgiving. Therefore our most consequential attitude is to give thanks for all that we have and all that we are. The theme of the vineyard is the thread through the readings from Scripture.

‘Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard.’ (Is.5:1)

The vineyard is the Kingdom, the concrete reality of God’s presence, God’s love for us all. In our lives we are invited to participate in the building of this Kingdom and we give thanks for it.

‘Brothers and sisters: Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication, let your requests be made known to God’ (Phil.4:6)

Jesus reminds us in our Gospel passage the vocation we have to produce the fruits of the kingdom; fruits of compassion, reconciliation and love. Each of us with our unique gifts and person build the vineyard. We give thanks for this vocation.

‘The Eucharist! That is your centre, your life, your death. It is God with us  
In person. (St. Peter Julian Eymard.)

In Thanksgiving for all! Blessings of peace! Fr. Don