

FAITH FORMATION RESOURCE GUIDE

BLESSED TRINITY PARISH, CLEVELAND



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As noted previously, this weekly publication will offer curated material with a broad scope because our parish audience is diverse. If you have a gem of a resource that helps you grow spiritually, please feel free to share it with Terri. Call 216.671.5890 or email tpastura@blessedtrinitycleveland.org.

We will offer a limited number of printed copies in the back of Church that you can take home with you. We understand that everyone is not fluent in the technology world. However, we want to be environmentally conscientious, too. We do not want to waste paper even though we do recycle!

So, our primary access point will be through the parish website. Nearly everyone has a cell phone that can take them to www.blessedtrinitycleveland.org. Click the menu entry at the top of the screen and you will have access to the new page. You will be able to link to the current edition and previous ones. Access the material at your convenience. Use that time while you wait for an appointment or stand in the school pickup line to give yourself a spiritual snack.

Welcome to week two!



SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm 80:9,12,13-14,15-16,19-20

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/100426.cfm>

From The Word Embodied, John Kavanaugh, S.J.
"When Jesus looks at scripture, it's a different story. He recalls Isaiah's parable of the vineyard, but only to engage it for his own time and people. The leaders of his age were rejecting him, son of the vineyard's Lord, just as they rejected the delegations of prophets before him. What is worse, they reject him as the Son of God, even kill him, in the false hope that they will then get the inheritance for themselves..."

The "always reforming" church must always ask itself whether it seizes the vineyard inheritance for itself, rather than for the Lord of the harvest. It is only at great peril to themselves that the preacher, the mediator, and the institution, present themselves, rather than the Savior-Son, as the way of salvation. We put our very stewardship at risk if we follow a gospel other than that of Jesus. Those who warn us that we neglect the ways of justice and close our ears to the cries of the poor are simply reminding us of the very gospel we proclaim."

Question of the Week

Do I appreciate and tend to the blessings in my life,
particularly those found in creation?

God's creation is good!

God has planted the vineyard and tended it,
i.e. given us all that we need to thrive.

This question calls us to consider if we are appreciating that our being is a blessing. Do we focus on our imperfections or build upon the strengths that we possess? It is so easy to filter our perceptions through another's expectations. That is not God's way...each of us is uniquely created to be a part of the story

of the building of the Kingdom.

Beyond ourselves, we find the blessing of the rest of creation. Even a weed has value in its relationship to soil retention. Take time to appreciate the beauty that surrounds us. Care for the planet - reuse and recycle. Take care of your health...you only have one body.

Appreciate the Creator. Take time to thank God for the blessings that touch you. Be God's blessing to someone else.

ACTION IDEAS

For Individuals

Do something that will be a blessing to someone else. It might be a physical gift or a fiscal one and it might benefit someone you know or a complete stranger. If you are currently lacking extra resources to share, then pray for someone's need or for those who have no one to pray for them.

For Couples

What is it that you value about your partner most? How does he/she bless your life by completing you with his/her own giftedness?

Family Focus

What change might you make in a family practice that will better serve the preservation of creation?

Evangelizing

Are any of your work habits wasteful? Be more conscientious and lead your co-workers by your example.

Make a Change

Be honest. What is it in your life that you take for granted? Do something to show that it is appreciated or expand upon the way that you are using the gift well.

Crossing Generations

Join the Hope for Creation Walk on October 11 from 2 to 4 pm.



Do It!

Tomorrow I am going to....DO IT TODAY!



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An easy way to use this page is to share the Gospel story by reading it or watching a video (links are on page 4 of this guide). Then follow the suggestions below. If you are working with multiple children, the activities should sync so that you can do them simultaneously.

We recommend the student curriculum program available for teaching lessons to your child at home, you can learn more at <https://www.gospelweeklies.com/weeklies-revised-reimagined/>. The parish can purchase these at a discounted rate if enough families are interested. Contact Terri at the parish office for more information. Lots of other free resources, like teaching guides and activity suggestions, are available when you subscribe.

Think outside of the box. If a structured environment works best for the student, set up a time and even a place in your home for these discussions. Other methods are effective, too. Once you have an idea of the week's topics, drop one into a conversation you are having during afternoon snack. Maybe this becomes a chat topic at your family meal following Mass on the weekend. Some have found that making this a nightly practice before bedtime prayers throughout the week works. Do not give up, adapt to what works.



This Sunday's Gospel: Matthew 21:33–43
 "In the Gospel, Jesus uses another parable set in a vineyard that again represents Israel and its people. The landowner plants the vines and hires tenants to work the vineyard for him. At harvest time, they kill the landowner's servants in order to keep the crops for themselves. They even kill his son when he comes to collect the owner's share. Jesus wants the leaders in Israel to take good care of the people and not deprive them of what is rightfully theirs. This week is a good opportunity to explore with your family how to be good members of the various groups you belong to—most importantly, your family and the Church." (The Gospel at Home, copyright © 2026 Pflaum Publishing Group, a division of Bayard, Inc.)

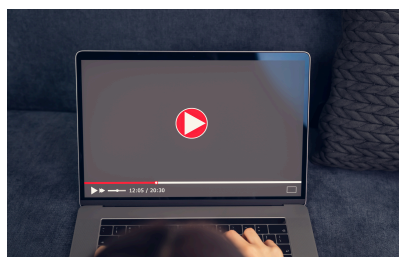
SEEDS (Pre-school): What is your favorite thing that God has made? Talk about things that are growing, including the child? How do you care for growing things?

PROMISE (K-grade 1): Each child helps care for something. How does he/she do it? Are reminders needed? Is the family caring for some aspect of creation together?

GOOD NEWS (Grades 2 and 3): The care of the vineyard reminds us of God's love for all people. How do you share that love at home? At school? In the parish community? Caring for creation?

VENTURE (Grades 4 through 6): The tenants were greedy in wanting the vineyard for themselves. That greed led them to hurt others. Do you know any groups who act selfishly? What can you do to stop any hurtful activities toward people or creation?

VISIONS (Grades 7 through 9): Caring for creation includes caring for yourself. Are you eating and sleeping well? Instead of a text, chat with your best friend while walking.



KIDS VIDEO LINKS

[The Bible Bag](#) (Gospel lesson for young children)

[Lesson and Saint of the Week](#)

[Holy Heroes Gospel Video](#)

[27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle A](#) All readings Diocese of Bridgeport

[Parable of the Tenants-an Animation](#)

[The Parable of the Wicked Tenant Farmers](#)

[Albert's Expeditions](#) Videos about creation/creatures

[Lesson and Activities](#) Diocese of Bridgeport

[Songs and Fingerplays for Young Children](#) Pflaum Publications

[Sunday Connection](#) Loyola Press

[Sunday Reflections St. Louis University Initiatives:](#)

Reflections, Challenges, Social Justice from these contributors and more: John Foley, S.J., Larry Gillick, S.J., Anne Osdieck, Ron Rohlheiser, OMI, John Pilch, John Kavanaugh, S.J.

[Center for Action and Contemplation Podcasts](#)

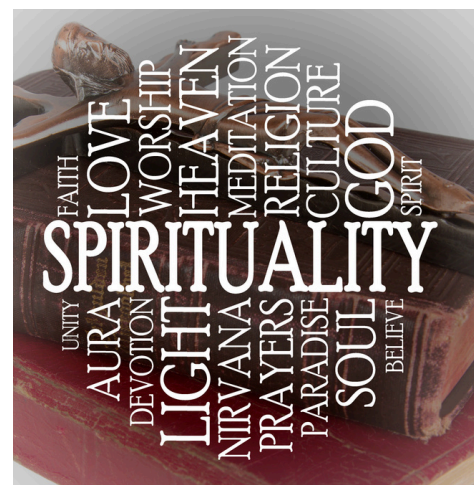
[Center for Action and Contemplation Daily](#)

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ACTIVITY AND SPIRITUALITY LINKS



MUSIC AND VIDEO LINKS

[Save Us, O Lord](#) – Bob Dufford, S.J.

[The Blessing](#) – video (5:40) Andrea Bocelli, Kari Jobe & Cody Carnes

[Thank God, I Do](#) -- video (3:40) Lauren Daigle

[I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say](#) -- video (3:44) The Hillbilly Thomist

[The Goodness of God](#) – video (4:55) Bethel Music