

MARCH 13, 2020
Friday of the 2nd Week of Lent
Matthew 21: 33-43, 45-46

WE TRUST IN YOU

In our First Reading today, we heard that Joseph was loved by his Father Israel but hated by his brothers. They plotted to kill Joseph but instead sold him to the Midianite traders and the rest were history: Joseph's suffering resulted in the redemption of his family and kin, reconciliation with his brothers, and reunited with his father whom he didn't see for a long time. In relation to this, in our Gospel, "Joseph prefigures Jesus who was betrayed by one of his own disciples and put to death on the cross for our redemption. Jesus came to reconcile us with an all-just and all-merciful God. His parables point to the mission he came to accomplish - to bring us the kingdom of God."¹

In our gospel, we heard the Parable of the Vineyard. The parable speaks about God's generosity and trust, patience and justice. "It richly conveys some important truths about God and the way he deals with his people. First, it tells us of God's generosity and trust. The vineyard is well equipped with everything the tenants need. The owner went away and left the vineyard in the hands of the tenants. God, likewise, trusts us enough to give us freedom to run life as we choose. This parable also tells us of God's patience and justice. Not once, but many times he forgives the tenants their debts. But while the tenants take advantage of the owner's patience, his judgment and justice prevail in the end."²

My sisters and brothers, our readings are giving us the message of hope that everything will be in God's hands just trust and be patient to His plan, and everything will be alright. As we experience these days the Covid-19 pandemic, let us bend our knees in

¹ dailyscripture.servantsoftheword.org

² *ibid*

prayer and ask the Lord for strength and healing. We also ask the Lord that He may take care of our doctors, nurses, caregivers, and all medical practitioners, and those who are in medical research to find cure to this virus. As a conclusion we pray: Divine Mercy, we trust in you. Amen.