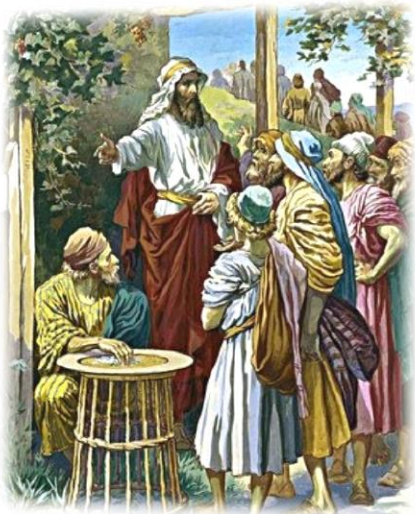


**The Reflection from Pastor Fr. John
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CLOSE TO GOD



God works in history. The image of the vineyard continues to be used in this Sunday's gospel. As on previous Sundays, Jesus, based on the example of a vineyard and the relationship of its owner with his workers, alerts the Jews to their wrongdoing.

The history of salvation happens in stages, it is progressive, with Jesus Christ as its peak. So often,

humanity has not always welcomed some interventions from God in history, rejecting, sometimes even the Son himself who came to the vineyard (into the world) to communicate the love of his Father to them.

The human being has often placed himself far from God, but not rejecting the gifts that come from Him. Let us remember that the first sin that the Bible narrates in the book of Genesis, is the desire of Adam and Eve to become gods.

This Sunday, each of us is invited to review his life and reflect on the following: what place does God occupy in my life? What importance do I give Him? How do I testify and live faith in Jesus Christ?

Let us not forget to pray for each other,

Father John Carlos