

27TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Isaiah 5:1-7

Philippians 4:6-9

Matthew 21:33-43

Homily

I remember in the early 1990s when I was on the staff of our diocesan junior Seminary, we had this caretaker of our farmland who made a fortune for himself and he saw nothing wrong with that.

He had always worked so hard to provide for the needs of student body and staff from the farmland and that's it.

It is true that those who administer property often begin to forget that they are only administrators.

They forget that the owners have an upper hand to decide about the way the proceeds are to be used.

The Gospel given to us for our meditation this weekend speaks to us about the roles we play in the community of the kingdom of God.

Essentially whatever role we play, we are only administrators and we need to be **attentive to God's plan** and **subordinate our plans to God's**.

The tenants in the Gospel story refuse to do what the landowner asks for.

- They stone some servants
- They chase others away and finally
- kill the son whom the landowner has sent to them.

They forget that they are only tenants and must take into account what the landowner wants.

Q: Isn't this the way of the world?

Q: And isn't it often our way in the various roles we play?

We have divided up the world and countries and hoard riches for ourselves,

riches which are meant to belong to all people.

Until we begin to live out of the conviction that we are chosen to be administrators of the good things which God has given to our world, we are doomed to live in a world of conflict in which the rule of the strongest always prevails.

Today the Gospel questions each one of us.

Q: In what small ways have taken ourselves as owners rather than administrators

The Gospel reminds us "***only those who see their roles as administrators can be members of the kingdom.***"