

Monday of the Ninth Week in Ordinary Time

Gospel text (Mk 12,1-12): «A man planted a vineyard (...). Then he leased the vineyard to tenants and went abroad. In due time he sent a servant to receive from the tenants his share of the fruit. But they seized the servant, struck him and sent him back empty-handed...».



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Today the "Parable of the wicked vine growers" speaks of men who reject God. A mystery! For this rejection leads nowhere: it is like a suicide! "Lord, to whom shall we go?" asked Peter. Good question! Without God everything ends here and there is no future. Remarkably, many prefer to have no future provided there is no God Who can ask them for something.

—Why? –Because it is "my" own time ..., "my" own future ... –But it is God who gives you this time ..., and your future interests Him! Why are you fleeing nowhere?