

Reflection Friday Week 2 of Lent 2025

Jesus tells the story of the son of a vineyard owner who is killed by the tenants. It foreshadows Jesus' own death. Though rejected by the religious and political leaders of his time, Jesus rose from the dead on the third day, becoming the keystone of the new temple, his Church. Jesus reminds us that what is initially dismissed or undervalued can often turn out to be of crucial and life-changing importance.

Rejection, at its core, concerns being pushed away, whether in a single painful moment or through gradual exclusion over time. It can leave us feeling unwanted, unvalued, or unaccepted. Yet, rejection can also serve as a catalyst for growth. When we share our faith with others and experience dismissal, whether from friends, colleagues, or society, we might initially feel discouraged. However, rather than letting rejection weaken us, it can strengthen our resolve and ignite a deeper passion for God's Kingdom. We may not be the keystone of the Church, but each of us is a vital element in its foundation! Each of us, however small, are a vital and essential part of the life and mission of the Church.