

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 09/27 (XXVI Ordinary Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. **Catechism Class** for kids right after the Mass. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the church hall.
- 10/03 (Saturday) **Annual Parish Picnic** at 3pm.
- 10/04 (XXVII Ordinary Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. **Catechism Class** for kids right after the Mass. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the church hall.
Mass Intention: For + JOHN GIROUARD.

- Mass Intentions Announcement:** If you have a particular date in mind for a Mass Intention, please be sure to book it in advance, as we are able to schedule only one intention per Sunday. At this time, the first available Sunday with no intention is October 18, 2026. Please contact the parish office to reserve your date.

CHURCH NEWS

- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: ZUZANNA PIEKARZEWSKA (09/28), EASTON COMTOIS (10/04). Happy anniversary! Happy birthday!

*If you have any information for the „Church News Column”,
please inform Fr. Adam by email or phone no later than Friday afternoon.*

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PARISH BULLETIN

XXVI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTION

For ZUZANNA on the occasion of her 7th birthday!

INTROIT

C: May the God of peace, furnish you with all that is good, that you may do His will.

R: May He carry out in you what is pleasing to Him through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory forever [and ever]. Amen.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



HOLY MASS

10.00 am



MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin.

We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.

READING 1

A reading from the Book of the prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the LORD:
You say, "The LORD's way is not fair!"
Hear now, house of Israel: Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair?
When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die. But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life; since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

„Remember your mercies, O Lord.”

EZ 18:25-28

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PS 25

READING 2

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Phillipians.

Brothers and sisters:
If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing.
Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own inte

rests, but also for those of others.
Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PHIL 2:1-11

GOSPEL

MT 21:28-32

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people:
"What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, 'but did not go.

Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Neither son in today's parable is a model child. One refuses his father outright; the other says all the right words and never moves. Yet Jesus leaves no doubt about which one did the father's will. The first son's "no" was not the end of his story. Somewhere between the refusal and the vineyard, he thought again, and he went. That is the heart of the Gospel's word for conversion, *metanoia*: a changed mind that becomes a changed direction. Jesus says the tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom ahead of the religious leaders, not because their past was better, but because when John called them, they turned around. The leaders, by contrast, saw that turning happen before their eyes, and still would not change their own minds.

This parable is good news for anyone who has ever said "no" to God, and a quiet warning for anyone comfortable with saying "yes." Our faith is measured not by the promises we make at Mass but by where our feet go on Monday morning. Most of us are both sons at different moments: resistant in some corners of our lives, all talk in others. The question Jesus puts to us is not "What did you say?" but "Where did you go?" It is never too late to walk out to the vineyard. This week, consider one place where you have told God "yes" and not followed through, or told Him "no" and could still change your mind, and take one step toward the work He is asking of you.