

From the Desk of the Pastor

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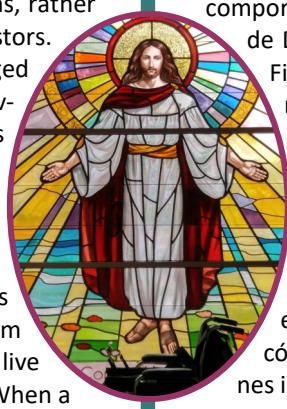
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TWENTY - SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

During the Babylonian exile, the prophet Ezekiel told God's people that they were responsible for their own actions. It was time that they accepted their own personal and corporate responsibility for their own behavior and actions, rather than blame their separation from God on their ancestors. St. Paul's message to the Philippians also encouraged them to live in obedience to God's commands. Having seen how 'fullness' came to Jesus because of his obedience before God, we imitate that very example of Jesus to live out God's law of love – to love one another as God loves us.

Last week St. Matthew helped us see how it is through God's generosity that we inherit the kingdom of God. This week, the parable shows us how to live with God and how our choices, and actions matter. When a father wanted his two sons to work in the field, one said "no", but later changed his mind and went to the field to work. The other son said he would go, but never did. The parable shows us how God calls us to change our lives from saying "no" to saying "yes" to God by our virtue and actions of repentance. It is far worse to be like the son who said "yes" but did nothing. To act this way would be like telling people that we are Christians and love God but not have our actions fit our words.

Just as the sacrament of Matrimony is a covenant, calling us to live in fidelity and love, so too every Christian is called upon to live this covenant with God imitating the trusting attitude and self-giving love of Christ.



VIGÉSIMO SEXTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Durante el exilio Babilónico, el profeta Ezequiel le dijo al pueblo de dios que eran responsables de sus propias acciones. Era hora que aceptaran su propia y corporativa responsabilidad por su comportamiento y acciones, en lugar de culpar su separación de Dios a sus antepasados. El mensaje de San Pablo a los Filipenses también los animó a vivir en obediencia a los mandamientos de Dios. De haber visto cómo la 'plenitud' llegó a Jesús por su obediencia ante Dios, imitamos ese mismo ejemplo de Jesús de vivir la ley de Dios de amor el uno al otro como Dios nos ama.

La semana pasada San Mateo nos ayudó a ver cómo es a través de la generosidad de Dios que heredamos el Reino de Dios. Esta semana, la parábola nos muestra cómo vivir con Dios y cómo nuestras decisiones y acciones importan.

Cuando un padre quería que sus dos hijos trabajaran en el campo, uno dijo que "no", pero luego cambió de idea y se fué al campo a trabajar. El otro hijo dijo que sí iría, pero nunca lo hizo. La parábola nos muestra cómo Dios nos llama a cambiar nuestras vidas de decir "no" a decir "sí" a Dios por nuestras virtudes y acciones de arrepentimiento. Es mucho peor ser como el hijo que dijo "sí", pero no hizo nada. De actuar de esta manera sería como decirle a la gente que somos Cristianos y amamos a Dios, pero que nuestras acciones no muestren nuestras palabras.

Así como el Sacramento del Matrimonio es un pacto, UNA ALIANZA, llamándonos a vivir en fidelidad y amor, así también cada Cristiano está llamado a vivir este pacto con Dios imitando la actitud confiada y entrega del amor de Cristo.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

September 23 – September 24, 2023

Weekend Offering.....\$ 2,133.27

Priests' Retirement Fund.....\$1,085.55

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTIONS

October 1 - Reserve Fund

October 8 - Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

October 22 - World Mission Sunday

October 29 - St. Vincent de Paul

AAA 2023

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

We urge you to help us meet our goal:

Parish Assessment: \$ 28,990.00

YTD we paid: \$ 18,833.39

Balance we owe: \$ 10,156.61

Thank you for your generosity!

MASS COUNT

The Archdiocesan office of the Chancellor requests that every parish record the mass attendance at the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses during the month of October. For 2023, Mass Counts begin the weekend of October 07–08 and will continue through October 28–29.

First Friday, October 01, 2023

After the morning 9 am Mass, we shall have the Holy Hour in our Church.

We urge you to consider coming and joining us at the Mass and the Holy Hour.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 30 TO OCTOBER 7

| SATURDAY | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY |
|--|--|--|---|--|
| September 30, 2023 | October 1, 2023 | October 2, 2023 | October 3, 2023 | October 4, 2023 |
| <u>9:00am</u> † Patrick Murphy Honor Andrew | <u>8:00am</u> Parish of St. John | <u>9:00am</u> † Albert & Michael Gragnani | <u>9:00am</u> † Ann & Joseph Kearney | <u>9:00am</u> † Henry & Teresa Thran |
| <u>4:30pm</u> † Cecilia Palomo Perez † Clotilde Palomo Perez | <u>10:00am</u> Rosemary Elsbernd † Mel Ventura | <u>THURSDAY</u> October 5, 2023 | <u>FRIDAY</u> October 6, 2023 | <u>SATURDAY</u> October 7, 2023 |
| | <u>12:00pm</u> † Noe Moran | <u>9:00am</u> † Leonila & Hermogenes Datu | <u>9:00am</u> Parish of St. John | <u>9:00am</u> Y.M.I. <u>4:30pm</u> † Rosario Figueroa |

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