SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

My dear St. Joseph family,

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us about two sons. One says "yes" to his father, but does not go to the vineyard. The other says "no," but later changes his heart and goes to work. [Mt 21:28-32]

Jesus reminds us that love for the Father is not just about beautiful words, but about a daily "yes" lived out in action.

As we celebrate Priesthood Sunday 2026, this parable speaks deeply to my own heart.

Every priest remembers the first time he heard the Father say, "Go work in my vineyard." It is a joyful but humbling moment. That "yes" spoken on ordination day must then be renewed every single morning - at the altar, in the confessional, at a hospital bedside, and here with you, my parish family.

I am so grateful to be your priest and to serve alongside Bishop Emilio, Fr. Jim, and under our Holy Father Pope Leo.

Thank you for allowing me to work in the Lord's vineyard here at St. Joseph. Thank you for your prayers, your encouragement, and your trust.

This weekend, please also pray for our 21 seminarians in the Diocese of Venice who are discerning their own "yes." Your support of the Seminarian Fund ensures that there will be future priests to continue this work.



With gratitude and prayers,

Fr. Rafal Ligenza.
Pastor