

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 27, 2020**

The key in today's passage from Ezekiel is in the turning. What are you turning away from and what are you turning toward? It's not what happened in the past that matters, it's what you've turned to now. Every day we face choices, choices between right and wrong, choices between justice and injustice, choices between life and death. Each day we must consciously turn toward good.

This parable of the vineyard, like the one of the Last Judgment, is unique to Matthew. The theme of saying vs. doing runs throughout his Gospel. It is what you do, not what you say, that opens the door to eternal life. In Jesus' story of the Last Judgment, the king does not say to those on his right, "I was hungry and you said you would bring me food" or "I was naked and you told me you would get me some clothes." Similarly, here the son who does his father's will is the one who does the work, whether he said he would or not. Even the chief priests and elders agree. Yet they are not "walking the walk." Tax collectors, like Matthew, are. They turned away from sin and followed Jesus and are now teaching and preaching and anointing and healing and doing the actual work of building the kingdom of God. What you said before is irrelevant; what is important is working in the vineyard today.

Exhibit A in doing the Father's will, obviously, is Jesus Christ, who was, as Paul writes, "obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:8), even though he said things like "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me" (Matthew 26:39) and "My God, my God, why have you forsake me?" (27:46). Even while pleading for mercy, he did not hold back from fulfilling his Father's will.



Saturday, September 26, 2020

Vigil Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Elodie Gabriel – Stephen S. Johnson III – David R. Ramie, Sr. – Richard and Miriam Page – Tiffany Page

Sunday, September 27, 2020

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8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Elodie Gabriel – Earthy B. Lazard – Walter Banks, III – Melvina Kepp – Freddie Thomas – Betty Cates – Calvin Tate – Jerome Lomba, Sr. – Stephen S. Johnson, III – Eugene and Lovenia Barthelemy – Antoine and Alvernia LaFrance
10:30a.m. Lordeas Glapion Nix – Beatrice Pace – Lamar and Shirley Smith – Joseph Porche Evelyn Ford – Gloria B. Lewis – Shirley Duhe Jacobs

12:00p.m. Intentions of St. Maria Goretti Parishioners

Monday, September 28, 2020

8:30a.m. Rose Garnett – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Tu Tran – Intentions of Stacy Martin

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Claudia Claude – Intentions of Henry Martin

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Tiffany Page – Intentions of Therol Humphrey

Thursday, October 1, 2020

8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Shirley Marshall – John and Melba Fletcher – Miriam Metze

Friday, September 25, 2020

8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Claudia

Saturday, September 26, 2020

8:30a.m. The living and deceased members of the Catholic Negro American Mission.

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, naked and you clothed me ...I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least ones, you did it for me.” Mt. 25:6, 40.

No Eucharistic Adoration until further notice. No Bingo until further Notice

Please remember to sign up for Mass prior to arriving at Church. We will no longer offer on site sign up. If you do not have access to a computer or smartphone you may call the parish office to sign up. You can find the link on our website and on the parish Facebook page. Sign-up for the desired mass the day before for week day masses and by 12:00pm (noon) on Saturday for all week end masses.

Please drop your envelopes in the two collection baskets in the back of the Church as you enter or after Mass.

We have moved all daily Masses to the main Church until the medical professionals find a way to contain the virus. So, if you don't feel comfortable coming on the weekends you may find this as a better option.

Through the spirit of Jesus, let us continue to pray and extend compassion to all who were affect by Hurricane Laura. Let us be generous to them as others were generous to us in our time of need.

The Bible Study will be available on the parish website.

We welcome everyone into our parish. If you have not filled out a census card, the cards can be found on the table at the entrance of the church.



Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church for this week will burn in memory of Clement Torregano. The Sanctuary Lamps in the Chapel this week will burn for the intentions of Shannon Torregano – Ryan J. Thomas

Prayer for Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of the land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade the land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to you, O Loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen

Let us offer our prays and petitions to our Father for everyone impacted by hurricane's Laura and Sally.