



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, he 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.

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

8:30 **BW** Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

10:30 **BW** Marlene McDonald from Tim & Trish McDonald

12:00 **BW** Sophie Cimino from Tom & Francie Hiltz

Monday, September 28, St. Wenceslaus

12:10 Judy Stanley from Carol & Larry

Tuesday, September 29, Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

12:10 Special Intention for Sharon Kemble from Kathleen Rafferty

Wednesday, September 30, St. Jerome

12:10 Elaine Fischer from Tom & Francie Hiltz

Thursday, October 1, St. Therese of the Child Jesus

12:10 Bill & Mary Rust Anniversary from Mary

Friday, October 2, The Holy Guardian Angels

12:10 Mary Lou Fede from Keith & Diane Brown

Saturday, October 3

12:10 Georgine Wolohan from Tim & Family

7:00 **BW** Sylvia Brosey from Mary Rust

Sunday, October 4, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 **BW** Jack Byrne

10:30 **BW** Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

12:00 **BW** Georgeann Kennedy from Brian & Rose Ann

From the Pastor's Desk

PUBLIC MASSES WITH RESTRICTIONS WILL BE HELD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

PLEASE REGISTER FOR SATURDAY EVENING AND SUNDAY MASSES at strosecincinnati.org

ALL INDIVIDUALS MUST WEAR A MASK WHILE INSIDE THE CHURCH. Thank you for your understanding, patience and cooperation.

THE CATHOLIC FAITHFUL WHO RESIDE IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI CONTINUE TO BE DISPENSED FROM THE OBLIGATION OF ATTENDING SUNDAY MASS.

To join us for mass on your computer, iPad, smart phone, or smart tv go to our website STROSECINCINNATI.ORG and click on [WATCH LIVE](#). I want to thank everyone who continues to support us with their generous contributions. God Bless, Fr. Barry

RCIA

If you know anyone who would be interested in learning about the Church and possibly join the Church Fr. Barry is starting up the RCIA in September. There will be plenty of room to social distance. Any questions please call (513) 871-1162

IGNATIAN WEEKEND RETREATS 2020-2021

For dates and information please go to website; www.jesuitspiritualcenter.com
Phone number : (513)248-3500

8th Annual 5K Run/Walk for Vocations

The Coldwater K of C Council 1991 - 8th Annual Knights of Columbus 5k Run/Walk for Vocations, Saturday, November 14th at Cavalier Stadium in Coldwater. 5K will use the Buzzard's Glory route on the streets of Coldwater. The mission of the 5K is to further our support for Catholic Vocations by increasing awareness as well actively fulfilling the call for financial support of area Seminarians/Vocations.

Runners & walkers of all faiths and denominations are welcome to participate.

Online registration: <https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Coldwater/KofC5kRunWalkforVocations>

Race day registration will be held from 8:45 to 9:45, with the 5K beginning at 10:00.

You have not resisted unto death in your struggle with sin.

~Heb 12:4

Reflection. *Martyrdom does not consist only in dying for one's faith.*

Martyrdom also consists in serving God with love and purity of heart every day of one's life.

~St Jerome

Prayer. *Dear Lord, let me offer You all my daily struggles against sin and evil. Grant me the strength to resist even the shedding of blood if it should be required of me.*

SUNDAY FUNNIES

A nun walked into Mother Superior's office and plunked down into a chair. She let out a sigh, heavy with frustration. "What troubles you, Sister?" asked the Mother Superior. "I thought this was the day you spent with your family. "It was," sighed the Sister. "And I went to play golf with my brother. "

You know I was quite a talented golfer before I devoted my life to Christ. "I seem to recall that," the Mother Superior agreed. "So your day of recreation was not relaxing? "Far from it," snorted the Sister. "In fact, I even took the Lord's name in vain today!" "Goodness, Sister!" gasped the Mother Superior. "You must tell me all about it!" "Well, we were on the fifth tee...and this hole is a monster, Mother.

A 540 yard Par 5, with a nasty dogleg left and a hidden green...and I hit the drive of my life.

The sweetest swing I ever made....it was flying straight and true, right along the line I wanted...and it hit a bird in mid-flight, not 100 yards off the tee!"

"Oh my!" commiserated the Mother. "How unfortunate! But surely that didn't make you blaspheme, Sister!" "No, that wasn't it," admitted Sister. "While I was still trying to fathom what had happened, this squirrel ran out of the woods, grabbed my ball and ran off down the fairway!" "Oh, that would have made me blaspheme!" sympathized the Mother Superior. "But I didn't, Mother Superior!" sobbed the Sister. "I was so proud of myself!"

While I was pondering whether this was a sign from God, this hawk swooped down, grabbed the squirrel and flew off, with my ball still clutched in the squirrel's paws!" "So that's when you cursed," said the Mother with a knowing smile. "Nope, that wasn't it either," cried the Sister, anguished, ".as the hawk started to fly out of sight, the squirrel started struggling, and the hawk dropped him right on the green.

The ball popped out of the squirrel's paws and rolled to about 18 inches from the cup! "Mother Superior sat abruptly back in her chair, folded her arms across her chest, fixed the Sister with a baleful stare and said..."You missed the darn putt, didn't you?"



Opening Prayer

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

The parable Jesus utters today is in the Jerusalem temple in the context of a dialogue, or verbal jousting match really, between Jesus and the chief priests and the elders of the people. In the story we are approaching Holy Week, though liturgically we are in the twenty-sixth week of Ordinary Time. This section of the gospel is the first of three parables, which we will read liturgically in successive weeks: the two sons, the evil tenants, and the royal wedding feast.

As with many of Jesus' parables, the meaning of the "two sons" parable today is polyvalent. This is precisely why the device of "parable" is so effective as a teaching tool. One apparent meaning is the favorite Matthean theme of doing versus saying (cf. Matt 7:21-23; 12:50; 23:3-4). Matthew's contention throughout the gospel is that not everyone who says "Lord, Lord" will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only those who do the will of the Father, which is to act mercifully particularly to those in need.

It's unfortunate that throughout history and even into the present day, there are many who will talk a good game, but their actions indicate something else. We have many phrases in English that speak to this: "Actions speak louder than words," "By their actions you shall know them," "I don't believe what you say. I believe what you do," or "People lie, actions don't." All of these maxims get at one of the fundamental meanings of this parable.

True, our words and actions should match one another. But as Jesus makes clear, our actions—most especially how we care for those on the margins—matter much more than our good intentions.

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, you taught your disciples using parables, and you teach us using the same. Grant us the courage of our words, so that our actions reflect our intentions. Let our "yes" mean "yes" and "no" mean "no." By so doing we will be ever closer to living as your true disciples, for our actions on behalf of the needy will match our words of praise and thanksgiving for you. Amen.

For Reflection:

• Considering today's parable, which son are you more likely to be (the one who commits but doesn't follow through, or the one who refuses but in the end complies)?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayers."

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Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

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."

Readings for the week:

26th Sunday in Ord. Time
Ezek 18:25-28
Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Phil 2:11 or 2:1-5
Matt 21:28-32

Monday
Job 1:5-22
Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7
Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday
Sts. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael
Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rev 12:7-12ab
Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cd, 3, 4, 5
John 1:47-51

Wednesday
Job 9:1-12, 14-16
Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15
Luke 9:57-62

Thursday
Job 19:21-27
Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-8c, 13-14
Luke 10:1-12

Friday
Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5
Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab
Matt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday
Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17
Ps 119:96, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130
Luke 10:17-34

27th Sunday in Ord. Time
Isa 51:7
Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20
Phil 4:6-9
Matt 21:33-43