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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday Vigil
7:00pm Spanish (organ & cantor)
Sunday
8:00am English (organ & cantor)
9:30am Spanish (organ & cantor)
11:30am English (organ & cantor)
1:30pm Vietnamese (keyboard & choir)

Weekdays

Monday - Friday
8:30am Spanish 12:00pm English
Thursday & Saturday
7:45am Vietnamese

SACRAMENTS

Confession, First Communion and Confirmation

Make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Baptism

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements.

Confessions

Saturday 5:30-6:30 p.m. and at the parish office by appointment.

Marriage

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

Visits to the Sick

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

2 PRAYER AND WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 28
8:30 a.m.
12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 29
8:30 a.m
12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 30
8:30 a.m.
12:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 1
8:30 a.m.
12:00 p.m.

Friday, October 2
8:30 a.m. Miguel Angel Vichay Tovar (D), Mercedes Pelaez, Guillermo Ruiz (D), Luis Carlos Flores Ortega (D), Acción de gracias - Claudia (L)- cumpleaños
12:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 3
7:45 a.m. Gioan Chat & Maria Nghi (D)
7:00 p.m. Allison Rosas Tellez (L) - cumpleaños, Padre Bienvenido Suriel, Sencion Suriel, Marcelina Fuente, Maria Mercedes Suriel (D), Maria Irene Rodriguez & Jose Luis Novoa (D), Jose Peguero Montero & Narcisa Sala Ortiz (D), Ramon Ceballos (D)

Sunday, October 4
8:00 a.m. People of SNT
9:30: a.m. Olga De Lia Baquerizo (D), Jose Ramon Tavares (D), Marina De Jesus Espinal (D)
11:30 am Manuel Gutierrez, Edmanuel Torres, Adlai Torres (D)
1:30 pm Maria Anh (D)

READINGS

First Reading:
But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed,
he does what is right and just,
he shall preserve his life. (Ez 18:27)

Psalm:
Remember your mercies, O Lord. (Ps 25)

Second Reading:
That at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. (Phil 2:10-11)

Gospel:
Jesus said to them, “Amen, I say to you,
tax collectors and prostitutes
are entering the kingdom of God before you.” (Mt 21:31)

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Readings for the week of September 27, 2026

Sunday:	Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32
Monday:	Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51
Wednesday:	Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday:	Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Lk 10:1-12
Friday:	Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Saturday:	Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday:	Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9 and 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

New Sewing Group!

Fridays after 8:30 am mass!
9 am at St. Rita's center.
Hand sewing group with coffee and conversation every Friday.
Embroidery, clothes making, and stitching classes to come.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 21:28 32

This Sunday, Jesus tells a short, uncomfortable story. A father asks two sons to go work in the vineyard. One says no, but later goes. The other says yes, but never shows up. It is a parable so simple, we almost miss how sharp it is. Jesus is clear about who it is for. This is not aimed at pagans or outsiders. It is aimed squarely at religious people, people who know the right words and sound obedient.

Jesus is not condemning unbelief so much as disobedience. The polite hypocrisy that says the right things while quietly resisting the Father's will. St. John Chrysostom put it bluntly, "Not words, but deeds, are what God requires. Nothing so exasperates Him as insincere obedience, while nothing so delights Him as repentance."

Every disciple must face that mirror. Do I publicly profess faith in Christ while privately resisting what He asks of me? It is easy to say, I believe in God in my heart. But if faith never becomes action, it slowly becomes an illusion.

Jesus does not expose hypocrisy to shame us. He reveals it to heal us. He wants our hearts and our deeds to speak the same word, to let our yes truly mean yes. Like the second son who initially refused but afterwards changed his mind and went, Jesus invites us to step into the Father's will, however late, however imperfectly.

Challenge: Where are your public faith and private obedience divided? Where do you say, I will go, but never enter the vineyard? Go, get to work, even if it is late. The Father's vineyard is still open.

— Father John Muir

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The God of Changed Minds

I wonder what was so important.

The man gave both his sons the same order: go out and work in the vineyard today. One son said yes. One refused.

The first son doesn't show up. The second son changes his mind, and does what his father asked. I wonder what was so important, that it kept the first from fulfilling his word. I wonder what was so important, that it prevented the second from committing wholeheartedly.

I have an image in my head of the sun setting on the vineyard. The second son pauses for a moment to catch his breath while his father sits at the gate, anxiously scanning the horizon. "Any sign?" the son asks the father, who instead of answering drops his gaze into his lap.

With this parable, Jesus acknowledges that few of his disciples can anticipate a straight path to Heaven. Most of us are destined for a few bends in the road. Most of us will suffer failures of will and strength. We will become distracted. We will become preoccupied. We will doubt ourselves. There will be so many things that seem important, and it will take us too long to realize they aren't. Once we have, we may be too proud to change course.

The shadows grow long in the vineyard. Any moment and they will give way to darkness. With its dying breath, the sun illuminates the contours of a figure making his way toward the father and son. When the figure cries out, it is a voice they recognize. "Am I too late?"

We worship the God of second chances. The God of changed minds. The God of never-too-late.

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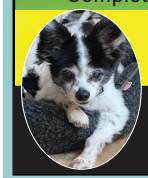

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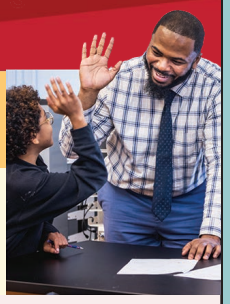

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