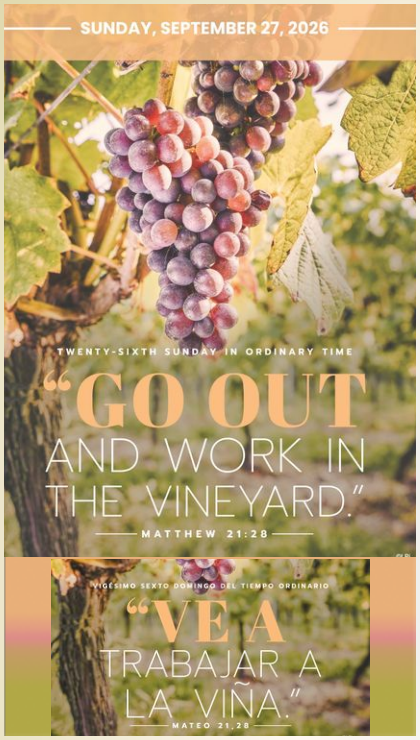
Mary Immaculate - Roman Catholic Church

We are dedicated to love and serve the Lord.
Mary Immaculate warmly welcomes you to our Parish family!

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27th, 2026



This parable must have been difficult for the chief priests and elders to hear, especially since it was clearly directed at them. In fact, after Jesus tells them a second parable, not included in today's Gospel, we read, "although they were attempting to arrest him, they feared the crowds, for they regarded him as a prophet" (Matthew 21:46). It seems they dismissed Jesus' words and His rebuke, but fear of public backlash, rather than fear of God's judgment, kept them silent for a time.

In today's Gospel, the first son represents the tax collectors and prostitutes, those who initially violated God's law but later repented after hearing the preaching of John the Baptist and Jesus. The second son represents the chief priests and elders. After telling the parable, Jesus declares, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you."

Like the second son, the religious and civic leaders paid lip service to God's law, but their actions did not align with its intent. They were hypocrites, blind to their own rejection of God's saving Word, and they misled others by their outward piety and self-righteous attitudes.

Consider more carefully the reactions of the two sons. We might imagine that the second son, who said, "Yes, sir," represents all who put on a false appearance of holiness. In the sight of others, they say the right things, but behind closed doors they fail to act.

The first son is markedly different. Though he initially responds with defiance—"I will not"—his conscience eventually moves him to do what is right. Some may wonder why Jesus didn't include a third son, one who says "Yes, sir," and then follows through. But Jesus likely omits such a son because all of us fall into one of the two categories He presents. Only our Blessed Mother obeyed perfectly in both word and deed from the first moment of her Immaculate Conception.

The first son becomes our model because each of us, in some way, struggles to enter into perfect obedience to God's will. From childhood, we contend with what the Church calls concupiscence, the disordered tendency that arises from Original Sin. Though we are created good and in the image of God, our nature is wounded and inclined toward what is contrary to His will. The spiritual journey we undertake in this life is one in which grace slowly reorders our fallen inclinations and restores us to the obedience we are called to live.. MyCatholicLife

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Groups & Ministries

To reach any of the contacts below, please call the Parish Office

AA - Palm Beach Intergroup
Altar Servers - Enza DeVito
Bingo - Pel Cacatian
Church Cleaners - Nicole Adams
DSA Chairperson - Ellen Morris
Eucharistic Minister - Volunteers needed
Fellowship (Coffee Hour) - Julie Kueller
Gift Shop -Sofía López
Hispanic Ministry - José Feliciano Pérez

Knights of Columbus - Randy Kirkby
Lectors - Raine Bucci
Music Director - Ed Kołcz
Prayer Chain -
Religious Education - Maribel Belleza
Rosary Group - Peg Rozzi
Screens - Ed Kołcz
Youth Group - Carlo Sabusap
Ushers

MASS SCHEDULE
WEEKEND
Saturday 4:00 pm (Sunday Vigil)
Sunday 8:30 am, 11:00 am, &
5:30 pm (Spanish)

WEEKDAY

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday.	12:15 pm
Wednesday	12:15 pm
Thursday	12:15 pm
Friday	12:15 pm

RECONCILIATION
Saturdays at 3:15 pm

DEVOTIONS
Adoration

PARISH OFFICE & CHAPEL HOURS
Monday - Office Closed
Tuesday through Friday
from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Saturday - Office Closed
Sunday - Open 1st & 3rd Sunday
of every month from 9:30 am to
1:00 pm

Our Legion of Mary Rosary Devotion Group meets on Tuesdays right after 12:15 pm Mass.

Orando por Nuestros Hijos:
Acompañemos cada segundo Domingo del mes, a las 4:00 pm en la parroquia, para unirnos en oración rezando el Santo Rosario.

RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP
Come visit our gift shop in our parish hall.

SKAFF HALL
Our Parish Hall is available for events. Please call the Parish Office for more information

LOST AND FOUND
For lost items please contact the Parish Office Tuesday through Friday at 561-686-8128.

NEW PARISHIONERS
We warmly welcome all visitors and new parishioners and invite you to register with our parish by completing a registration form in the Sacristy or call the Parish Office.

BAPTISM
Baptisms will take place on the first Sunday of each month at 11:00 am Mass - excluding Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.
Please see Fr. Marc after any Mass to set an appointment. Both parents must be present for the meeting. Please do not arrange any dates for baptism, before meeting with Fr. Marc. No Baptism will be performed unless prior arrangements are made.

MARRIAGE
Arrangements must be made, at least 6 months prior to the marriage. For more information please contact the Parish Office

VISITATION OF THE SICK
Please contact the Parish Office.
561-686-8128

BULLETIN POSTING
If you would like to submit an article or announcement for our bulletin please make your submission within three weeks' notice.

PARISH STAFF

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561.686-8128 Ext 100
A minimum of two days' notice is required. Also not available from Sunday through Tuesday morning,
Please note that no appointments are scheduled after 6:00 pm.

Mass INTENTIONS

390 South Sequoia Drive
West Palm Beach, FL 33409
Tel. 561-686-8128 * Fax 561-508-3862
Website: www.miwpb.org
Email: miwpb@miwpb.org

All Weekday Masses will take place in the Chapel, Weekend & Holy Day Masses will take place in the Church.

Saturday, September 26
4:00 pm + Deceased members of Makowski, Strojec, Kuzmik & Mirczewski Family

Sunday, September 27
8:30 am + Louise Verfenstein
+ Gloria Cuen Maese

11:00 am People of the Parish

Monday, September 28
No Mass

Tuesday, September 29
12:15 pm

Wednesday, September 30
12:15 pm

Thursday, October 1
12:15 pm

Friday, October 2
12:15 pm Giuseppe van Oordt Birthday Blessings

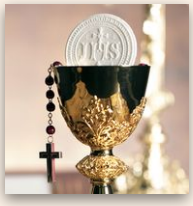
Saturday, October 3
4:00 pm Luigi van Oordt Thanksgiving

If you would like to schedule a Mass Intention for a special occasion or for the repose of a loved one, please contact the Parish office Tuesday - Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Dedication of Gifts

Consider a dedication to honor a loved one, living or deceased through the donation of the Gifts to be used during the Celebration of the Holy Mass.

Hosts	$100.00 per month
Wine	$75.00 per month
Flowers	$50.00 per week
	$200.00 per month
Altar Candles	$50.00 per month



The Hosts for the Month of September in Loving Memory of:

The Altar Wine for the Month of September in Loving Memory of: Carl James Rock

The Altar Flowers Month of September in Loving Memory of: Louise Verfenstein

The Altar Candles for the Month of September in Loving Memory of: Carl James Rock

Sanctuary Lamp

For those who have no one to pray for them

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, and see if I do not open the floodgates of heaven for you, and pour down upon you blessing without measure!" Malachi 3, 10

Church Financials

Weekly Collections	Sunday offertory, mail & electronic giving
Weekend of September 12 - 13	$4,880.00
Weekend of September 19 - 20	$5,148.00

2025 Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA)

Goal	Pledge Balance	Pledge/Gifted	Over/Under Goal
$41,000.00	$7,394.00	$39,956.00	($1,044.00)

Church Expenses

Monthly Expenses	Florida Power & Light	City of West Palm Beach Utilities	Prop. & Liability Ins. (Per month)
August 2026	$2,169.34	$1,603.20	To be confirmed

Organ Funds	Collected	Goal	Under
	$73,000	$220,000	$147,000

Electronic Giving is a convenient, consistent way to help our church grow.

Consider scheduling a recurring electronic contribution today. It's easy! You will no longer need to write out checks and prepare envelopes every week. Even when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, your electronic contributions will continue to be received on an uninterrupted basis. To get started please visit our website at www.miwpb.org

In lieu of the current situation we ask our parishioners to please consider continuing your weekly contributions through online giving if you are unable to attend Mass or if you prefer not to handle cash. Thank you and God Bless!

Dar electrónicamente es una manera conveniente y consistente de ayudar a nuestra iglesia a crecer.

Considere programar una contribución electrónica recurrente hoy. ¡Es fácil! Ya no tendrá que escribir cheques ni preparar sobres cada semana. Incluso cuando los viajes, enfermedades u otras circunstancias le impiden asistir a los servicios, sus contribuciones electrónicas continuarán recibiéndose de manera ininterrumpida. Para comenzar, visite nuestra pagina web www.miwpb.org

Parish Ministry Event Highlights

Adoration:
Rosary Group: Tuesdays in the Chapel after Mass.

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Weekly Scripture

Virtues, *Explained!*

Our God is just — but our God is also merciful. Practicing the virtue of equity means striving to imitate God in both these important aspects.

Governments draft legislation and authorities enforce laws in an attempt to create a system of rules and regulations that will ensure the common good. But we live in a fallen world, and there will never be a perfect justice system. Following one law will demand much more of one man than it does another, just the same as breaking one law will be easier for one woman than it is for another — and exacting punishment for the sake of punishment is never justice.

The virtue of equity is practiced by those who attend to the letter of the law, but who do so using their God-given human faculties and the mercy required of a Christian. To practice equity is to look at the whole picture — especially the divinely crafted person at the center of it.

Sunday's 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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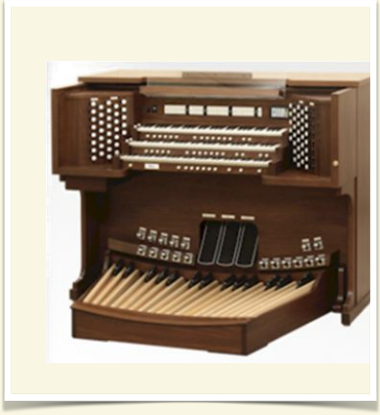
Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

The owner of the vineyard gave both his sons the same opportunity. Only one took it, even though he had rejected it at first. Always remember: it is never too late to do the will of God. He waits for you.

My Eucharistic Lord, You are the Source and the Summit of my life. Through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Your abiding Eucharistic Presence, and the gift of Holy Communion, You provide for my every need and prepare my soul for Heaven. I gratefully receive this Most Precious Gift and pray that I may always seek You—the Giver—far more than the many good gifts You bestow. Jesus, I trust in You.



Fundraiser For Our New Organ

Do You Miss the Heavenly Sound of the Organ?

The beautiful sound of the organ once soared from the rafters of our church, filling the sanctuary with praise and adoration to our Lord—accompanied by the angelic voices of the Mary Immaculate Choir. How many of you miss this sacred harmony?

We have launched a campaign to **bring back the organ** to our church services. Our goal is to raise **$250,000** to cover the cost of the organ, its installation, and necessary renovations to the organ pit.

With your support, we hope to have the organ installed and ready in time for **Easter Sunday, March 28, 2027**—or even sooner. Let us come together to restore this beautiful tradition to our liturgy.

We are asking each and every one of YOU to actively support this important campaign. Pledge cards can be found on the church website and in the church pews. Be sure to pick one up today and make your pledge!

Donations of **$5,000 or more** will be recognized on a commemorative plaque placed near the organ pit, in **honor or memory of a loved one**. In lieu of a monetary donation, skilled labor and materials for electrical work, flooring and acoustic fabric are needed and gladly accepted.

In the words of Mother Teresa, "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." THANK YOU for your Time and active participation in this important fundraiser. Working together as a church community we CAN make this happen!

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

The Time has come to rebuild our choir. Additional cantors are also needed.
See Ed Kolcz, our music director after Mass for more information.

Tuesday Night Bingo
Join us in Skaff Hall as we get together for a great cause, and create fellowship in our Church community!

Doors open at 5:30 pm and the first game of Bingo begins @ 6:30pm.

Fellowship, Coffee & Donuts
Join us for fellowship, coffee, and donuts each Sunday after the
11:00 am Mass in Skaff Hall

Please contact Julie Kueller if you would like to host a fellowship on Sunday.

Worship & Observances

Prayer for Autumn

Dear God,
As the weather changes,
the birds migrate, and autumn's
flowers, colors, and clouds make
their entrance, we thank You for
the gift of this beautiful season!
Help us use this season to
draw closer to each
other and to You.
Amen.

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

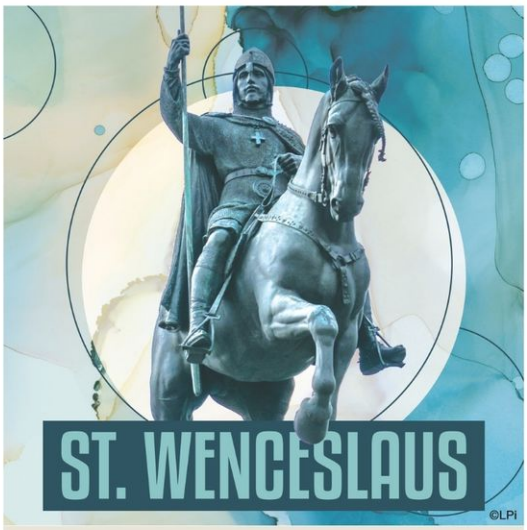
Wednesday
Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Lk 9:57-62

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



Observances for the Week of September 27, 2026

Sunday
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday

Monday
St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

Tuesday
Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Wednesday
St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Thursday
St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Friday
The Holy Guardian Angels

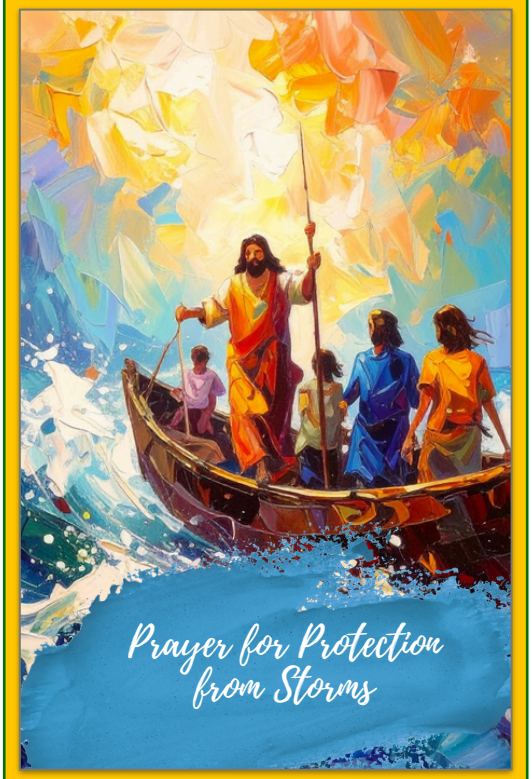
Next Sunday
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

Questions of the Week

1st Reading: Ezekiel challenges people who complain, "the Lord's way is not fair." Can you think of a time you felt the need to defend God?

2nd Reading: Paul urges believers to be humble and look out for one another's needs. How might you help build up a friend or co-worker this week?

Gospel Reading: In the parable of the two sons, Jesus warns the chief priests and elders to be open-minded and willing to change. What are you hoping will change in your life?



God our Father, Creator of the Universe and Lord over all creation, we humbly stand before you as your children in thanksgiving for your loving care and protection. We ask that you keep us safe from all hurricanes and illness which may threaten us in the coming seasons. Protect us from all fear and anxiety and give us an ardent trust and hope in Your love and mercy. You alone have the power to command the sea, the wind, and the rain.

You alone bring peace, calm, and safety. Father, we thank you in advance, for you are our only Refuge.

We ask this through Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

Mary, Queen of the Apostles, and Patroness of our Diocese, Pray for us.

Sharing the Gospel

God wants you to change your way of behaving after you hear his words. He wants you to say you are sorry and believe in him. He wants you to be a better person. He wants you to choose good over evil. Write your favorite Bible verse. Stick it on your mirror or your lunch box. When you know it by heart and do what it says, then get a new verse. That will make God smile.

Now color the picture!

Prayer

God, I want to listen to your words.

Mission for the Week

I will ask my parents to read the Bible to me every day.

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Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus shares the parable of the two sons and the vineyard, telling the chief priests and elders that to enter the kingdom of God, they must change their minds about John the Baptist's message of repentance.

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?"

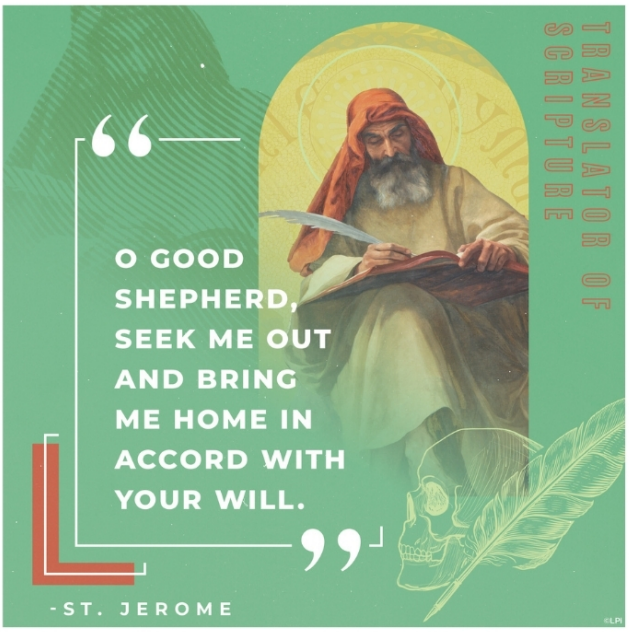
We worship the God of second chances. The God of changed minds. The God of never-too-late.

-Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

We need Volunteers!!

Necesitamos. Voluntarios!!

Liturgical Life



Why Do We Do That?

Catholic Life Explained

Question

Who is St. Jerome, and why is he so significant that we honor him with a feast on September 30?

Answer

St. Jerome (345–420) was considered the greatest biblical scholar of his day, conversant with Latin, Greek, and Hebrew. He set about translating the books of the Bible from their original languages into Latin.

Much of Jerome's correspondence has survived and gives us a powerful glimpse into the kind of person that he was, as well as the time in which he lived. Jerome eventually became Pope Damasus' (366–384) personal secretary. In the West, Latin was overtaking Greek as the language of the common people. The pope desired a translation of the Bible that would be accurately translated from the original languages into the language and idiom of the people. Previous Latin translations existed, but they were poor in quality.

Jerome set about this task and spent the rest of his life meticulously translating. He is credited with the translation of the Bible known as the Vulgate, a Latin translation intended to address the needs of the common people. That translation became the standard and the only one used by Catholics until modern times. Catholics did not actively engage in a similar process until 1943, when Pius XII allowed Catholic scholars once again to go back to the original languages and translate an accurate and meticulous version of the Bible. We carry on that tradition to this very day.

Catholic Trivia

What was the relationship among the three children who witnessed Mary's apparition at Fátima?

Answer: Sister, Brother, and Cousin

"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." - Mt 21:31

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Primera lectura:
Ezequiel desafía a quienes se quejan: "el camino del Señor no es justo." ¿Recuerdas alguna ocasión en la que sintieras la necesidad de defender a Dios?

Segunda Lectura:
Pablo insta a los creyentes a ser humildes y velar por las necesidades de los demás. ¿Cómo podrías ayudar a fortalecer a un amigo o compañero de trabajo esta semanal?

Evangelio:
En la parábola de los dos hijos, Jesús advierte a los sumos sacerdotes y ancianos que sean de mente abierta y estén dispuestos a cambiar. ¿Qué esperas que cambie en tu vida?

Lecturas de la semana

Lunes: Jb 1, 6-22/Sal 16, 1. 2-3. 6-7/Lc 9, 46-50
Martes: Dn 7, 9-10. 13-14 o Ap 12, 7-12/Sal 137, 1-2. 2-3. 4-5/Jn 1, 47-51
Miércoles: Jb 9, 1-12. 14-16/Sal 87, 10-11. 12-13. 14-15/Lc 9, 57-62
Jueves: Jb 19, 21-27/Sal 26, 7-8. 8-9. 13-14/Lc 10, 1-12
Viernes: Jb 38, 1. 12-21; 40, 3-5/Sal 138, 1-3. 7-8. 9-10. 13-14/Mt 18, 1-5. 10
Sábado: Jb 42, 1-3. 5-6. 12-17/Sal 118, 66. 71. 75. 91. 125. 130/Lc 10, 17-24

Las conmemoraciones de la semana

Domingo: 26º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Domingo del Sacerdocio
Lunes: San Wenceslao, mártir; San Lorenzo Ruiz y compañeros, mártires
Martes: San Gabriel, San Miguel y San Rafael, arcángeles
Miércoles: San Jerónimo, sacerdote y doctor de la Iglesia,
Jueves: Santa Teresa del Niño Jesús, virgen y doctora de la Iglesia
Viernes: Los Santos Ángeles Custodios
Sábado: San Cosme y San Damián, mártires

Oración por el Otoño

Querido Dios: A medida que cambia el tiempo, las aves migran y las flores, colores y nubes del otoño hacen su entrada, ¡Te damos gracias por el regalo de esta hermosa temporada! Ayúdanos a aprovechar esta temporada para acercarnos unos a otros y a Ti. Amén.

26º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Existe un dicho popular que dice: *"Obras son amores y no buenas razones"*. También se suele decir: *"Hechos, y no palabras"*. Estos dos dichos populares encajan muy bien con lo que el Evangelio nos presenta acerca de los dos hijos: uno obediente entre comillas y el otro desobediente. Muy diferentes los dos en lo referente a la que es la obediencia. Uno de ellos supo rectificar y, gracias a ello, pudo hacer lo que su padre le pedía. Es de sabios rectificar y enderezar el camino. Muchas veces, obedecer planes y proyectos que son buenos para nuestra vida implica ir contracorriente y hacer un gran esfuerzo para el bien de la familia y de la comunidad.

Esta parábola es una gran catequesis para nuestro tiempo. El Papa Francisco, de feliz memoria, la presentaba así: "El Evangelio de hoy cuestiona la forma de vivir la vida cristiana, que no está hecha de sueños y bonitas aspiraciones, sino de compromisos concretos, para abrirnos siempre a la voluntad de Dios y al amor de los hermanos. Pero incluso el compromiso concreto más pequeño no se puede realizar sin la gracia. La conversión es una gracia que debemos pedir siempre: 'Señor, dame la gracia de mejorar. Dame la gracia de ser un buen cristiano'" (27-09-2020). ¿Con cuál de los dos hijos te identificas? Dios sigue invitándonos a ir a trabajar a su viña; ojalá seamos leales y coloquemos en el centro de nuestra entrega la justicia y la paz.

TRIVIA CATOLICA

Pregunta: ¿Cuál era la relación entre los tres niños que presenciaron la aparición de María en Fátima?

Respuesta: Eran una hermana, un hermano y un primo.

VIVIR LA LITURGIA

El propietario del viñedo dio la misma oportunidad a ambos hijos. Solo uno la aceptó, aunque al principio la rechazó. Recuerda siempre: nunca es demasiado tarde para hacer la voluntad de Dios. Él te espera.

El Sacramento del Bautizo se celebra el último Domingo del Mes, aunque la fecha podría variar. Los padres deben ser miembros activos y deben estar registrados en el sistema de la parroquia. Por favor, coordinen con José Feliciano la inscripción de su niño y de los padrinos para las Charlas Prebautismales, que se realizan, con previa confirmación.

Orando por Nuestros Hijos: Acompañemos cada segundo Domingo del mes, a las 4:00 pm en la parroquia, para unirnos en oración rezando el Santo Rosario por nuestros hijos ***!Todos son bienvenidos!***

Grupo de Oración se reúne los Viernes en la Iglesia de 7:30 pm a 9:30 pm.

Vigilia de Oración cada ultimo Sábado del mes de 8:00 pm a 1:00 am en la Iglesia. Todos están invitados a participar.