

September 27, 2026
The Twenty-sixth
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Sunday 8:30am
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Thursday 8:30am
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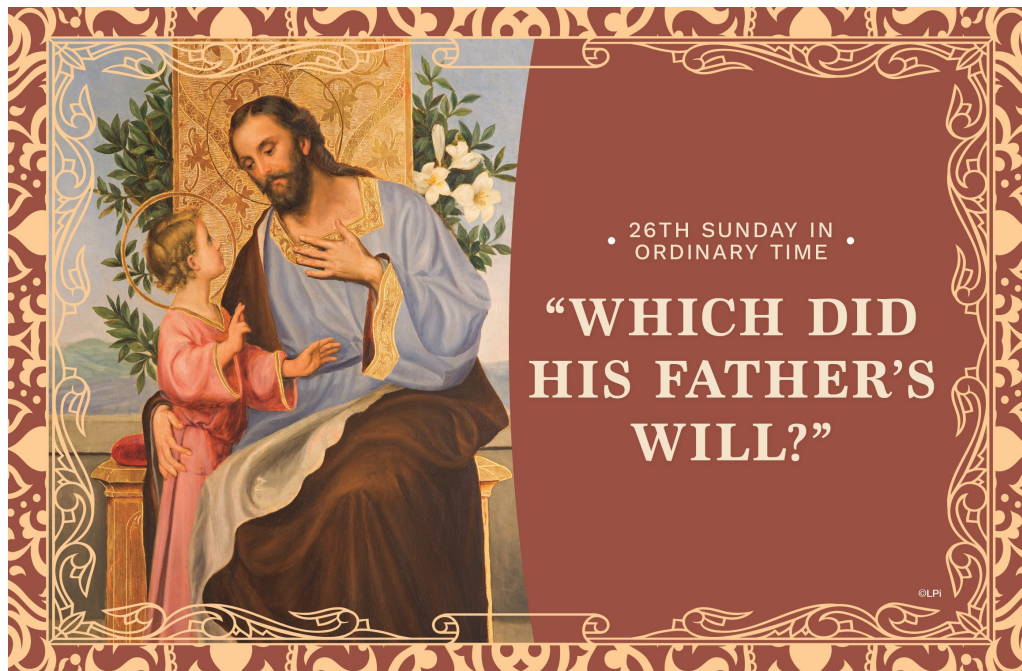
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September 27, 2026

THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Adoration 8:00am
Daily Mass 8:30am
Extended Adoration 9:00am-11:00am
Mass Intention for the Repose of the Soul of Sheila Kaiser

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

Daily Mass 8:30am
Confessions 9:15am
Mass Intention for the Repose of the Soul of Sheila Kaiser

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

First Friday Mass at the Parish Center 12 noon
Mass Intentions for our Parishioners

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

Confessions 2:30pm at the PC
Holy Rosary 3:30pm at the PC
Vigil Mass 4:00pm at the PC
Mass Intention for the Repose of the Soul of Bobby Joe Burnett

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

Holy Rosary 8:00am
The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am
Mass Intention for the Repose of the Soul of Bobby Joe Burnett

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Ministers

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

4:00pm Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Larry Stamps

EMCs: see sign-up sheet

Ushers: Robert and Sophie Bartos

Altar Server: TBD

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Cassian Heath

EMCs: Karen Finkeldei, Sandy McClung, Mindy Godfrey

Ushers: Bev Wright, Ted Meyer

Altar Server: Leva Murphy



Next Tuesday is Adoration Tuesday

Benediction 8:00 A.M.

Holy Mass. 8:30 A.M.

Silent Adoration 9:00 to 11:00 A.M.

**Come be with Jesus, all or part of
the Morning.**



Pray for us...



OUR PARISHIONERS -

Connie Blazek, Rob Breaux, Florence Giels, Barbara Witkowski, Virginia Jankowski & Barb McClung.

OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

Brenda Scheidly, Nora Hudspeth, Linda Gilmore, Patsy Case, Anthony Smith, Danny Schepp, Jimmy George, Candice George, Paula Tyndale-Faddrell, Brad Hill, Debbie Hill, Ron Davis, Nicole Devlin, Ron Horton & Crystal Norman

OUR MILITARY - Nic Smith, Robby Bartos

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED - Nancy Elfter, and Harry Hackenmueller

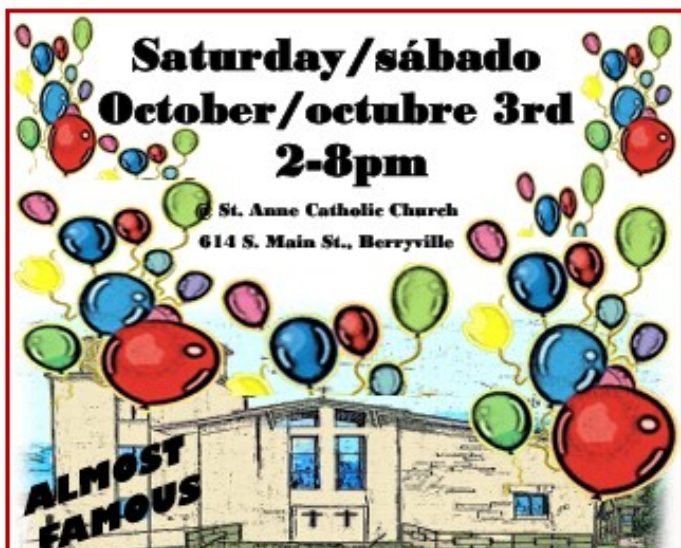
God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Preston Mitchell-9/27, Roger Schultz-9/28
Tommy Reinhart-10/1, Fran Ricciardi-10/1
Mary Mills-10/2, Jessica Mumaugh-10/2

May you have many more!



Saturday/sábado
October/octubre 3rd
2-8pm
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 614 S. Main St., Berryville



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Tamales Tacos Pupusas
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Chips & Salsa Hotdogs
Burgers Ribs Spring Rolls
Egg Rolls Noodles
Games Candy Popcorn
Nachos & More!



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As a parish, we are financially dependent on your generous weekly contributions to pay our bills and keep the lights on and our doors open. So, as you plan for the weeks and months ahead, please remember your parish family in your prayer and in your financial planning.

The Sunday Collection for September 20, 2026 was \$2686
 Project Revive Campaign as of 25 Aug 26-

	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Pledge Bal.</u>
Parishioners	\$829,323	\$672,678	\$156,645
Non-Parishioners	\$119,740	\$101,407	\$ 18,333
Donations	<u>0</u>	<u>\$118970</u>	<u>0</u>
	\$949,063	\$893,055	\$174,978



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Sun 9/27	9:30-1:00	J & F Ricciardi
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Mon 9/28	10:00-1:00	Deb Pickens
	1:00-4:00	R & C Breaux
Tues 9/29	10:00-1:00	R & P McGuire
	1:00-4:00	R & P McGuire
Wed 9/30	10:00-4:00	CLOSED
Thurs 10/1	10:00-1:00	Jo Elworth
	1:00- 4:00	J & F Ricciardi
Fri 10/2	10:00-1:00	Deb Pickens
	1:00-4:00	Lisa Ward
Sat 10/3	10:00-1:00	Mary Szafranski
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Sun 10/4	9:30-1:00	R & P McGuire
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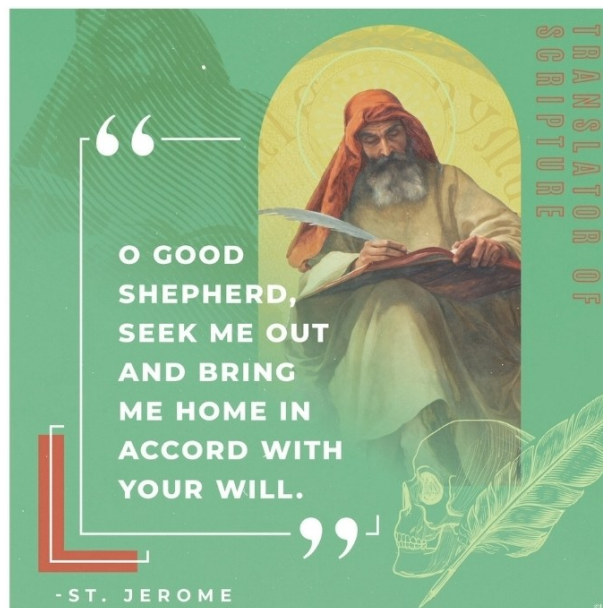
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*Our Seminarians
 for the month of
 October, 2026*



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Celebrated by the Most Reverend Anthony B. Taylor, bishop of Little Rock, and the JCL Priests of the Diocese of Little Rock

The Red Mass

Friday, October 2

12:05 p.m.

Cathedral of St. Andrew

Open to all

Lunch will follow (\$25) includes a CLE program on “Restoring Civility Christian Principles for Legal Professionals”



Register for lunch by September 25:

Scan the QR code

Mail to: Saint Thomas More Society, PO Box 1426, North Little Rock, AR 72115

Or www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/5VPKAZ5DMQYSJ

For more information contact Connie Brown Phillips, Red Mass chairperson, 501-680-6919 or cbphillipslaw@gmail.com.

Caregiver Retreat

The Faith and Health Ministry at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Little Rock invites all caregivers to its annual retreat on Saturday, November 7, from 8 a.m.- 3 p.m. The cost to attend is \$20 and there are limited scholarships available. To register, visit bit.ly/caregiver-retreat or contact Debbie Meiklejohn at 501-666-5073.

Behold
Caregivers' Retreat

*"Behold... a time for reflection inspired
by Christ's words to The Beloved Apostle John
and the Blessed Virgin Mary."*

Saturday, November 7, 2026
8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church
1321 S. Van Buren St.,
Little Rock, AR
501-666-5073

Cost: \$20.00


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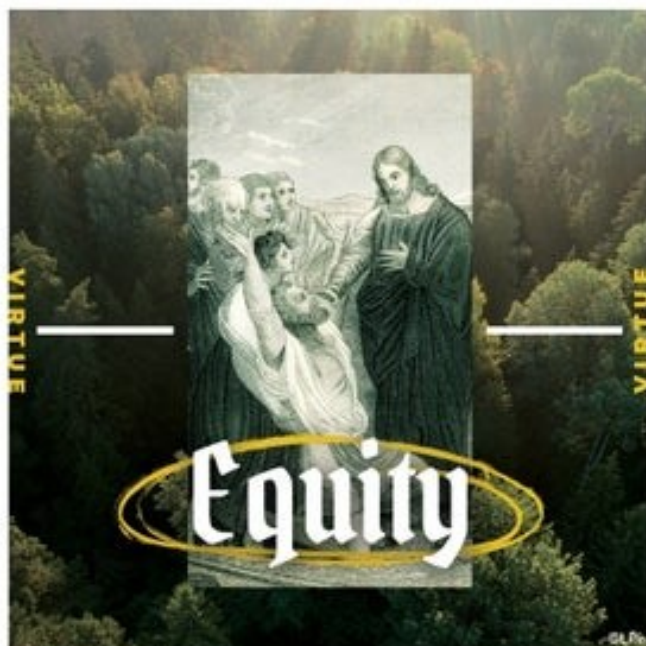
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Weekly Scripture



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.

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

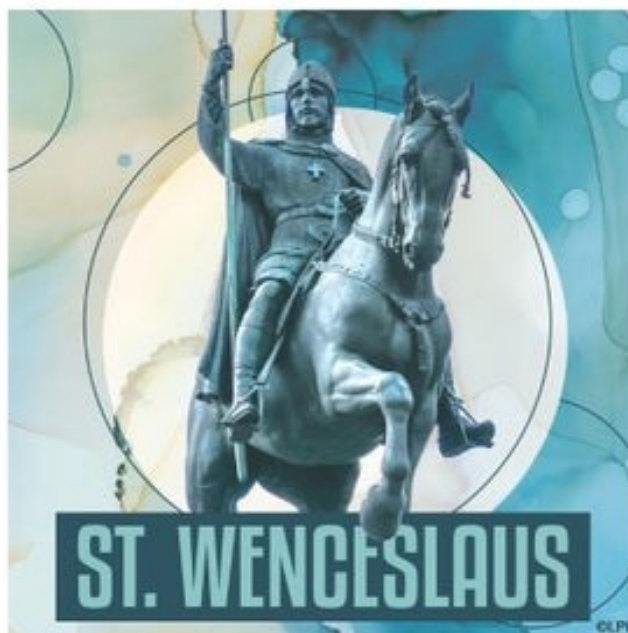
Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/
Mt 18:1-5, 10

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

Gospel Meditation

STEP INTO THE

Father's Will



Encourage
Deeper
Understanding
of Scripture

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

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.

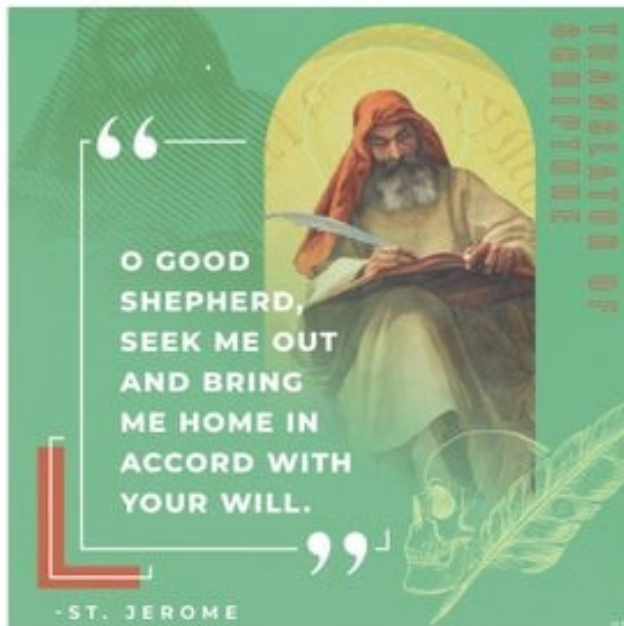
The shadows grow long in the vineyard. Any moment and they will give way to darkness. With its dying breath, the sun illuminates the contours of a figure making his way toward the father and son. When the figure cries out, it is a voice they recognize. "Am I too late?"

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

-Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



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

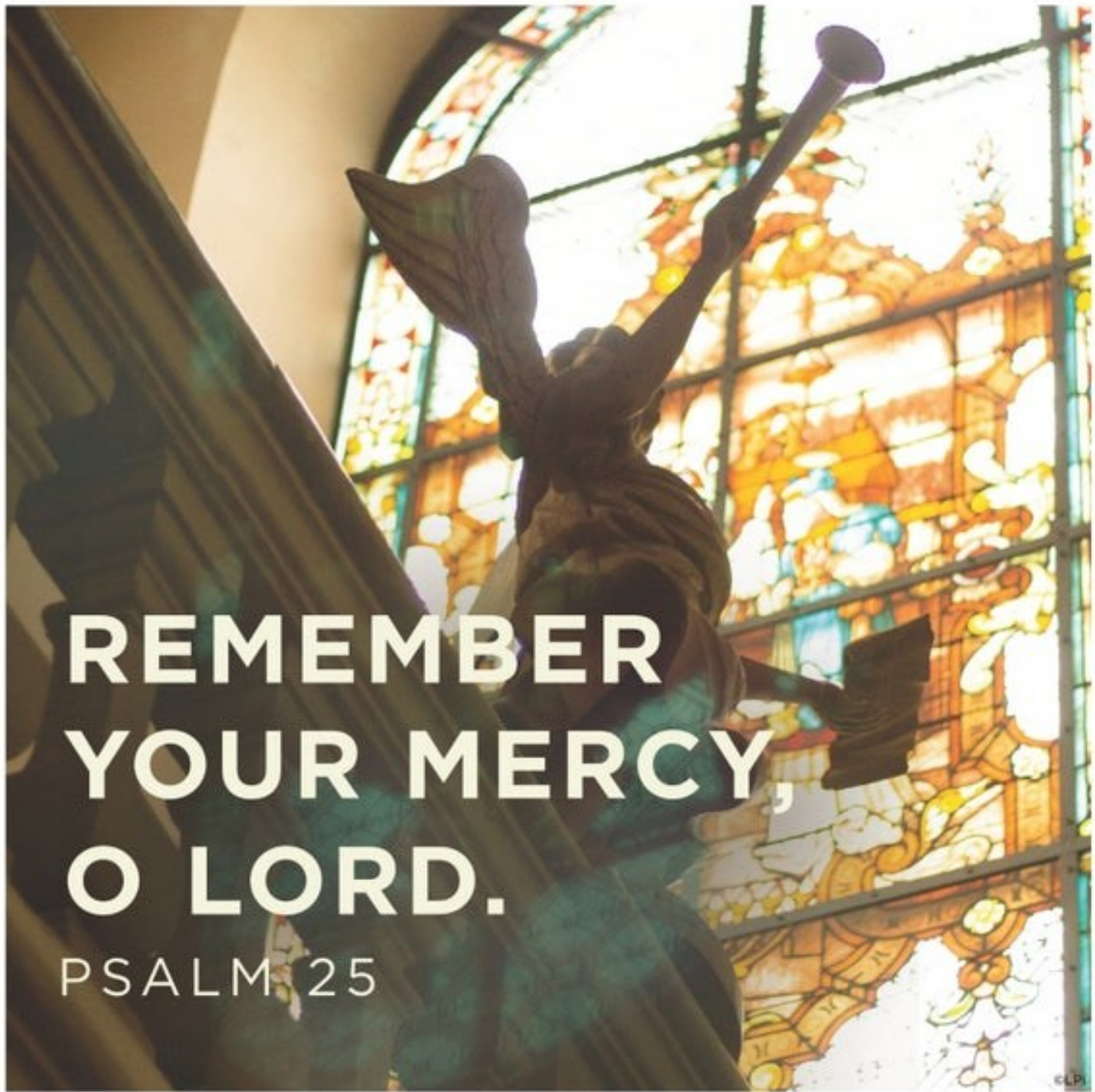
"Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." – Mt 21:31

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Liturgical Life

"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." – Mt 21:32

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Questions of the Week

**Invite Parishioners to Reflect
& Respond to Scripture**

First Reading Question

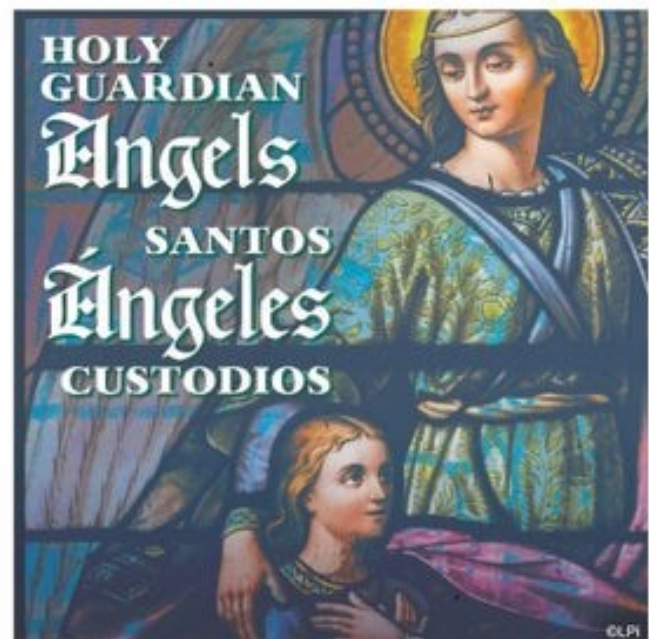
Ezekiel challenges people who complain, "the Lord's way is not fair." Can you think of a time you felt the need to defend God?

Second Reading Question

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 Question

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?



Liturgical Life

St. Wenceslaus

Pray for us!

You may know St. Wenceslaus better than you think; he is, in fact, the "Good King Wenceslas" from the Christmas carol penned in the 19th century.

Born near Prague in 907, St. Wenceslaus (c. 907 – 929) was raised in the Christian faith by his grandmother, St. Ludmila. After his father's death, political and religious conflict gripped Bohemia, but Wenceslaus became duke and worked to unite his people. He strengthened the Church by building churches and was known for his charity to the poor, sick, widows, and orphans.

Seeking peace, he allied with King Henry the Fowler, a decision that angered some nobles. He was ultimately killed by his brother Boleslaus or his followers, forgiving his brother with his dying words. Honored as a martyr, he became the first Czech saint and patron of the Czech Republic.



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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.



Kids Corner

Circle the picture that is the **same** as the **first** one. Then color in all the pictures.



