

- ❖ **Blame or Responsibility:** Ezekiel was a priest and a prophet with his people in exile in Babylon. Jewish people had a deep sense that sins of their ancestors had caused their current situation (in exile, away from home and their sacred Temple in Jerusalem). It was easy for them to blame others for their current situation. They blamed God that this exile was unfair. Ezekiel invites them to take personal responsibility for sin. Turn to virtue, do what is right and just. This is the way forward. God will teach us and lead us home.
[Q]: *Is there an attitude in your life of 'blaming' rather than 'taking responsibility'? Blame leads to death. Responsibility leads to life. What change do you need to make?*
- ❖ **The Way of Humility:** St Paul invites disciples to have the one essential attitude that will maintain unity: humility. Giving up an attitude of having special rights ... power ... influence.
[Q]: *Can you think of a situation in which being humble would have saved a meeting, argument or relationship? How could you become more humble?*
- ❖ **Beyond Lip-service:** Jesus has now arrived in Jerusalem. The religious leaders are angry at his emptying of the Temple and challenge his authority to teach. Jesus responds that pious words and lip-service is easy. To be true children of God requires actions of doing the will of the Father.
[Q]: *In your own self-assessment, how large is the gap between your profession of faith and the practice of your faith? In what area of your life is more action required? What would motivate you to action?*
- ❖ **Honour in Obedience:** Both sons' responses hurt the father. No one here is perfect. Jesus understands a priority for Jewish people is to show honour. The son who said 'Yes, sir' was honourable in front of the father, but it was soon revealed as empty and meaningless. Honour is shown ultimately in real obedience.
[Q]: *What will it mean for you to 'walk the talk' in obedience this week? How could you be accountable to yourself?*
- ❖ **Hope in Forgiveness:** A requirement for tax collectors to be truly repentant and right with God was to repay money to those who had been 'over-taxed'. However, it was impossible for them to know and remember all the people they had wrongly taxed. Tax collectors felt helpless and stuck in a situation of never feeling they could be forgiven by God. Jesus reveals this is not the case. God welcomes those who turn to him.
[Q]: *Do you know someone who needs help to hope and believe in God's forgiveness? Who is a modern day 'tax collector' and how could you be welcoming and bring them hope?*



World Day of Migrants and Refugees – 27 September 2026
Pope Leo's Message – “Even Just One of These Children” (cf. Mt 18:10)

Displaced minors: a complex reality of vulnerability
Minors are the most vulnerable group within the global movements of migration. They are concrete faces, who have unique stories, and call on our conscience. Every year, millions of children and adolescents are forced to leave their homeland because of war, poverty, violence, environmental disasters and other tragedies. Sadly, their number continues to grow. The economic, political and military consequences of this disaster are immense. There are very young children who have lost parents, brothers, sisters and friends, and who have witnessed unspeakable acts of violence. Others, separated from their families, try to reunite with them while enduring the anguish of separation.
To this already appalling situation are added further tragedies: deaths along migration routes, trafficking and exploitation, the recruitment of minors for use in armed conflicts, sexual violence, forced marriages, and the atrocities they have suffered or witnessed during their travels. Their dignity is trampled upon in countless ways.

Even just one of these children
Before this tragic reality, my thoughts turn to the words of Jesus that profoundly challenge our consciences: “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me” (Mt 18:5). It is not a question of numbers or statistics. Every child – even one – every human being, possesses an infinite dignity. Each is created in the image and likeness of God; each is a presence of the Lord.
Sadly, migrant children are more easily ignored, because they lack adults capable of protecting and supporting them. The cry of displaced children rises to God today. God hears their cry and, in order to bring about liberation, he forcefully appeals to the conscience and action of each one of us.

An appeal to the responsibility of all
Even just one of these children calls each of us to open our eyes and heart to a profound listening to their story, fears and dreams. It is an invitation to recognise the dignity of each child.
Even just one of these children calls the Church to transform, welcoming into a stable pastoral practice, where the entire Christian community regards these children as its own sons and daughters.
Even just one of these children unites faith communities in a shared humanitarian and spiritual responsibility to create spaces in which every boy and every girl is respected and valued.
Even just one of these children calls us to protect the human rights of all.

CALENDAR

Monday

September 28

Weekday

Jb 1:6-22

Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday

September 29

*Sts. Michael,
Gabriel, and Raphael,
Archangels*

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14

or Rv 12:7-12ab

Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday

September 30

*St. Jerome, Priest
and Doctor of the
Church*

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16

Lk 9:57-62

Thursday

October 1

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

Jb 19:21-27

Lk 10:1-12

Friday

October 2

*The Holy Guardian
Angels*

Jb 38:1, 12-21;

40:3-5

Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday

October 3

Weekday

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17

Lk 10:17-24

Sunday

October 4

*Twenty-seventh
Sunday in Ordinary
Time*

Is 5:1-7

Phil 4:6-9

Mt 21:33-43

COMMUNION

We are the Body of Christ. This is who we are as Church. It is our profound mystery that we take and eat, take and drink at Communion. In doing so, we give expression to our identity.

If we are not in communion with the Catholic Church, it makes no logical sense for those to receive because simply, it is not their identity.

If you are Buddhist, from another Christian tradition or just our welcome guest, please feel free to come forward, not to receive communion but to ask for a blessing.

The simple practice of asking for a blessing is through the bodily posture of bowing one's head and crossing one's arms across one's chest when before the minister distributing communion.

If you are a parent with a child not receiving Communion, please take personal responsibility in asking the minister for a blessing for your child.

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon-Fri : Thai 06:00 hrs.
Sat : Thai 06:00; 17:00 novena followed
by mass
Sun : Thai 07:00; 08:30 and 17:00 hrs.
English 10:30 hrs.

BAPTISM:

Thai : **First Sunday** during 8:30 am
mass.
English : **Second Sunday** during 10:30 am
mass.

CONFESSION:

Sundays : Before all masses (Thai).
: English before 10:30 am mass.

CATHOLIC CENTER:

For religious articles, please visit the center
opposite the entrance of the Cathedral.

Opening Hours:

Mon-Fri : 08:30 – 17:00 hrs.
Sat & Sun : 08:30 – noon
Public holidays : Closed

Good News!

September 27, 2026

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Ezekiel 18:25-28 / Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5 /

Matthew 21:28-32

ANN M. GARRIDO

Most parents can resonate with today's gospel. Who hasn't had a child promise to do their chores and then neglect to do them? Or a child who threw a fit when asked to help but then pitched in after all?

Jesus' parables intend to give clues about a mystery he called the kingdom of God—a revelation about what the world will look like when God's dreams for it are realized. We get a good hint that this parable is meant to be about the kingdom of God because it speaks of a vineyard, and Jesus often compared God's kingdom to a vineyard. Vineyards throughout the ancient world were associated with joy and abundance, but they also required much tending. They needed workers, and that is what God has called us to be for the kingdom.

Jesus observed that those who professed to support God's coming kingdom often seemed to do little to help bring it about whereas those who historically had been viewed as resistant to God's ways were more receptive to John the Baptist's preaching—and, we can imagine, Jesus' message as well. They were the ones who proved in the end more willing to lend a hand.

The vineyard of which Jesus spoke still requires workers. It still requires people willing to collaborate with God in gathering the abundant harvest that will mark a season of great joy. We can imagine that, like any parent, God's greatest delight would be to have children who say "yes" and then follow through on their word! ●

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OFFERTORY: LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE (No. 764)

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS PLEASE STAND

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

HOLY (No. 263)

PLEASE KNEEL

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (No. 264)

DOXOLOGY PLEASE STAND

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

GREAT AMEN (No. 387)

COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (No. 387)

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil; graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

LAMB OF GOD (No. 390)

PLEASE KNEEL

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION: DRAW NEAR (No. 935)

FINAL: CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION (No. 745) PLEASE STAND

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

Sunday, 27 September 2026

ENTRANCE: O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING (No. 598) PLEASE STAND

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Priest: I confess to almighty God,

All: and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;

– and, striking their breast, they say –

Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

Therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: **Amen.**

KYRIE, ELEISON / LORD, HAVE MERCY

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GLORY TO GOD

Refrain: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace, on earth peace to people of good will.

- 1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.**
- 2. Lord, Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us,
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayers;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**
- 3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. (R)**

FIRST READING: Ez 18:25-28

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, and

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.

The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 25: REMEMBER YOUR MERCIES, O LORD



Re - mem - ber your mer - cies, O Lord.

- 1. Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior. (R)
- 2. Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old. The sins of my youth and my frailties remember not; in your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD. (R)
- 3. Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble his way. (R)

SECOND READING: Phil 2:1-11

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians:

Brothers and sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others.

Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus, Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, 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.

The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ALLELUIA PLEASE STAND

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Repeat)

All: My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

GOSPEL: Mt 21:28-32

Priest: The Lord be with you. **All: And with your spirit.**
Priest: A reading from the Good News according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, Lord.**

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."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

PLEASE BE SEATED

THE APOSTLES' CREED PLEASE STAND

Priest: I believe in God,
All: the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

RESPONSE TO THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:
"Guide us by your Word, O God."

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