

PRAYER CORNER

Almighty God, as we ask your help
for our brothers and sisters who are ill,
we ask you to help us to be healing people in our time and place.
May your love touch others through us,
and may I help all people to live in peace.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Frances of Assisi

JESUS SPEAKS TO US

“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 he 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 do not later change your minds and believe him.”
Matthew 21:28-32

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THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The **Gospel** is from St. Matthew 21:28-32. This parable was primarily intended to show up the hypocrisy of the chief priests and elders of the Jews, and the perilous position in which they stood in relation to God and heaven. It is, however, a warning against hypocrisy for all time. Lip service of God will not merit heaven. Nominal Christians are not working in the Lord's vineyard. At any moment they may be called from this life, and what defense can they offer the just judge? Will they dare to offer the flimsy excuses with which they try to silence their consciences now: "we didn't realize how sinful we were"; "we were too occupied with family and personal cares to have time for our spiritual duties"; "we were led astray by bad example"; "we didn't like to be different from others"; "we were going to put things right"? Who will dare to offer such excuses at the judgment seat? Their utter futility will then be apparent in all its nakedness.

However, we are still on earth, and while we are the door of God's mercy is wide open to us. If in the past we said, "I will not go into your vineyard", we still have time to reverse that sinful decision. Not only can we with God's grace turn over a new leaf, but we can completely wipe out the sinful pages of our life's story written up to

now. Remember that what God in His mercy did for the tax-collectors and harlots in the parable, the Matthews, the Mary Magdalenes, the Augustines, the Margarets of Cortona, the Matt Talbots and the millions of unknown penitents who are now saints in heaven He can also do for you.

We answered the call to God's vineyard by accepting baptism and membership of His Church. If we have grown lax in our fervor and refused to do the tasks allotted to us, we still have time, thanks to God's mercy and patience, to put things right. Today, look into your conscience and see how much of your past life you have given to God and how much you have kept for yourself. If you were called tonight to render an account to the Lord, would the balance sheet be in your favor? Is your corner of the vineyard producing abundant crops, or is it perhaps filling up with weeds, briars and brambles? If the latter, then we will say a heartfelt "Thank you, God, for not calling us to judgment today. We will begin right now to understand our sinful past, so that our corner of your vineyard will be in good order when you do call us. Thank you, Lord, for your mercy. God grant that we shall never abuse it."

Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

Mass Schedule:

Monday-Friday – 7 a.m.

Saturday – 8 a.m.

Saturday – 5 p.m.

Sunday – 10 a.m.

Holy Day -- see bulletin

Reconciliation (Confession):

Friday & Saturday Confessions
9:00 a.m. – noon

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FATHER BART'S CORNER

My sisters and brothers:

Guardian Angels

Angels are servants and messengers from God. "Angel" in Greek means messenger. In unseen ways the angels help us on our earthly pilgrimage by assisting us in work and study, helping us in temptation and protecting us from physical danger.

The idea that each soul has assigned to it a personal guardian angel has been long accepted by the Church and is a truth of our faith. From the Gospel of today's liturgy we read: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father" (Matthew 18:10). The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states that "the existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls 'angels' is a truth of faith (328)." From our birth until our death, man is surrounded by the protection and intercession of angels, particularly our guardian angel: "Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life (336)." The Church thanks God for our helpers, the angels, particularly on this feast day and September 29 which is the feast of Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel, and Saint Raphael, arch-angels. Today's feast appeared in Spain during the sixteenth century. It was extended to the universal Church and made obligatory in 1670.

**With prayers and love,
Fr. Bart, S..V.D**

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, September 28

Live Stream on
our Church Website

Mass: 7 a.m.



Tuesday, September 29

Live Stream on
our Church Website

Mass: 7 a.m.



Wednesday, September 30

Live Stream on
our Church Website

Mass: 7 a.m.



Thursday, October 1

Live Stream on
our Church Website

Mass: 7 a.m.

Friday, October 2

Live Stream on
our Church Website

Mass: 7 a.m.

Adoration: 8:00 a.m. — noon



Saturday, October 3

Live Stream on
our Church Website

Mass: 8 a.m.

Mass: 5 p.m.



Sunday, October 4

Live Stream on
our Church Website

Mass: 10 a.m.



Weekly Readings

09/28— JB 1:6-22; LK 9:46-50

09/29—DN 7:9-10, 13-14;
JN 1:47-51

09/30—JB 9:1-12, 14-16;
LK 9:57-62

10/01—JB 19:21-27; LK 10:1-12

10/02—JB 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5;
MT 18:1-5, 10

10/03 —JB42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17;
LK 10:17-24

10/04—IS 5:1-7; PHIL 4:6-9;
MT 21:33-43

Vocation View

"Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths." The paths of the Lord lead to eternal life, if we but have the courage to walk where He leads.

Psalm 25:4

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PARISH CORNER

Feast of Saint Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

The liturgy celebrates the feast of these three archangels who are venerated in the tradition of the Church. Michael (Who is like God?) was the archangel who fought against Satan and all his evil angels, defending all the friends of God. He is the protector of all humanity from the snares of the devil. Gabriel (Strength of God) announced to Zachariah the forthcoming birth of John the Baptist, and to Mary, the birth of Jesus. His greeting to the Virgin, "Hail, full of grace," is one of the most familiar and frequent prayers of the Christian people. Raphael (Medicine of God) is the archangel who took care of Tobias on his journey.

Angels are pure, created spirits. The name angel means servant or messenger of God. Angels are celestial or heavenly beings, on a higher order than human beings. Angels have no bodies and do not depend on matter for their existence or activity. They are distinct from saints, which men can become. Angels have intellect and will, and are immortal. They are a vast multitude, but each is an individual person. Archangels are one of the nine choirs of angels listed in the Bible. In ascending order, the choirs or classes are 1) Angels, 2) Archangels, 3) Principalities, 4) Powers, 5) Virtues, 6) Dominations, 7) Thrones, 8) Cherubim, and 9) Seraphim.



Prayer of the Faithful

That we are not afraid of living our Faith because of fear of being "rejected" by others.



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Our Lady of Ransom

Sisters and Brothers last week we had the article in our bulletin about Our Lady of Ransom, the patroness of Our Mother of Mercy. Due to restrictions in place because of Covid 19 we are unable to celebrate the feast day in the manner we have in the past. We still want to wish all our parishioners a Happy Feast Day in observance of Our Lady of Ransom.



O God, through the glorious Mother of Your Son You enriched the Church with a new religious congregation dedicated to freeing Christians from slavery among the heathens. We venerate Mary as the foundress of this institution and pray that she may deliver us from our sins and the slavery of the devil through her own merits and intercession. Through the same Christ, our Lord, Amen.



CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

PRAYER IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

David and the prayer of the king

2578 The prayer of the People of God flourishes in the shadow of God's dwelling place, first the ark of the covenant and later the Temple. At first the leaders of the people - the shepherds and the prophets - teach them to pray. The infant Samuel must have learned from his mother Hannah how "to stand before the LORD" and from the priest Eli how to listen to his word: "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."²⁶ Later, he will also know the cost and consequence of intercession: "Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by ceasing to pray for you; and I will instruct you in the good and the right way."²⁷

2579 David is par excellence the king "after God's own heart," the shepherd who prays for his people and prays in their name. His submission to the will of God, his praise, and his repentance, will be a model for the prayer of the people. His prayer, the prayer of God's Anointed, is a faithful adherence to the divine promise and expresses a loving and joyful trust in God, the only King and Lord.²⁸ In the Psalms David, inspired by the Holy Spirit, is the first prophet of Jewish and Christian prayer. The prayer of Christ, the true Messiah and Son of David, will reveal and fulfill the meaning of this prayer.

²⁶ 1 Sam 3:9-10; cf. 1:9-18.

²⁷ 1 Sam 12:23.

²⁸ Cf. 2 Sam 7:18-29.

