

.26th) SUNDAY

27th of September 2026 – Cycle A



FEWER STORIES, MORE FURROWS STORIES

what do you do with what you say? We live surrounded by words—audio messages, texts, promises, and good intentions that never go beyond "I'll do it later." The parable of the two sons reminds us that God cares less about our words than the steps we take. Ezekiel assures us that it is always possible to have a change of heart and start over. Paul invites us to look out for the interests of others before our own, just as Christ did when He lowered Himself to our level. Let us listen to the Word today without pretence. Let us allow it to touch us, to transform us, and—always—to become a concrete action.

SONG. I JUST KEEP TRUSTING MY LORD

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GOSPEL – MATHEW 21, 28 – 32

At that time, Jesus said to the priests and the elders of the Temple: "A man had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. He went to the second and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?" "The first," they said. Jesus said to them: "Truly I tell you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the Kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, while tax collectors and prostitutes believed him. And you, even after seeing this, did not repent and believe him."

To delve deeper into the text

Ez 18,25-28. Today, Ezekiel chapter 18 returns repeatedly to the theme: there is still time to change one's behaviour or path—to turn around. It is a time to turn away from evil and begin practicing what is right and just.

Psalms 24,4-9. El Salmo Psalm 24 (25) provides us with the words needed to turn toward the God of tenderness and faithfulness—slow to anger and full of love—to sing to and "call upon" God our Father: "Remember, LORD, your tenderness, your love, which is everlasting." Conversión is in our hands!

Phi 2,1-11. San Pablo, In the second chapter of the Letter to the Philippians, Saint Paul tells us how to live "in Christ." This formula—"in Christ"—shows us that, in a way, we are part of Him; and this new identity, shared by all the baptized, transcends all our differences. From now on, we all bear the same surname: "Christian."

Mathew 21, 28 – 32. Finally, in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus links the parable and its application without transition. Jesus begins with the parable: the two sons asked to go to the vineyard. The first refuses but eventually

goes to the vineyard; the second quickly says yes... yet fails to do what was asked of him. Then Jesus asks the priests and elders a seemingly simple question: "Which of the two did the Father's will?" Among those listening to Jesus were tax collectors and prostitutes; because they had a keen sense of their unworthiness and poverty, they were perhaps the most ready to turn their lives around—were their ears and hearts perhaps prepared to open? Open ears and hearts are the mark of the believer. Jesus emphasizes the word "believe": "John the Baptist came to you, living a righteous life, and you did not believe his word, whereas the tax collectors and prostitutes believed it." The very difficult for the chief priests and elders present there lay in placing their faith in the word of the Baptist and, subsequently, in that of Jesus—that is, in two individuals who, in their eyes, possessed no legitimacy whatsoever. Jesus presents this parable to his listeners precisely to open their eyes. In the parable, Jesus goes so far as to call their religious attitude into question: Are you so certain that you actually went to work in my vineyard? What my Father expects is the fruit of righteousness!

I pray with the Word

The parables of these days are direct, straightforward. Do I allow myself to be challenged by the Word of God? Have I gone to work in the vineyard? Do I do God's will through my attitudes and actions?



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NO FILTERS BEFORE YOU

Lord, today You send me to
work in Your vineyard.

My schedule is packed a
thousand alerts, a frantic rush.

I say yes to everything with a
quick "OK."

I promise, I promise...but
nothing ever comes of it.

At other times, I say no in a bad
mood, without thinking, yet
something stirs within me; I turn
back to You and start walking.

Thank You, God, because with
You there is always another
chance. Without filters or touch-
ups,

You see me just as I am. Teach
me to look beyond my own

world— to the one alone in the
courtyard,

to the neighbour who never
speaks.

May I not seek only my own
advantage, my own time, my
own comfort.

May the well-being of others
matter to me as if it were my
own.

You, who being God came down
to our level, teach me a humility
that neither boasts nor crushes.

I do not want pretty words; I
want hands and I want action.

I am going, Lord—and this time,
for real. Count on me.

SONG – IN YOU I PUT MY TRUST

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