

**For The Bulletin Of
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From Father Robert

This Sunday begins a series of gospel selections over the next three weeks, each beginning with the introductory phrase, “Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people” (or similar words). In each gospel the phrase introduces a parable that strikes at the hardened and misguided hearts of these religious leaders. They were narrow and exclusive in their belief about who could be saved: only those people chosen from of old by God and who strictly kept the traditions that had been developed. Forgotten by these leaders was the lived law of love of God and neighbor also handed down from of old. Forgotten by them was the message of the prophets calling the people to conversion and renewed covenantal living. Forgotten by them was God’s incomparable mercy and compassion which does not restrict salvation to a chosen few but instead extends salvation to anyone who is faithful to the divine will. At this point in Matthew’s gospel Jesus has triumphantly entered Jerusalem. These confrontations about who can be saved contribute to the religious leaders’ determined and hateful desire to have Jesus condemned and put to death. Jesus

does not shrink from the confrontations, from the truth, from His own choice to be utterly faithful to His Father’s will. Indeed, these gospels suggest a new twist to the saying that we must walk the talk. What Jesus is teaching through these parables is that we must walk the talk. The walk is resoluteness about our relationship with the heavenly Father and doing the divine will.

In today’s gospel Jesus pointedly indicts the “chief priests and elders of the people” by equating them in this parable with the second son who does not do the “father’s will.” Surprisingly, who does do the “father’s will” are “tax collectors and prostitutes.” Their sinful lives indicated an initial no to God, but then they came to belief, changed their minds, and repented when they heard a call to “the way of righteousness.” Believing is not paying lip service to doing the Father’s will. Believing is changing our way of living, walking “the way of righteousness,” and doing the Father’s will. Believing is walking the walk with Jesus, even when that walk includes confrontation, suffering, and death.

Truth be told, all of us are a little like both sons in the parable. Sometimes we hear and respond faithfully to God’s will, but at other times our actions don’t carry through what we hear and believe. The Good News in this is that God does not change the divine mind about called us to salvation. Whether we say yes or no to God’s call, God does keep calling us. We are the ones who need a change of mind. We are the ones who must believe in God’s offer of salvation and faithfully do God’s will.

Living The Paschal Mystery

The longer form of the second reading from the Letter to the Philippians gives us a hint as to how we can hear Jesus' teaching and respond in faithful obedience: "by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart." This is the kingdom perspective – to change our focus from ourselves to others and, in turn, our concern for others helps us focus on God and the divine will for us. Jesus Himself is the model, for He "emptied Himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." The change of mind described in the gospel entails self-emptying for the sake of others, lived every day in the little things that come our way. This gospel challenges us constantly to turn our hearts toward God, discern the divine will, and walk the walk of Jesus. Faithfully. Obediently. Resolutely.

What has been the Liturgical Year of 2017 is rapidly coming to a conclusion and the gospel passages become more focused and challenging. How will we respond?

- I say yes to God and then don't follow through when...I say no to God when...What brings me to change my mind is...
- My believing leads to faithful doing when...
- For me, "The ways of righteousness" calls me to...

About Liturgy: Ordinary Time and The Second Reading

This Sunday's second reading gives us clear direction for what hearing God's will for us and changing our lives might look like: have the mind/attitude of Christ and practice self-emptying so that

our focus can be on others rather than ourselves. Further, this reading reminds us that our growth in Christian living isn't dependent only upon ourselves –we hear God's message in community and live it out in community. Our relationship to Jesus helps us hear, but so does our relationship to others. Ultimately this reading is an encouragement that the difficult challenges of faithful discipleship aren't something we undertake by ourselves but with the support of the whole Christian community.



October Is Commitment Month

Each year the month of October is dedicated to renewing our commitment to God, to the parish, and one another through our Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure. You will have the opportunity to review the Commitment Form – what the parish will do for you and what you will do for the parish – to pray about your level of commitment, how you will use your Time, Talent, and Treasure to help build the Kingdom of God here at St. Ignatius of Antioch and then come prepared to bring that Commitment Form forward at one of the liturgies on the weekend of October 21st and 22nd. The chest containing the forms will then be placed at the heart of the Altar where they will remain for the next year as a constant reminder of the

covenant into which each one of us has entered with the Lord and one another.

On behalf of myself, the Pastoral Staff, the Pastoral Council, and the Finance Council – the Leadership of the parish – I want to thank all those who have so generously taken ownership of the parish, for all you do, giving of your Time, Talent, and Treasure to help make our parish the wonderful and vibrant community of faith that it is. Hopefully even more of you will take seriously the call to be disciples, to take ownership of the parish, and to use the gifts God has given you for the building of His kingdom here and beyond the parish.



...to **Mr. and Mrs. Joe Zanorini (Jayne Longueville)** who celebrated Holy Matrimony last evening during our 5:00 p.m. Vigil Eucharist. May God bless you with many years of happiness, the best of health, and the deepening of your love for one another.

In Loving Memory

Last Sunday afternoon, Fr. George Griener, SJ, sent an email to let us know that his beloved mother fell asleep in Christ on Saturday, September 23rd. She would have been 99 years old on October 17th. Her memorial service will

be held in Covington, Kentucky on October 14th. Please keep her and Fr. George's family in your thoughts and prayers. Fr. George will preside and preach on the weekend of October 7th and 8th and sympathy cards would be appropriate to present to him at that time.



...to the members of our Art & Environment Committee and parishioners for creating the beautiful environment for Fall's Ordinary Time: **Rich Confetti, Theresa Nelms, Dorothy O'Connor, Don Benson, Jose Palomino, Pablo and Norma Villegas, Denise Moss, Erika Fernandez, Peter Degl'Innocenti, Lorraine Lohmeier, Patricia Britton, Diane Simpson, Samantha Peralto, Ann Fox, Maria Villegas-Sparling, Pat Kramer, Harlan Young, Kathleen Maasberg, and Janice Kegler.**

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...to our wonderful Parking Lot Security who keep watch over our vehicles during weekend liturgies: **Don Benson, Steve Rojek and Bob Goncalves.**

St. Ignatius of Antioch San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila Celebration

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