

## **Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time                      Year A**

Sunday, October 1, 2017

Readings: 1) Ezekiel 18:25-28    2) Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5    3) Matthew 21:28-32

### **Sunday Liturgy**

**The focus for today's Mass is that Jesus teaches us that God, who is Mercy, desires our obedience in word and deed.**

**In the first reading, Ezekiel writes of the choice of each person to turn toward or away from virtue, and toward or away from wickedness. In this way, we choose life or death.**

**Paul's letter to the Philippians encourages us to be united in heart and mind, and to act selflessly.**

**In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons — one who is initially disobedient but ultimately chooses obedience to the father, and the other son who claims obedience but does not fulfil the will of the father.**

### **GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

#### **PRIEST:**

**Trusting in our merciful Father**

**who hears our prayers and desires our obedience,  
we bring our prayers to him.**

**For the Church, for humble hearts committed to the Father's will,  
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.**

**For all who labor in the vineyards of peace,  
especially national leaders and elected representatives.  
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.**

**For those who are ill in mind and body.  
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.**

**For our beloved dead,  
may they come to enjoy perfect happiness and peace in heaven.  
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.**

**For all who gather at this table,  
for healing and hope.  
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.**

**For our own personal intentions, ..... (long pause).  
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.**

#### **PRIEST:**

**Loving Father,  
trusting that you know our hearts and our desires,  
we ask that you hear and answer our prayers,  
which we bring to you in your Son's holy name. Amen.**