

Sunday, September 27, 2020

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: In love, God waits for us to turn to him.

The Father calls each of us, daughters and sons, to participate in his work. Will we go to his vineyard? Even if we have said "no" 10 times, we can turn around! With the Father's help, we can turn from disobedience to obedience – from sinfulness to grace. The Father waits patiently, and is always welcoming.

In our first reading, the Lord speaks to Israel through the prophet Ezekiel and tells them that the wicked who turn from sin shall live. In today's Epistle, Paul exhorts the Philippians to live in unity, taking Jesus as their example of humility. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons whose father asks them to work in the vineyard; the first son refuses, but later obeys.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

Let us approach the Father with our prayers, confident of his infinite love for us.

**For the holy Church on earth,
may the power of the Holy Spirit help us to love one another and live in unity.**
We Pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

**For world leaders,
working for the true good of all their people.**
We Pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

**For all who are sick in mind, body and spirit,
may the Lord be their strength.**
We Pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

For all our beloved dead, may they rest in peace.
We Pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

**For our faith community,
may we grow in mercy and compassion, joyfully imitating Christ our Savior.**
We Pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

For our own personal intentions... (long pause).
We Pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

PRIEST:

Heavenly Father, we entrust our prayers to you, through your Son, Christ our Lord.