

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus. —*Philippians 2:5*

Comment

During the Babylonian exile, the prophet Ezekiel told God's people that they were responsible for their own actions. They did not accept their responsibility for their own behavior and blamed their separation from God on their ancestors. They made excuses for their behavior and blamed their problems on the sinfulness of the generations before them. Ezekiel challenged them to get in the present and take responsibility for their own actions, to do what they knew was right regardless of past events.

Paul's message to the Philippians also encouraged them to live obediently in the present. For the Philippians, they had the advantage of having Jesus as an example. They saw how fullness came to Jesus because he was humble and obedient before God. Jesus gave us the example of living God's law of love—to love one another more than ourselves.

Matthew asked the question about who would inherit the promises of God. Last week we discovered that we would inherit the Kingdom because of God's generosity. This week, the parable shows us how we will live with God because of choices we make and actions we take. When a father wanted his two sons to work in the field, one said "no," but later changed his mind and went to the field to work. The other son said he would go, but never did. The parable shows us how God calls us to change our lives from saying "no" to saying "yes" by our actions of repentance. It is far worse to be like the son who said "yes" but did nothing. To act this way would be like telling people that we are Christian and love God but not having our actions fit our words.

Reflection

God gives us free will to choose. We can choose to say "yes," or we can choose to say "no." The most saintly among us will say "yes" right away and go to work in the field at once. Others of us say "no," but change our minds and hearts and try to live God's command to love one another. Still others of us say

"yes" but do nothing. We are lazy, stubborn, or have a well-worked list of excuses for not showing our love.

By giving us free will, God shows us unconditional love. We are responsible for ourselves and our own actions, but with unconditional love God embraces us and our mistakes with mercy and pardon.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1b-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;
Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10b-15;
Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9c, 13-14;
LK 10:1-12
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10,
13-14b; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91,
125, 130; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9;
Mt 21:33-43

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Saturday, September 26th -
5:00PM-IHM – Maria Morales
 Guerrero, Rodolfo Morales, Carlos
 C, Maria and Carlos Guerrero, Sr.;
 +Manuel Jaramillo; In
 thanksgiving for Jerry DelaCruz's
 birthday

Sunday, September 27th –
8:00AM – IHM Por la Gente de
 Nolan County

11:00AM – IHM – +Julianah Falana;
 +Manuel & Cuquita Heredia; In thanksgiving for the
 birthdays of Genisys Duenez and Concha Heredia

Tuesday, September 29th 9:00 AM-HF
 +Roman Solano

Wednesday, September 30th 6:00PM - IHM
 +Miguel Ortiz, Tomasita Alcaras, Alfonso, Sara &
 Benjamin Gonzales

Thursday, October 1st 9:00 AM-HF
 For the well-being of Jordan, Leyla and Josias Gunter

Friday, October 2nd 9:00 AM-HF
 For our Seminarian Raymond Martinez, II

Saturday, October 3rd -
5:00PM-IHM – Guadalupanas living and deceased;
 +Gloria Castro, Delia Sparkman, Rudy Torres, Nellie,
 Dolores, Francisco, Frank Jr., Velia, Juana, Tony y
 Patricia Gomez; +Thomas, Josefa, Ascension, &
 Raymond Castro; +Angel Saavedra; for Mia Smart's
 health
7:00PM St. Albert Por la Gente de Nolan County

Sunday, October 4th –
8:00AM – IHM Por nuestros seminaristas Cameron
 Moore y Martin Luna; +José Cruces; en acción de
 gracias por el cumpleaños de Patrick Villa
11:00AM – IHM – In thanksgiving for the birthdays of
 Angie, Roland & Daniel Gonzalez, Francisco, Keasson
 & Karter Acevedo & Jerika Madrigal; +Ezequiel,
 Albina, Delia y Teresa Gonzalez; Ebelio Solis, Rafael y
 Concha Acevedo

COLLECTION DATA September 19/20, 2026

ENVELOPES/CHECKS.....	\$3951.00
LOOSE PLATE.....	1532.75
BUILDING FUND.....	1086.00
TOTAL COLLECTION.....	\$6569.75

"Thank you for your generosity."

HOLY SPIRIT CLEANING SCHEDULE

October 3 - Jamaica October 10 – Youth Group

GUARDIANS FOR VALUABLE SOULS

So valuable to heaven is the dignity of the human
 soul that every member of the human race has a guardian
 angel from the moment the person begins to be.—St. Jerome

"JAMAICA"... IT'S HERE!

Annual Parish Festival
this Sunday, September 27th!

**If you still have raffle tickets & money, please
 turn them in. Come, invite family & friends and
 join us for fellowship, great music, games, lots of
 good food, and a great time!**

Help make this "Our Best Jamaica ever!"

- **NOTE** Poster on back page of this bulletin for
 listing of Games, Food, Bands performing & the
 Raffle prizes

COME SUPPORT OUR JAMAICA FESTIVAL!

FIRST FRIDAY – October 2nd - Adoration of the
 Blessed Sacrament begins at 8:00pm until 10:00pm at
 Holy Family. Confession is available.

ADVANCED STUDY OF THE FAITH – classes led
 by Fr. Josh, start Saturday, October 3rd, at 10:00am at
 Holy Family Hall.

CCD RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2026-2027

- **NO CLASSES THIS SUNDAY**—September 27th.
 Classes will resume next Sunday, October 4th.

Wednesday Classes -7th to 11th Grades; 7:00-8:30pm

OCIA – Classes have started. If you are needing
 Sacraments or would like to learn more about the faith,
 you may still sign up to attend. Classes are held on
 Thursdays, 6:00pm, Holy Family Hall.

WEDNESDAY – Confessions begin at 5:15pm followed
 by Mass at 6:00pm & Adoration until 8:30pm at IHM.

GRUPO MISIONERO - Meets on Thursdays, at
 7:00pm at Immaculate Heart Hall

ULTREYA MEETINGS

Monday, September 28th - 7:00pm (*Spanish*)
 at IHM Hall. All are welcome! You don't have to be a
 cursillista to attend. For information on the Cursillo
 movement, please visit

<http://www.sanangelocursillo.com/home.html>

Living God's Word - In the Our Father we pray that
 God will not lead us into temptation but deliver us
 from evil. We pray that we will be obedient to the
 Father's will to the point of death so that we will be
 raised into eternal life and join in the song of
 exaltation, confessing Jesus Christ as Lord.

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**TEXAS
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2:00 - 3:30p

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4:00 - 5:00p

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(5:30 - 7:00p)

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SNOW CONE

Jamaica Begins at 12:00 PM & ends with the Raffle at 7:00 PM.

COME ENJOY GREAT FOOD, GAMES, AND FELLOWSHIP FOR EVERYONE!