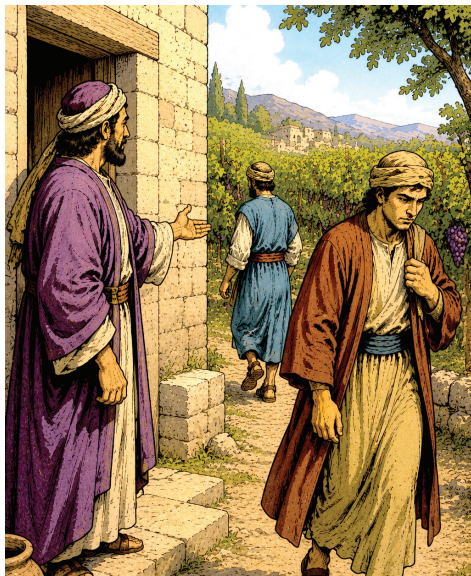




27 SEPTEMBER 2026 ❖ 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ❖ YEAR A



‘JESUS, MAKE MY HEART LIKE YOURS’

Today is the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, and we remember our seafarers and migrants. In the Gospel, one son says “no” but obeys; the other says “yes” but does not act. The sinner who turns back is closer to God than the self-righteous who only appears faithful and remain blind. God always invites us to change and begin anew. In this Eucharist, let us receive His grace and allow Jesus to transform our hearts so we may constantly live our “yes” to Him.



INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(To be recited only when no entrance hymn is sung.)

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgment,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty
of your mercy.
(Dn 3:31, 28, 30, 43, 42)

GREETING

P – Glory and honor to Jesus Christ whom the Father has exalted as Lord of heaven and earth. May his love and peace be with you all.
All – And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P – Gathered in God’s presence to offer the Eucharistic Sacrifice, let us humbly acknowledge our sins and ask for the Lord’s mercy. (Pause)

P – God the Father, you call us to work in your vineyard, but we have often failed to respond to your call. Lord, have mercy.

All – Lord, have mercy.

P – God the Son, you have shown us humility and obedience, but we have often failed to imitate you. Christ, have mercy.

All – Christ, have mercy.

P – God the Holy Spirit, you inspire us to do the Father’s will, but we often choose our own ways. Lord, have mercy.

All – Lord, have mercy.

P – May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All – Amen.

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GLORIA

All – Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)

P –O God, who manifest your almighty power
above all by pardoning and showing mercy,
bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us
and make those hastening to attain your
promises
heirs to the treasures of heaven.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
All–Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading

Ez 18:25-28

R –A reading from the Book of the Prophet
Ezekiel

Thus says the Lord:

You say, “The Lord’s way is not fair!”

Hear now, house of Israel:

**Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are
not your ways unfair?**

**When someone virtuous turns away from
virtue to commit iniquity, and dies,
it is because of the iniquity he committed
that he must die.**

**But if he turns from the wickedness he has
committed,
and does what is right and just,
he shall preserve his life;
since he has turned away from all the sins
that he has committed,
he shall surely live, he shall not die.**

The word of the Lord.

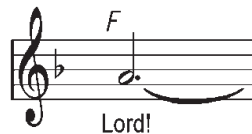
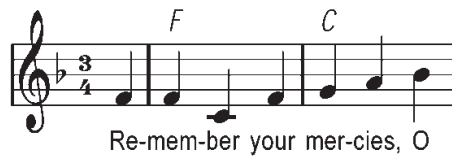
All –Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R–Remember your mercies, O Lord.

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* Your ways, O Lord, make known to me;
teach me your paths,
guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my savior. **R.**

* Remember that your compassion, O Lord,
and your love are from of old.
The sins of my youth and my frailties
remember not;
in your kindness remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

* Good and upright is the Lord;
thus he shows sinners the way.
He guides the humble to justice,
and teaches the humble his way. **R.**

2nd Reading

Phil 2:1-11

R –A reading from the Letter of Paul to the
Philippians

Have in you the same attitude

that is also in Christ Jesus,

**who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
something to be grasped.**

**Rather, he emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
coming in human likeness;**

and found human in appearance,
he humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of
death,
even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name
which is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
of those in heaven and on earth
and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.
All –Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn :10:27

All– Alleluia, alleluia.
“My sheep hear my voice,” says the Lord,
“I know them, and they follow me.”
Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mt 21:28-32

P –The Lord be with you.
All –And with your spirit.
P –A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Matthew
All –Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of
the people:
“What is your opinion?
A man had two sons.
He came to the first and said,
‘Son, go out and work in the vineyard
today.’
He said in reply, ‘I will not,’
but afterwards changed his mind and
went.
The man came to the other son and gave the
same order.
He said in reply, ‘Yes, sir,’ but did not go.
Which of the two did his father’s will?” They
answered, “The first.”
Jesus said to them, “Amen, I say to you:
tax collectors and prostitutes
are entering the kingdom of God before
you.
When John came to you in the way of
righteousness,

you did not believe him;
but tax collectors and prostitutes did.
Yet even when you saw that,
you did not later change your minds and
believe him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
All–Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

Profession of Faith

(Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed)

All – I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven, *(bow)*
** and by the Holy Spirit*
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
*and became man.**
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic
and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism
for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

P –God does not look at appearances or empty words, but at a heart that truly turns back to Him. He desires not our promises but Christ-like obedience. Trusting in His mercy, let us pray: Lord, hear our prayer.

All–Lord, graciously hear us.

C – For Pope Leo XIV, the bishops, and priests—may they live what they preach, in humility and love. We pray. **R.**

C – For our leaders—may they act with courage to correct what is wrong and serve with justice. We pray. **R.**

C – For our parish community—may we turn away from pride and be ready to change and serve. We pray. **R.**

C – For the sick and the dying—may they find comfort in God’s mercy and love. We pray. **R.**

P – God our loving Father, You call us not only to say “yes,” but to live it. Grant us the grace of true conversion, that we may do Your will each day. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
All–Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

P –Pray, brethren . . .

All–May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P –Grant us, O merciful God, that this our offering may find acceptance with you and that through it the wellspring of all blessing may be laid open before us. Through Christ our Lord.
All–Amen.

PREFACE VII

P –The Lord be with you.

All–And with your spirit.

P –Lift up your hearts.

All–We lift them up to the Lord.

P –Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All– It is right and just.

P –It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,

always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For you so loved the world

that in your mercy you sent us the Redeemer, to live like us in all things but sin,

so that you might love in us what you loved in your Son,

by whose obedience we have been restored to those gifts of yours

that, by sinning, we had lost in disobedience.

And so, Lord, with all the Angels and Saints, we, too, give you thanks, as in exultation we acclaim:

All – Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P –The mystery of faith.

All–Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION RITE

All–Our Father . . .

P– Deliver us, Lord . . .

All –For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

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BREAKING OF THE BREAD

All—Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world:

have mercy on us. (2x)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world:**

grant us peace.

COMMUNION

P —Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who
takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are
those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All — Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*(To be recited only when no Communion hymn is
sung.)*

Remember your word to your servant,

O Lord,

by which you have given me hope.

This is my comfort when I am brought low.

(Cf. Ps. 119 (118):49-50)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P —May this heavenly mystery, O Lord,
restore us in mind and body,
that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ,
to whose suffering we are united
whenever we proclaim his Death.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All—Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

P —The Lord be with you.

All—And with your spirit.

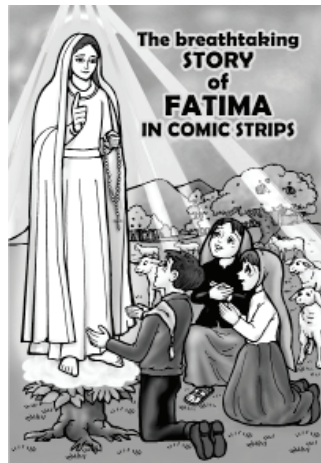
P —May almighty God bless you: the Father,
and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All—Amen.

P —Go in peace and bear fruits of holiness in
your life.

All—Thanks be to God.

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