

CALL TO PRAYER

Begin by calling upon God: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Let us pause for a moment, and listen attentively to this week's passage.



THE WORD OF GOD

Matthew 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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

FAITH SHARING

Questions of the Week

Choose one

1. Have you become "set in your ways?" Are you open to changing your mind about important matters?
2. Sometimes, we get caught up in self righteous attitudes. Why is it?
3. Why is it difficult to be humble and obey?



CLOSING PRAYER

Forgiving God, you show your almighty power in your mercy and forgiveness. Continue to fill us with your gifts of love. Help us to hurry toward the eternal life you promise and come to share in the joys of your kingdom. We ask this, as we ask all things, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

GOSPEL WORD SEARCH

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| JESUS | VINEYARD |
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GOSPEL GLOSSARY

Tax collectors in Roman times were not always honest. Since they worked for the Romans, they were hated and scorned.

Prostitutes are people who accept money from others in exchange for sinful acts.