

KEEPING FAITH FIRST- WORD SEARCH

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Catechizing Corner!

Today's liturgy begins a new series of exhortations for disciples. The situation in the Gospel is becoming ever more tense. The movement toward Jesus' destiny is fast approaching. His preaching gains momentum and intensity. Matthew insists that actions speak louder than words and seeks to seriously impress that truth on the minds and hearts of his readers. For the next three weeks the parables of the two sons, the wicked vinedressers, and the wedding feast will invite us to delve more deeply into the seriousness of Matthew's contention that faithfulness to the Lord requires more than a pretentious nod of the head. It required serious attention and action. We must do as Jesus did. It is the only way to gain our lives—by losing them. Our proclamation must be backed up by the way we live our lives. The greatest witness to Christ is a well-lived life. Words are wonderful, but if the life does not match the words, then the words are meaningless and hypocritical.

Mary Birmingham, Word and Worship Workbook.

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Disciple's Reflection

for the

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

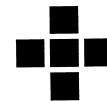
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A Call to Prayer

The Word of God
Matthew 21:28-32

Faith Sharing
Questions of the week

Closing Prayer



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Holy Family is a welcoming Catholic Eucharistic community of disciples of Jesus Christ connecting faith with life and reaching out to those in need!

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

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

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:

Children: What nice thing do you do for your brother or your sister?

Teen: Sometimes we get caught up in self-righteous attitudes. Why is that?

Adult: Have you become "set in your ways"? Are you open to changing your mind about important matters?

Family: 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

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