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A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go.

WHICH OF THE TWO DID THE WILL OF HIS FATHER?

MATTHEW 21:28-32



26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



YOU ARE called
YOU MATTER
YOU BELONG

Entrance Antiphon (Daniel 3.31, 29, 30, 43, 42)

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.

First Reading (*Ezekiel 18.25-28*)

Thus says the Lord: "You object, O House of Israel! You say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

"When the righteous person turns away from their righteousness and commits iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die.

"Again, when the wicked person turns away from the wickedness they have committed and does what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because that person considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm (*Psalm 25*)

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. R.

R. Lord, be mindful of your mercy.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. According to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord! R.

R. Lord, be mindful of your mercy.

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. R.

Second Reading (Philippians 2.1-11)

Brothers and sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, then make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests of others.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

Therefore God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (John 10.27)

Alleluia. Alleluia. My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia.

Gospel (Matthew 21.28-32)

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I am going, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first."

Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

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

Sunday Reflection: *(source from Saskatoon Diocese)*

In a short parable Jesus holds a mirror up to his opponents. The chief priests and elders were emblems of holiness, but they did not always practice what they preached. Like the first son, they say they are going to the vineyard, but they don't go. On the other hand, tax collectors and sinners rebel against God, but they repent. The message of Jesus is that openness and mercy are the way of God. If we use the same virtue in our relationships, there is hope that the lost may be found.

1. *Can we identify ourselves with either son? With both?*
2. *When first told by our Lord, what would the reaction of the listeners have been? Would they have found themselves within the story?*
3. *Does this story need to be re-told today? Addressed to whom?*

Pope's Prayer Intention for September 2026: *For the care of water*

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Our Parish Life of Service

Mass Times

WEEKDAYS: Tuesday-Friday: 12:05 PM.

WEEKENDS: Saturday: 5:30 PM. Sunday: 9 AM. • 11 AM. • 4:30 PM.

Baptism: 2nd Saturday of the month-Parent Preparation session require

Marriage: a minimum of six months before the desired dates.

Contact: E-mail: info@stfranciscalgary.com or Tel: 403-266-2512.

Confessions: 20' before all masses or after.

Rosary: 30 minutes before Mass.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: after Wednesday Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration: 20 Minutes before Mass, every 1st Friday.

OUR OFFERING TO THE LORD

for the weeks of Sept. 15-20:

-Looses: \$ 1,210

- Envelopes: \$ 1,760

- USD \$ 113

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY AND CONTINUED
SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH.**

TOGETHER IN ACTION (TIA)

Our Parish 2026 Goal: \$13, 861.99

Raised \$13,861.99

Our TIA Goal for 2026 Be Done.

**Thank You Very Much for your
great support and donation for
our Church. May God bless
your generosity and your family!**

ONLINE GIVING



SUNDAY OFFERING TO GIVE ONLINE

You can donate directly to St Francis of Assisi's parish by clicking on the website: <https://www.catholiccyyc.ca/donatetoparish.html>

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Join us for a Eucharistic Celebration **on Wed, Sep 30, 2026, at 5 pm** at St. Mary's Cathedral on the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. All are welcome!

Word Conference

Last week to register! This conference invites those who serve or are being called to serve in all parish ministries, including liturgical ministers, outreach and pastoral care teams, catechists, parish staff, pastoral and finance council members, and Parish Renewal Teams. **Oct 2, 6:30–8:30 pm and Oct 3, 8:30 am–3:30 pm** at St. Mary's Cathedral and St. Mary's High School, Calgary. Call (403)218-5521 to register.

Mass for life

Join a Eucharistic Celebration with Bishop William T. McGrattan, giving thanks to God, the Author of Life, and praying for the dignity and sanctity of every human life on **Wed, Oct 28, at 5 pm**, at St. Mary's Cathedral.

St. Francis: Blessings of the Pets

St. Francis had a special love for all of God's creatures, calling them brothers and sisters. Celebrate St. Francis' love for creation by bringing your pet to Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre in Cochrane on Sun, Oct 4, from 2:30 pm to 4 pm for the annual blessing of animals, led by one of the Friars.

Anointing of the Sick:

If you are hospitalized in Calgary and want the Sacrament of the Sick, please call **403-231-9505**.