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Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering into the kingdom of God before you."

MATTHEW 21:31

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 27  
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## HUMILITY

Blessed Giles of Assisi, in the thirteenth century, wrote, "No one can attain the knowledge of God but by humility. The way to mount high is to descend." This helps express the profound truth of today's readings. In Ezekiel's view, only the humble can acknowledge fault and turn to God with repentance. In the Gospel from Matthew, those who view themselves humbly are able to recognize God's presence in Jesus. And in his letter to the Philippians, Saint Paul's stirring hymn tells the story of Jesus, who through his humility showed us the depths of God's love. Jesus Christ is exalted as Lord precisely because of his humility and service to God. In our own parishes and faith communities, just like the Christian community of Philippi, we are called to follow Jesus' way, and live with humility and in service to one another.

### BY WHAT AUTHORITY?

Today's Gospel describes the second half of a sharp exchange between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. They asked, "By what authority do you do these things?" Much of this dispute is about authority. How could Jesus claim to represent God's purposes? This question continues to resonate today. Who speaks for God? Who doesn't? How do we tell the difference?

Jesus' response is, look at the evidence. Look at how, in response to John the Baptist and to Jesus, people were healed in body and in spirit. Look how people found new intimacy with God, and how they turned away from their sin. The authority of John and of Jesus rested not in some position within the religious institutions, but in the grace and healing power evident in John and in Jesus.

### CHANGING YOUR MIND

The readings today make it clear that to be a follower of Jesus you have to be able to change your mind. More precisely, we must allow God to change us, to transform our minds. For most of us, this can be really hard. This is why the readings speak so much about humility. Humility opens up our capacity to be transformed. Humility allows us to challenge our own thinking and behavior, so as to avoid self-justification on one hand, and self-denigration on the other hand.

Humility can be cultivated in the practice of reflection. This might mean claiming some time to allow God into our busy days. This might mean time away, through a retreat or day of quiet, perhaps with the help of a spiritual guide or director.

Humility can also be cultivated in actions of service. We learn Jesus' humility through washing each other's feet. We can place other's interests ahead of our own, and relinquish our need to be in control. When we cultivate humility, we create space within us to allow God to take residence and transform us.

### TODAY'S READINGS

Ezekiel 18:25-28  
Psalm 25:4-9  
Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]  
Matthew 21:28-32

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## WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m., Spanish Mass 2:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES: See Mass Schedule & Intentions section of bulletin

CONFESSIONS: Tuesdays & Thursdays at 5:00 p.m.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

### 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FAMILIAR INSIGHTS: Spiritual teachers tend to repeat themselves, and to repeat other teachers. Maybe there really aren't that many different truths to tell. Just a lot of slow, sleepy human beings—like us—who need to hear the basics over and over. Consider today's readings. People complain God isn't "fair," and Ezekiel answers that God is more than fair. People choose their own fates, and people can change. Even evildoers can turn, do right, and live. "Actions speak louder than words." A fresh new insight? Hardly. Paul tells the Philippians that he would truly be encouraged if those who claimed to be believers would, in fact, look to others' interests and not their own. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating." A novel idea? I don't think so. In Jesus' story of the farmer and his sons, everyone knows that the one who said he wouldn't work—but did—is way ahead of the one who said he would work—but didn't. "Talk is cheap." Heard that before? Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### WEEKEND LITURGY

First Reading: When the wicked turn away from their wickedness they have committed and do what is right, they shall surely live (Ezekiel 18:25-28).

Psalms: Remember your mercies, O Lord (Psalm 25).

Second Reading: Consider others as better than yourselves; look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others (Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]).

Gospel: Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you (Matthew 21:28-32). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

### READINGS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-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 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Mt 18:1-5

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

## **MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK (9/28-10/4)**

Monday 8:30 AM: Edgar, Teresa & Terry Mattingly

Tuesday 5:30 PM: Joann Cambron

Wednesday 11:00 AM: Peggy Noel

Thursday 5:30 PM: Leachman & Carrico Families

Friday 8:30 AM (School Mass Only): Freddie Carrico

Saturday 8:30 AM: Wilburn Kelty

4:30 PM: Susan Edelen Jaeschke

Sunday 8:30 AM: Helen Gootee

10:30 AM: Jim & Fanny Rudd

2:00 PM (Spanish Mass): For the Parish

## **LITURGICAL ROLES**

**Weekday Lectors:** (Mon.) Wassie Parrott, (Tues.) Mary Lynne Fenwick, (Wed.) Belle Sutton, (Thurs.) Ione Pinkston, (Fri.) Students, (Sat.)

Hamilton Simms

**Weekday Sacristans:** (Mon.) Julee Jones, (Tues.) Betty Carol Barber, (Wed.) NEEDED, (Thurs.) NEEDED, (Fri.) School, (Sat) NEEDED

**Weekend Liturgical Roles** for the month have been sent via email.

## **MENTIONS, MEETINGS, EVENTS & REMINDERS**

**Reminder:** Friday Masses during this time are solely for St. Dominic students and staff, due to COVID-19 restrictions, all other weekday Masses are open to anyone who wishes to attend.

**Thanks!** Just a note of thanks to this year's Turkey Supper chairpersons, Lisa Taylor & Cassie Michalski, and to all of those who worked the week/day of the social. We appreciate each and every volunteer, you contributed to the success! This year's profit totaled over \$35,000, a full report on the social can be found on the table in the breezeway.

**Country Place Gift Cards:** St. Dominic PTO will be selling Country Place gift cards after masses this weekend. The gift cards are \$25 each and never expire.

**Masses:** Just a reminder to call ahead (Monday through Thursday) if you plan to attend Mass this coming weekend, space is limited due to social distancing requirements. Please contact us in one of two ways, by calling 859-336-3569 or by email at stdom@bellsouth.net. Seating charts are finalized on Thursday afternoons. Peace to you all!

**St. D School Scrip Program:** Gift card fundraising is the best way to raise money for St. Dominic School. Buy gift cards from your favorite brands to earn money for St. D on your purchases. No extra money spent. No extra time wasted. How it works: Buy gift cards at face value, St. D can earn up to 20% on every gift card you buy, use gift cards at full value for your everyday purchases. Get started: **Create an account on the RaiseRight app or at ShopWithScrip.com using St. D's enrollment code: 6L353D8L3433L.** Seamlessly check out by securely paying

online. Have questions? Contact: Theresa Mattingly by email @ [theresa.mattingly@yahoo.com](mailto:theresa.mattingly@yahoo.com).

**Collection:** Hurricane Laura and the California wildfires have caused massive destruction and displacement. We can assist our brothers and sisters affected by disasters in 2020 through monetary donations that will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Charities and/or Catholic Relief Services as these official relief agencies of the Church provide emergency assistance to those in need. Funds also will be directed to pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church should they arise. Please make checks payable to Catholic Charities of Louisville and include the notation: 2020 Disaster Relief. Checks can be turned into the parish or sent to Catholic Charities of Louisville, 2911 S. 4th Street, Louisville, KY 40208-1303.

**School News:** Server training for St. Dominic School students will take place after 8:30 Mass on these dates: Sept. 25 (8<sup>th</sup>); Oct. 2 (6<sup>th</sup>); Oct. 16 (7<sup>th</sup>); Oct. 23 (5<sup>th</sup>); Oct. 30 (4<sup>th</sup>). PTS conferences are Sept. 28-Oct. 1. MAP testing for grades 3-8 will run Sept. 28-Oct. 1. Friday, Oct. 2, is a 12:30 PM early release day. There will be no afternoon bus available that day. Fall Break is Oct. 5-9. Picture Day is Oct. 13.

**The 47th Annual Rosary Celebration,** usually held on a Sunday near Labor Day at the Nelson County High School Auditorium, is this year - due to the Coronavirus - going to be simply broadcast instead. On Sunday, September 27, tune-in to WBRT AM 1320 at 3pm for a Marian talk by Fr. Matthew Hardesty, former director of the Archdiocesan Marian Committee. He will also pray the Rosary and other prayers.

**The Annual Rosary Rally** will be held, as usual, at the Bardstown square in front of the old Courthouse at Noon on Saturday, October 10. This is a long-standing tradition of parishioners from Immaculate Conception in Culvertown. Please join us for a public praying of the Rosary as well as prayers for the healing of our nation.

**St. D Prayer List:** Coronavirus Pandemic, World Peace, Healthcare Workers, Victims of Abuse, U.S. Military, Unborn & Elderly, Addictions, Kim Spalding, Jerry Effner, Beth Hellman, Dennis Rust, Reba Hamilton, Kyle Logsdon, Jeannie Hatchett, Lames Thomas, Ashton Kelly, Katie Haydon, Tammy Harley, Jane Rudd Volz, Dennis Newton, Lucille Spalding, Mary Devine, Roberta Williams, Jerry Craig, Larry Smith, Tom Miller, Margaret Faye Martin, Charlotte Disponett, Carolyn Greene, Marian & Wade Elliott, Sue Carter, Michael & Jennifer Jarboe, Debbie Hamilton, Buddy & Charlotte Smith, Wheatley Hamilton, Corbin Noel, Dorothy Mattingly, Colin Walker, Cassie Robinson, Olivia Montgomery, Audrey Edelen, Marilyn Watkins, Sueanna Graves, Helen Parrot, Christy Caldwell & Nancy Hardin. *Our church always prays for and cares for our sick sisters and brothers at home, in hospitals, and in nursing homes. You are always in our hearts, minds and prayers as we celebrate the Eucharist at St. Dominic. If any who are sick want to ask in faith for the church's prayers, please do not hesitate to contact our parish office at 336-3569.*

**Tithing Contributions** for this past week (includes contributions during the week &/or ACH contributions, etc.): \$22,885.20