

Pope Francis Angelus 1 October 2023

Today, the Gospel speaks about two sons. Their father asks them to go to work in the vineyard (cf. Mt 21:28-32). One of them responds “yes”, right away, but then does not go. The other, says “no”, but then repents and goes.

What is there to say about the behaviour of these two? What quickly comes to mind is that going to work in the vineyard requires sacrifice, and sacrifice costs. This doesn't come naturally, even with the beauty of knowing they are sons and heirs. But the problem here is not so much connected that they resist going to work in the vineyard, as much as their *sincerity*, or lack thereof, with their father and with themselves. Even though neither of the sons behaves impeccably, one lies, while the other makes a mistake but remains sincere.

Let us look at the son who says “yes”, but then does not go. He does not want to do the father's will, but neither does he want to get into a discussion or talk about it. Thus, he hides behind a “yes”, behind a false willingness that hides his laziness and he saves face for the time being. He is a hypocrite. He gets by without conflict, but he cheats and deceives his father, disrespecting him in a way that is worse than had he responded with a blunt “no”. The problem with someone who behaves like this is that he or she is not a *sinner*, but is *corrupt* because they lie with no difficulty to cover up and disguise their disobedience without welcoming any honest dialogue or feedback.

The other son, instead, who said “no” but then went, is sincere. He is not perfect, but sincere. Certainly, it would have been nice to hear him say “yes” right away. That did not happen, but at least he shows his reluctance clearly and, in a certain sense, courageously. That is, he takes responsibility for his behaviour and acts out in the open. Then, with this basic honesty, he ends up questioning himself until he understands he has made a mistake and retraces his steps. He is a *sinner*, we could say, but he is not *corrupt*. Pay close attention to this: this son is a sinner, but he is not corrupt. And there is always the hope of redemption for a sinner; for the corrupt, instead, it is much more difficult. In fact, the corrupt person's false “yesses”, elegant but hypocritical façades and habitual false pretenses, are like a thick “rubber wall”, behind which to take cover from qualms of conscience. And these hypocrites do so much evil! Brothers and sisters, sinners yes – all of us are – corrupt no! Sinners yes, corrupt no!

Let us look at ourselves now and, in the light of all this, ask ourselves some questions. When faced with the difficulty to live an honest and generous life, to dedicate myself to the will of the Father, am I willing to say “yes” each day, even if it costs? And when I fail, am I sincere before God about my difficulties, my failings, my weaknesses? And when I say “no”, do I turn around after? Do we speak with the Lord about this? When I make a mistake, am I willing to repent and retrace my steps? Or do I pretend everything is okay and go through life wearing a mask, concerning myself only about appearing good and righteous? Finally, am I a sinner, like everyone, or is there something corrupt in me? Do not forget: sinners yes, corrupt no.

May Mary, mirror of holiness, help us be sincere Christians

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XXVII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



HOLY MASS

Saturday: 05:30 pm English, Church.

Sunday: 09:00 am English, Church.
10:30 am Creole, Church.
12:30 pm Spanish, Church.

Weekdays: 05:30 pm English, B. Chapel.

Fridays: 04:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary.

05:30 pm Blue Chapel.

SCHEDULE OF SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: Contact one of the priests in person.

1st Confessions: 09 June, 2023.

1st Communions: 11 June, 2023.

Confirmations: 22 October, 2023.

Marriage: Call the parish office for preparation before setting a fixed date.

Anointing of the Sick: Upon request.

Confessions: Everyday before Mass or by appointment.

Have you ever despised someone without a good reason or have you ever hated someone with no apparent cause? Even if you had reasons surely your sin is just as grave as theirs? In today's Gospel the Pharisees and Chief priests are out to get Jesus, but there is no real reason behind their hatred. This can be your situation today. What then can you do? Well, first of all ask the Lord to enlighten you about why you have something with the other person or persons. What is it and where does it come from? If the Lord gives you the grace, you will hopefully see that the cause is inside you and not in the other person. Often, what bothers you about other people is what bothers you about yourself! So you end up despising yourself and take this out on others. At the very least, what you can do is to pray for the people you cannot stand. It is also possible that the Lord allows this animosity in you so that you will pray for the people involved and this will help them and will help you.

Deep down the cause of all this can be envy or jealousy of the other person because they get more attention than you or they get promoted and you do not, for example. They seem favoured over you or they just are more talented than you and you do not accept that. Whatever it is there is always a reason and you have to beg the Lord to show you what it is so that you can ask forgiveness and start again.

So let this Gospel be a call to all of us to repent, because we cannot continue holding onto resentments, bitterness, envy or just plain despidal of other people.

Lord Jesus give us the graces we all need to be in peace with those around us.

Fr. Paul



HOLY HOUR
FRIDAYS
4:00 pm—5:00pm.

Sing Praise 

If you Join the choir, to sing, you will pray twice says St. Augustine. Choir practice. Thursdays, 6:30pm daily mass chapel.



CHOIR

Parish Events October 8-15

Sunday Holy Mass: 09:00 am.10:30am. and 12:30pm.
04:00 pm Coeur de Marie Children's group.
05:00 pm Fraternite, Red Room.
05:00 pm Creole Youth Choir practice.
05:30 pm Sacre Coeur de Jesus, P. Hall.
05:00 pm Choeur D'hommes 1st and 3rd Sunday at church.

Monday St. Denis, Martyr
05:30 pm D. and Mass Chapel
07:30pm AA meetings Parish Hall.

Tuesday
05:30 pm D. Mass Chapel
07:00pm First English Parish Hall
07:00pm Second English SMG
07:00pm First Spanish Blue Chapel
07:00pm Second Spanish Red Room

Wednesday Pope St. John XXIII
05:30 pm D. Mass Chapel
07:00pm First Creole Parish Hall
07:00pm Third English S.M. Goretti
07:00pm Fourth English, Red Room
07:00pm Fifth English Blue Chapel

Thursday
05:30 pm D. Mass Chapel

Friday
04:00pm Adoration, Blue Chapel
05:30pm D. Mass Chapel

Saturday St. Callistus
05:30pm Mass Church
07:00pm NCW Eucharist



School Notes

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Students at HFA began to enjoy after school activities this week, with eleventh grade students beginning their community service work, and our teachers from the Physical Education department holding tryouts for school soccer. Our college freshman received a package from Saint Thomas University, which they proudly enjoy. The priests from OLDP visited the students this week and held confessions for the whole student body,

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SPONSORS / BENEFACTORS

We continue to look for donations and sponsors to support our **Scholarship Program** and help the school with necessary supplies. Any help God will reward you a hundred fold. If you would like and are able to help contact us at holyfamilytci@gmail.com

You can also donate from the US in the following link:

<https://www.rcan.org/mission-turks-and-caicos-islands>

Wish List

This is another way to help the missionary school or students who are in need, by donating any of the following:

- AED
- Asthma Inhalers
- Walkie-Talkie Radios
- Projectors