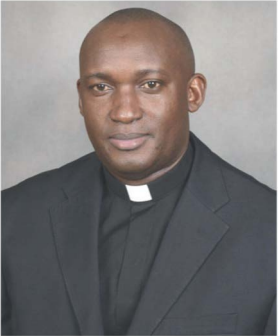


FROM FR. DEO

September 27, 2026

“Which of the two did his father's will?”



Dear Sisters and Brothers,
God is good, all the time...All the time, God is good!

This Sunday, we joyfully celebrate our first Family Mass, and we warmly invite everyone to join us at 9:00 a.m.! Children, parents, grandparents, and parishioners of all ages are welcome to celebrate our faith as one parish family. The Family Mass is the same Catholic Mass of course, with special opportunities for children to participate in the celebration. The homily and music are offered in a way that speaks to both children and adults. Above all, the Family Mass reminds us that faith is a gift we share and nurture together, and that every child and every family has a special place in the life of our parish.

The readings of this 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time speak to the reality of our family life and invite us to reflect on what it means to say “yes” to God—not only with our words, but with our lives. In Matthew’s Gospel, we hear a father—the owner of a vineyard—who says to his two sons: “Son, go out and work in the vineyard today” (Mt 21:29). One says “yes,” but does not go. The other says “no,” but eventually goes. Neither son gets it right at first: one speaks but does not act; the other refuses but later changes his mind and acts.

Pope Benedict XVI pointed out that this parable teaches the importance of conversion. The first son teaches us that beautiful words without action are empty. The second teaches us that even a wrong beginning can have a good ending when there is humility and conversion. He is not presented as perfect—he initially refuses—but he changes his mind and does what his father asked. We, too, must be humble enough to recognize, “I was wrong,” and then change direction.

This is an important lesson for us. Many of us know a child in the family whose “yes” cannot always be counted on. Or perhaps we remember the kind of child we were—the one who said, “yes, mom!” or “yes, dad!” but never did the homework, never got home on time, or never got things done. Sometimes a child’s “no” can become “yes” after a little conversation, encouragement, insistence—or even an incentive. We know that saying “yes” is easy; living that “yes” is the real challenge.

The Gospel reminds us that being a good Christian involves the willingness to change. Maybe I have said “no” to God through my impatience, my anger, my selfishness, or my unwillingness to forgive. But it is never too late to say, “Lord, I will go.” May we have the humility to change, the courage to act, and the grace to make our “yes” to God visible in our lives.

In Parish News, the Trinity Gala Committee warmly invites everyone to join our upcoming Trinity Gala Dinner. Purchase a dinner or raffle ticket or reserve a table and invite your family and friends to celebrate with you. Our Gala Program Book also offers an opportunity to celebrate a family milestone, share your family’s history, or honor your family’s legacy. Tickets are being sold after all Masses today. They are also available at the parish office or online using ParishSOFT.

Let us come together as one parish family to celebrate our parish, remember the people and stories that have shaped us, and look with hope toward the future we are building together.

St Elizabeth of the Trinity, Pray for Us!

See you in church!

In Christ,

Fr Deo

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