Ordinary Time: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, October 1, 2023

Lead Story Headline:
Change Your Lives

"...When people are sorry for their sins, change their lives, and do what is right, they are not punished; they are saved."
Ezekiel 18:26

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Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

“Jesus said to the chief priests and the leaders for the people, “I’m going to tell you a story, and you tell me what you think about it. ‘There was a man who had two sons. One day he said to one of them, ‘Son, I want you to go out and work in the vineyard today.’ ‘The boy said, ‘No, I won’t go.’ ‘But, later, the boy was sorry that he had said ‘no’ to his father and so he did go. The father then said to his other son, ‘Son, I want you to go out and work in the field today.’ ‘The second son said, ‘Yes, father, I will go and work,’ but he did not go.’ Jesus asked, “Now tell me, which boy did what the father wanted him to do, the first son or the second?” The leaders answered, “The first son.” Jesus said to them, “I’m telling you the truth. People whom you look down on as sinners are going to enter the reign of God before you. Because, when John the Baptist came and preached the truth, you didn’t believe him. But the people you look down on as sinners believed him and changed their lives, you still didn’t believe and change your lives.”

This is the Good News of the Lord.

Food For Thought:

Did you know that God is neither male nor female? Often times we call God "He" but this is just out of tradition and because when God came to earth as a human, he revealed himself to us as His Son, Jesus! So really, we can't say God is a he or a she but rather doesn't have a gender at all because God is not human!


What Do You Think?

1. Think about your name. Do you know what it means? Try to find out!

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2. Make a list of all the names that we sometimes call Jesus. How many can you come up with? What do you most often call Jesus?

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Activity: Word Connections

Paul urged the people of Philippi to be united. To be united means to come together. Connect these words from Paul’s letter on the left together with their meanings on the right.


 mercy
 complete
 joy
 humbly
 important

 Finish
 Not in a proud way
 Kindness and forgiveness
 Of great worth
 Great Happiness

Check It Out:

Head to the link below to learn a little bit about marriage! Then read the last page of the bulletin on marriage in the Catholic faith.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4wEhi7cM8IM

"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves."

Philippians 2:3
Inside Scoop: Marriage

There are 7 sacraments in the Catholic Church. One of them that not all people but some people celebrate, is marriage! So if your parents were married, they were getting one of the sacraments! Can you name the other 6 sacraments? Which sacraments do you already have?

Marriage is when two people come together and promise to love each other! God first created Adam and Eve to come together in marriage and to love one another. Two people become united when they are married. They become very best friends and they do things together to become better people and to build up God's Church. Their love and unity is meant to represent the Holy Trinity - where Father, Son and Holy Spirit are all one together. People who are married all have very different lives from one another. Some have their own children, some take care of other children, some don't have children but try to make the world a better place with their marriage! All married people and families look different from one another. What do you know about marriage? Ask your family members about marriage and weddings and see what they have to say about it. They may even have pictures to show you!

Not all people do get married, but those who do know it is what God has planned for them.

What do you think makes a good marriage? What kinds of things in a friendship make it a good friendship? These good things are also helpful in a marriage!


Let's Pray:

"Hold my hand, God, lead the way, help me be good every day. Let me know what's wrong and right, keep me safe day and night. Let me know what you have planned, lead the way, God, hold my hand.

Amen."

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"To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust..."

Psalm 25