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Mass Schedule for this Week

Saturday – September 26	**Mass at 5:00 pm**
Sunday – September 27	**Mass at 8:30 am and 10:30 am**
Monday – September 28	**Mass at 9:30 am**
Tuesday – September 29	**No Mass and the Office is Closed**
Wednesday – September 30	**Mass at 9:30 am**
Thursday – October 1	**Mass at 9:30 am followed by Adoration**
Friday – October 2	**Mass at 9:30 am**
Saturday – October 3	**First Saturday Mass at 8:30 am**

Rosary: 30 Minutes before Mass
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 4 – 4:30 pm
Eucharistic Adoration: Every Thursday after Mass until Noon

REFLECTION FROM FATHER AKUTI

In today's Gospel parable, a man with two sons tells both to go out to work in the vineyard. **The first son says he will not go**, but later he regrets his refusal and goes to work. He represents tax collectors and public sinners who refused to obey God's commandments, but, after listening to John the Baptist and Jesus, repented and became eligible for eternal reward.

The second son says that he will go but does not. He represents the chief priests and the elders, the Scribes, and the Pharisees. By their pride, and their refusal to obey God's call to repentance through John the Baptist and Jesus, these so-called "religious" people excluded themselves from eternal reward.

The lesson taught: Jesus was teaching them, and us, that it is necessary that we continue to respond to God's saving actions on our behalf with an unchanging *"YES, Lord*!" in word and in deed. Even when we say no, God gives us many chances to change our minds and our hearts and gratefully accept His Mercy of conversion, repentance, and obedience to His will.

Who are these two sons at present? The first son: 1) A repentant alcoholic, drug addict, chronic gambler, sexual-deviant. 2) Members of a poor village parish who reach out to the needy in the community. 3) A Preacher who calls parishioners to true repentance. 4) A Church member who decides to tithe or young people who decides to remain abstinent until marriage. All these choose to obey Christ sacrificially.

The second son 1) A regular Church goer who refuses Christ entry into his or her heart and life, and lives a pagan life on weekdays. 2) A Christian who refuses to obey Christ in the sensitive areas of sex, money, and power. 3) A Preacher whose sermon is designed to please people rather than to please God. 4) A Church that ignores issues of justice and mercy. 5) A Sunday School that neglects to teach children the great Biblical stories — in short, all people who appear **to be faithful but, deep down in their hearts, are not.**

TAKEAWAYS;—

We need to do God's will every day: Each one of us is responsible to God for every action, and the just God will punish or reward one according to one's actions. Since we are not sure about the moment of our death, our only guarantee of dying in God's friendship is to live in that friendship always, saying "Yes," to God by cheerfully doing His Will daily.

It is never too late for us to repent, be converted, and allow the Holy Spirit to renew our life: If we have been disobedient to God in our past life, we need to knock at the door of God's Mercy. God can, and will, do for us what, in His Mercy, He did for the repentant tax-collectors and harlots Jesus encountered. Hence, every morning we must pray for the strengthening power of the Holy Spirit to do God's will and every night we need to repent of our sins and ask God's pardon and forgiveness. May the huge number of Covid deaths serve us as a strong warning that we may not get a chance to be anointed before our death. If we are in serious sin we need to get reconciled with God, the Church and our brothers and sisters through the Sacrament of Reconciliation as soon as possible. Let us remember that it is never too late for us to turn back to God, ready to do His will.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday: 10:30 am	Sunday School
	Confirmation Class
Monday: 5:00 pm	OCIA Class
Tuesday: 1:00 pm	Grief Share
Wednesday:	Communion Class
5:30 pm	Celebrate Recovery
Thursday: 10:00 am	Circle of Caring
Saturday: 8:30 am	First Saturday Mass

Mass Intentions for Sept 26th to Oct 2nd

Saturday 5:00pm	Kelly Wheelock
Sunday 8:30am	Karen Sousa & Demi Dignan
Sunday 10:30am	+ Maynard N Levenick Sr.
Monday 9:30am	+ David B Curtis
Tuesday	No Mass today
Wednesday 9:30am	+ David E Curtis
Thursday 9:30am	Bryne Hunter
Friday 9:30am	Eli and Hannah Jones

Seminarian Appeal

Consider supporting our future priests through prayer and financial gifts to the Archdiocese Seminarian Appeal. We will have the collection today. There are cards in the pews with more information and there are envelopes in the pews. You may decide on a one-time or monthly donation. Please return the envelope or you may also mail it.

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BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Back to School Supply fund. We raised $1164. The 10 students and their parents who benefited from your generous donations are very grateful.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER

A TIME FOR HEALING: Please pray for Bill Harrison, Susan Curry, Doris Strafford, Susan Motsinger, Joseph Allscheid, Steve McDonald, Donna & Kelly Molyndike, Jane Gillis, Leon Bruneau, John & Lara Bender, Nancy Dietrich, Mark Storey, Cynthia Sinn, Deanna and Roger Fullop and their family, Clyde Sullivan, Sean Dooher, Gloria Lyons, Alicia Voss, Al Giacchero, Paul & Maureen Sterling, Greg Molley, Ken Hillyer, Doris Matthews, Frank Moran, Louie Mendez, Jim and Nellie Welsh, Mike Scott, Rolando Deangkinay, Rhoda DeGiovanni, Louise Rosas, Al Weber, Jim & Kathleen Hickey, Ron Patterson, and all those who are sick or need healing.

A TIME FOR SORROW (May God rest their souls in eternal peace): Please pray for Bill Molendyke, Albert Chek, Jim Springer, Robert J. Kocarnik, Alexis Goddard, Lloyd Schwend, George Reging, James Welsh, Fr. James Dieringer, Dorothy Giacchero, Robert Fulks, Luz Deangkinay, Nellie Deangkinay, Plum Snow, Burma LaVallo, Sharon Cote, and all those who have died recently.

A TIME FOR JOY AND CELEBRATION: We pray for all those who are celebrating a birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion this week. Happy Birthday to Nicholas Macias, Margarita Dougherty, Burton Went and Maureen Rawlins.

And pray for all our Parish friends and family who are listed in our Prayer Intentions Book.

GriefShare

Are you grieving a loss? We are meeting on Tuesdays from 1-3 PM through December 1st. Please know you may join GriefShare at any time. For more information, contact Marie Hennessy or visit www.Grief Share.org/findagroup and search St. Mary by the Sea in Rockaway.

THANKSGIVING DAY COMMUNITY DINNER

If you are able to volunteer on either the prep day or on Thanksgiving Day or both, contact Teri Bruneau at 503-317-8967 as soon as possible so they can plan ahead.

LAST WEEK'S DONATIONS

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