Generations of Faith
St. Paul's Co-Cathedral Renovation

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27, 2026

"Which of the two did the will of his father? (Mt. 21:31)"

One said, "I will go" … and did not. The other said, "No way!" … and yet did.

In today's gospel (Mt. 21:28-32), Jesus points out to the chief priests and elders that though they presented themselves as those who did the will of God, when God sent John the Baptizer announcing righteousness these leaders rejected Him. Cutting to their hearts, Jesus pointed at the prostitutes and tax collectors who *believed* (whom the leaders regarded as scum) as those who would enter the Kingdom of God first!

Jesus is in the heart of Judaism: the Temple. There in the heart of the Temple He pronounced judgment on those who claimed to occupy leadership of the Jewish people: they did not believe Him who was the One to whom all of Jewish history had pointed. Rather, in rejecting Him they were rejecting the Kingdom of God of whom Jesus is the cornerstone. (Mt. 21:42)

So, we see clearly: the Kingdom of God is open in the first place to those who *believe in Jesus* and so really do the work of the Father.

There is a kind of attitude in our sceptical world that it really doesn't matter what you believe just as long as what needs to be done gets done. Whatever the *means*, it is what is produced or done that counts. However, this is not what Jesus teaches us. *Why we do things and what we believe in our hearts* is the mark of the Godliness, the holiness of our actions. Christian life is not about *doing good things (even less about talking about doing good things)* it about accepting Jesus as Lord and proclaiming His Love for us and our love for Him through our actions. When we think that being a Christian is just another way of philanthropy that is useful to culture, we simply miss the mark. We Catholics are not "good people" who do "**good deeds**" we are "prostitutes and tax collectors" who live in the Love of Jesus Christ (which is what "belief" essentially means) and strive to do "**God–deeds**".

Ironically, it is actually those who are religious believers who are actually the bedrock of all charitable works in Canada. It is called the "Halo Effect" that sees the return of value to communities for what is given in tax credits and exemptions as **10.5 to 1**. When you have your heart in love with God your hand is generous indeed.

So, though we have said, "I will not go" to doing God's will far too often, let us let the power of God which flows abundantly in the hearts of we who believe in Jesus carry us into being Saints-in-action.

Our Lady of the Rosary

Candlelight Procession

Saturday, October 3 at St. Paul's Co-Cathedral

Mass at 5:30 pm followed by procession and fellowship

Bring your own candles

Our beloved **Yvette Pinel** said, 'I will go' and faithfully *did go* into the Vineyard of the Lord. Since 1998, she was the sacristan for the 8 a.m. Mass. No matter the weather, no matter the chronic pain of her body – Yvette was here for the Lord and for us. We have been uncovering foundations during the renovation. Behold the face of a woman of loving faith who is in Jesus a dear foundation of our community. Please have a listen or look at the homily from her funeral mass on our web site.
Requiescat in Pace, chére Yvette.

Renovation Notes: **This week we received a donation of $100,000 from one of our weekday mass worshippers. Another "God-deed" from the generous faith of our parish community.** Rob the tiler will soon be finished in the Sacristy! David the sound-expert has finished sound-proofing the confessionals. Dominic the finishing carpenter is working on the beautiful finish of these same confessionals. God-deeds indeed! Let us be encouraged to continue to patiently pray and share.

MONDAY, September 28, 2026
St. Wenceslaus (OM) &
St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions (OM)
11:30 am - Confessions & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** *(SI Loretta Simonot)*

TUESDAY, September 29, 2026
St. Michael, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael (F)
11:30 am - Confessions & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** *(SI Fr. Les Paquin)*
6:30 pm - Parish Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, September 30, 2026
St. Jerome (M)
11:30 am - Confessions, & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** *(† Kirk Taylor)*
1:00 pm - **Eucharistic Adoration**

THURSDAY, October 1, 2026
St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus (M)
11:30 am - Confessions & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** *(† Bill Little Jr.)*
8:00 pm - Christ the King Prayer Group

FRIDAY, October 2, 2026
The Holy Guardian Angels (M)
11:30 am - Confessions & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** *(SI Fr. Stefano Penna)*
4:30 pm - RCIC
4:30 pm - Rehearsal
5:30 pm - Sto. Nino Prayer Group
6:30 pm - RCIA

SATURDAY, October 3, 2026
Our Lady's Saturday (OM)
11:30 am - Confessions & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** *(† Alyssa Dubé)*
2:00 pm - Wedding
4:00 pm - Wedding
5:30 pm - **Mass** (Our Lady of the Rosary)

SUNDAY, October 4, 2026
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am - **Mass**
10:00 am - **Mass**
12:30 pm - Eritrean **Mass**
8:00 pm - **Mass**

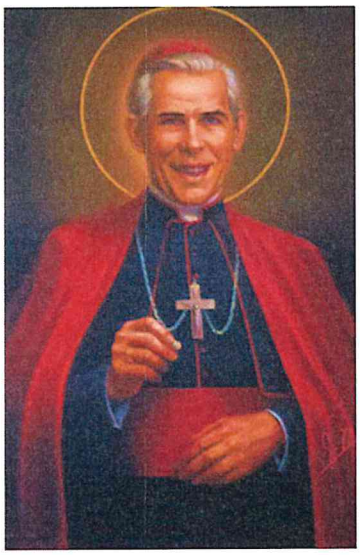
Bishop's Annual Appeal

"Called to Respond: Living the Father's Will"
Find this year's video, information, and online giving at: **dscf.ca/baa**

Class for First Reconciliation for children grade 2 and up will begin October 28! Classes will be held Wednesday evenings at 4:30pm. Registrations can be found on the website or by contacting Sr. Peter Mary at srpetermary@stpaulcocathedral.ca Registrations are open until Oct 20.

St. Paul's RCIA & RCIC programs begin Friday, October 2nd
To register or for more information, contact Sr. Peter Mary at srpetermary@stpaulcocathedral.ca
We all know folks who are being called by the Lord to the fullness of faith in the Catholic Church. No greater gift can we give than to propose life in Christ to another. RCIA soon begins in this parish and in other parishes across the city. God is calling you to call them.

Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesdays 1 - 5 pm



Blessed Fulton J. Sheen
Beatified September 24

O God, who called the bishop Blessed Fulton Sheen to preach the Gospel to the whole world, grant we pray that by following his example of prayer, and the devotion to the Mother of your Son, we may also be loyal sons and daughters of your Church by bearing witness to the Faith. AMEN

One Hail Mary at a time, our will is put to death. Jesus said, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a grain of wheat, but if it dies, it will bear much fruit. Our will must die, so His will can be done. Mystery by mystery, bead by bead, Mary will lead you down the path of God's will."
(*The Power of the Rosary*, Gabriel Castillo)