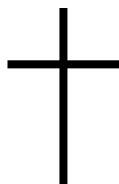


SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD
CHRIST THE KING CHAPEL AT ULM



OUR LADY OF FATIMA
ST. LAWRENCE

Which of the two sons did his father's will?

The First.

Matthew 21:31



Mass Schedule & Intentions:

27 Sunday

OLF Sat, 4:30p	+ Doyle Nelson + Jason Humphrey + Betty Schmittzehe + Carie Messina + Catherine Messina
JGS Sat, 4:30p	+ Mary Michael Martin + Merle & Warren Brennen + Audury Hawsey + Sally Ditta + Dr. Brian Fasset + Ed Cannon
OLF 8:00a	For OLF Parishioners
JGS 9:00a	+ Thurman Dickey
SL 9:30a	+ Catherine Dupelchin Bordelon + Georgia Gritzmacher
JGS 11:00a	+ Gin Heflin
JGS 5:00p	For JGS Parishioners
CCM 7:30p	+ Anthony Thomas Haines

28 Monday

JGS 5:30p + Bud Ray

29 Tuesday

OLF 9:00a + Doyle Nelson
+ Jason Humphrey
JGS 5:30p + Angela Carl
+ Les LaCroix
+ Jo Kaufman

30 Wednesday

CCM 5:30p + Patrick Staab

1 Thursday

OLF 8:30a + Jason Humphrey
+ Doyle Nelson
JGS 5:30p + Sister Maria Smith

2 Friday

JGS 8:15a + Faye Hornback
OLF 6:00p + Joseph Chuan
+ Maria Qui

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Visit www.usccb.org/readings



Sanctuary Candle: September 27 - October 2

JGS In Memory of Thurman Dickey
From Claire Gray

JGS | OLF | SL | CCM

*If you would like to have the sanctuary candle burn in memory
or honor of a loved one, please contact the church office.
Donations are \$20.*

We Welcome All Visitors!



Thank you for worshipping with us today!
If you want to learn more about our parish
or have questions about the Catholic Faith,
please email NELAcatholics@gmail.com.
We will be happy to answer your questions!

When Our "Amen" Becomes Action

*Living
Our Yes*

Dear Friends:

Jesus' point in this Sunday's Gospel is very simple. In fact, maybe that's why we so easily miss it. A father asks his two sons to go work in his vineyard. The first says, "I will not." But later, he changes his mind and goes. The second says very politely, "Yes, sir." But he never goes.

So Jesus asks: Which son actually did what his father wanted? That's easy. The one who went.

God wants more than our agreement; He wants our obedience. He wants more than good words; He wants good works. He wants more than faith professed; He wants fidelity lived.

And that ought to make us a little uncomfortable, because we say "yes" to God all the time. Think about how often we do it at Mass. We say, "Amen." We profess, "I believe." We respond, "Thanks be to God." We pray, "Lord, hear our prayer."

Those are good and holy words. But does the life we live after Mass agree with the words we speak during Mass?

Fr. Romano Guardini once prayed, **"You have placed the honor of Your will in my hands."**

That's quite a thought. God has placed the honor of His will in our hands. He doesn't force either son into the vineyard. And He won't force us. He gives us the freedom—and the responsibility—to decide what we're going to do.

We can honor God's will by obeying Him. Or we can speak very respectfully to Him and then quietly go off and do whatever we please.

The Gospel gives us two imperfect sons. But St. Paul gives us the perfect Son: **"He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."**

Jesus didn't merely say that He loved the Father. He obeyed Him. He didn't merely tell us that He loved us. He carried that love all the way to Calvary. Jesus' whole life was one great "Amen" to the Father.

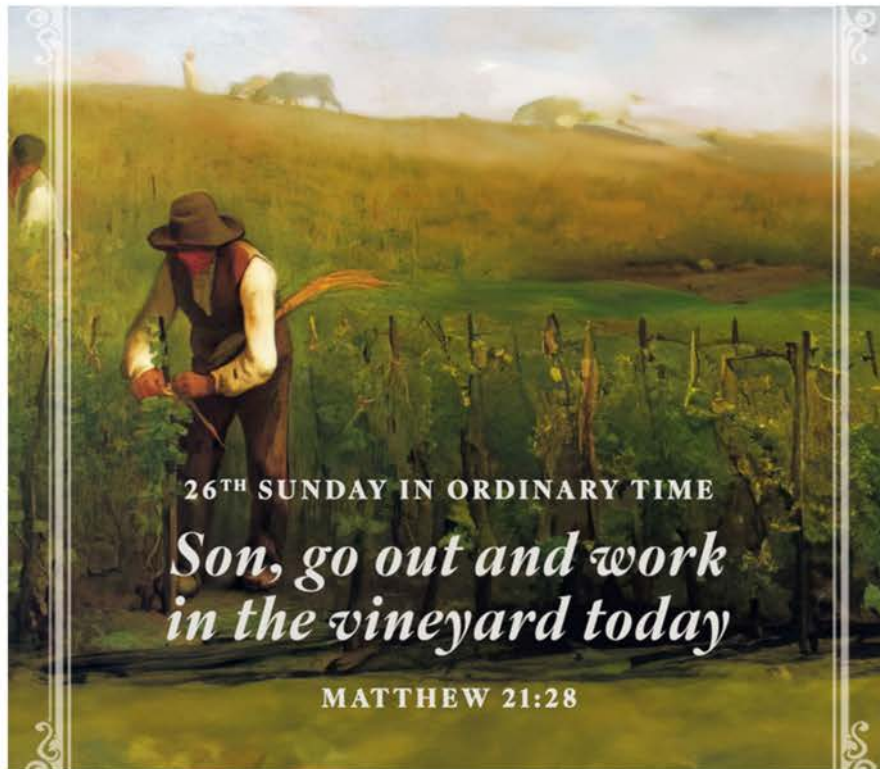
So here's a simple examination for this week:

During the past twenty-four hours, have I done anything I didn't feel like doing simply because God wanted me to do it? Have I refused anything I wanted because I knew God didn't want it? Maybe it meant forgiving someone, telling the truth, resisting temptation, keeping a promise, helping someone when it wasn't convenient, or making time for prayer.

Our "Amen" has to leave church with us. It has to enter our homes, workplaces, relationships, choices, and private struggles. As Guardini prayed, **"Let what I do become one with the command and the obedience to which You have called me."**

Every "Amen" we speak at Mass is a promise we're called to carry into the vineyard.

Fr. Peter



FROM THE CATECHISM

CCC 1709 — “He who believes in Christ becomes a son of God. This filial adoption transforms him by giving him the ability to follow the example of Christ. It makes him capable of acting rightly and doing good.”

CCC 1431 — “Interior repentance is a radical reorientation of our whole life, a return, a conversion to God with all our heart, an end of sin, a turning away from evil.”

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME WORD SEARCH

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WORK
VINEYARD
ORDER
SAW
CHANGE
MINDS
BELIEVE

DEVOTIONS & SCRIPTURE STUDY

Tuesdays

Men's Bible Study — Deacon Tom
JGS 6:30a Moore Hall
Bible Study & Dinner
OLF 6:00p Parish Hall

Thursdays

Divine Mercy Chaplet
JGS 4:45p Church
Rosary
JGS 5:00p Church
Bible Study — Deacon Chris
JGS 7:00p Zoom
Bible Study — George Walker
JGS 6:00p Moore Hall
Sep 10 - Oct 29

Fridays

Divine Mercy Chaplet
JGS 3:30p Tabernacle Area



ADORATION

EXPOSITION

Tuesday

JGS 6:00am - 9:00pm

Thursday

OLF 9:45am - 12:00pm

1st Thursday

SL 5:00pm - 5:50pm

1st Friday

OLF 6:30pm - 7:00pm



Church Open for Personal Prayer

Monday-Friday

JGS 8:30am-3:30pm

LORD, WE PRAY FOR:

JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Jeff Albritton, Mary Ana, Gabriella Armstrong, John Baker, Judy Bell, Darlene Bergquist, Theresa Birden, Pat Blanchard, Travis Breard, Ginger Brown, Lana Caron, Pat Dayton, Donna Calhoun, Jane Calk, Anthony Canizaro, Joyce Chase, Karmann Conlee, JoAnn Crone, Kitty Curry, Theresa Curry, Alison DeRouen, Charlotte Dickey, Elaine Elias, Marcie Elias, Karen Embanato, Susan Erlemeier, Phyllis Fuller, Helen Geisler, Jordan Gibb, Caiden Giovingo, Russ Givens, Jim Greenlaw, Faith Gremillion, Clint Guillory, Louis Haas, Jane Hattaway, Philip Hayden, Nancy Hemrick, Beau Herlevic, Catherine Hightower, Tim Hudson, J. Michael Inzina, Lee Jacks, Debra Johnson, Jason M. Johnson, Diane Jones, Jane Keifenheim, Danette Keith, Jeri Kelly, Ann King, Helen King, Mercer King, Melissa Kroper, Walter LaRose, Sr., Steve Lawrence, Michelle Lofton, Karen Luneau, Christian Makuch, Marley McClanahan, Bridget Tonore McFerrin, Peggy McGuire, Raymond McKinney, Sr., Tobie McKown, Emma Medlin, Tommy Miceli, Connie Milam, Jerry Miller, Phyllis Monaco, Gloria Morgan, Larry Mullens, Rosie Nix, Ed Patrick, Dianna Petty, Joey Poland, Vada Powell, Charles Pritchard, Paula Pruett, Florine Robin, Larry & Lex & Lance Runk, William Ronquille, Cammi Shaffett, Mary Ann Sims, J. Randolph Smith, S.L. Southern Alpha Spence, Heather Talley, Doug Tarver, Bill Turnbough, Peggy Turnbough, Joan Vales, Ken Vincent, Marc VanDerKarr, Teddy Varino, George Walker, Jr., Christopher Weems, Lucy Wren Wilson, Quentin Wuerz, Mary Young

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Barbara Bryant, Shayne Carter, Mike Chambers, Frances Chisley, Hunter Joseph Day, Joey Ditta, Jennifer Duong, Kay Faraci, Lauren Fontana, Alan Haney, Daniel Harris, Evelyn Horne, Do T.X. Huong, Norma Hutsell, Kim Johnston, Danny Lenard, Rowan Lenard, Teena Lenard, Joe Marsala, Tatiana McGary, Joselito Mercado, Amber Middleton, Martha Minten, Bill Mockenhaupt, Dr. Elnora Montgomery, Maria Kimberlyle Nguyen, Su Nguyen, Pat Nichols, Lacie Petitto, Nancy Pierron, Ed Ritter, Chuck Romano, Janice Socha, Lou St. Amant, Linda Westbrooks, Elizabeth Williams, Melissa Winkler, Lucy Zaunbrecher

ST. LAWRENCE

Verda Anders, Susan Barringer Debbie Beauvais, Kent Bennett, Ronnie Bryant, Marci Elias, Randy Elkins, Betty Guillory, Norma Lee Hance, Jennifer Hebert, Dot Justice, Paul Johnston, Felicia Jones, Roger Lee, Edwin "Ed Popie" L. Ritter, Jr., Shirley & Joe Slack, Margaret Smith, William & Ann Wyatt, Maureen Carder, Debbie Grayson, Phillip Zalewski, Heather Clark, Lisa Keller

Our Dearly Departed:

Ed Cannon, Walter Dunn, Lt. Col. Joe Yearby, Mike Waterman, Betty Schmittzehe, Reynaldo Yatco, Claudia McGuire, Jo Kaufman, Georgia Gritzmacher, Pat Russell

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Congratulations to our parents on the upcoming birth of your child. Call the Church Office at least three months before your baby's birth. We look forward to helping you and your godparents prepare for the Sacrament of Baptism. Baptism seminar is required.

First Sacraments & Confirmation: We joyfully support families as children prepare to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. Preparation includes both catechesis and opportunities for spiritual growth, helping children encounter Christ more deeply through each sacrament.

Matrimony: We congratulate all of our newly engaged couples. Contact our office soon (at least six months prior to your desired wedding date). We look forward to helping you as you prepare to enter the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

Vocations: If you feel that you may be called to the priesthood or sisterhood, please call our office to schedule an appointment with Father Peter.

Anointing of the Sick & Ministry to the Sick:

If you or your loved one is in a hospital, about to undergo surgery, or in a nursing home or homebound and would like to be visited or receive the sacraments, please call or email the church office to schedule.

Funerals: When death is imminent, or upon the death of a loved one, please make the church one of your first calls. We are here to support you.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday
JGS 4:00pm - 5:00pm

1st Thursday
SL 5:00pm - 5:50pm

Wednesday
CCM 5:00pm - 5:30pm

Friday
OLF 5:00pm - 5:50pm

Saturday
JGS 3:00pm - 4:00pm
OLF 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Or by appointment. Call the church office to schedule.

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS OF OLF, SL, CCM, & JGS

Baptism Seminar

- October 15th – 6:30 - 7:30pm
- December 10th – 6:30 - 7:30pm

Visit jgschurch.org

Engaged Couples Weekend

JGS Parish Hall

Fri 6-8:45pm, Sat 9am-4pm

- October 2 & 3

Visit jgschurch.org

Email pa@jgschurch.org to register.



NEWS & EVENTS

JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Deacon Tom's Men's Bible Study

Tuesdays, Parlor Room – 6:30am

Engaged Couples Weekend

October 2 & 3

Saint Vincent de Paul Society Meeting

2nd & 4th Mondays – 12:00pm

Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA)

Tuesdays, Parish Hall – 6:30pm

Youth Faith Formation | CCD

Sundays – 6:30pm

Bingo

3rd Thursday, Moore Hall – 11am - 1:00pm

Seasons of Hope - Thursdays

Thursday, October 1, Parish Hall – 6:30pm - 8:00pm

FLOCKNOTE



SEASONS OF HOPE

Whether you're coping with the death of a parent or grandparent... a spouse... a child... a relative... or a close friend... we invite you to come and be comforted through a unique support group, **SEASONS OF HOPE**.

This program, rooted in Catholic tradition, conveys God's consolation through Scripture, prayer, reflection, and sharing of faith.

SEASONS OF HOPE is available to all Parishioners in the Family of Collaborating Parishes and Missions in Ouachita Parish.

We will meet every Thursday **beginning October 1 for six weeks** from 6:30pm to 8:00 pm in the Parish Hall at Jesus the Good Shepherd Church. Call the JGS Church Office (318-325-7549) for more information.

CHRIST THE KING, ULM

Mass & Confession

Mass Wednesdays – 5:30pm

Confession Wednesdays – 5pm - 5:30pm

Dollar Lunch

Thursdays – 11am - 1:00pm

JOIN CCM GROUPME



OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Altar Society

3rd Mondays – 5:30pm

Bible Study & Dinner

Tuesdays – 6pm (Hall)

Catholic Daughters of America

1st Mondays – 5:30pm (Hall)

Rosary

1st and 3rd Wednesdays – 1pm (Church)

1st Saturdays – 9:40am (Church)

1st Saturday of the Month Mass

1st Saturday – 10am

FLOCKNOTE



Women's Bible Study *Whispers of Mary*

12 Chapters
Women of the
Old Testament

Every Other Week
A 24-week journey
toward Mary



BEGINNING OCTOBER 14
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WOMEN AGES 20+

BOOK REQUIRED:

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by Ascension Press
Participants purchase
their own book.

BUY BOOK:



REGISTER:



jgschurch.org/whispers-of-mary-womens-bible-study



ADULT FAITH FORMATION AT JGS

GROW DEEPER IN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Tuesday, Sep 29 6:30 pm

The Mass and Places in the Church | *Fr. Peter*

Tuesday, Oct 6 6:30 pm

The Mass Part II | *Fr. Peter and Olga Trejo*

Tuesday, Oct 13 6:30 pm

The Church Year and Church History | *Dr. White*

Tuesday, Oct 20 6:30 pm

Who Shepherds the Church? Catholic Hierarchy and the Church as Community | *Deacon Chris, Delle Tyler, and Norma Sherman*

Tuesday, Oct 27 6:30 pm

A Great Cloud of Witnesses: The Communion of Saints and Mary (Sacred Relics and Choosing a Patron Saint) | *Dr. White*



TO LEARN MORE SCAN HERE

STAY UP TO DATE:



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Northeast Louisiana
Catholics

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Jennifer Patterson
PA@jgschurch.org

NEWS & EVENTS



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5 - 8:00 p.m.

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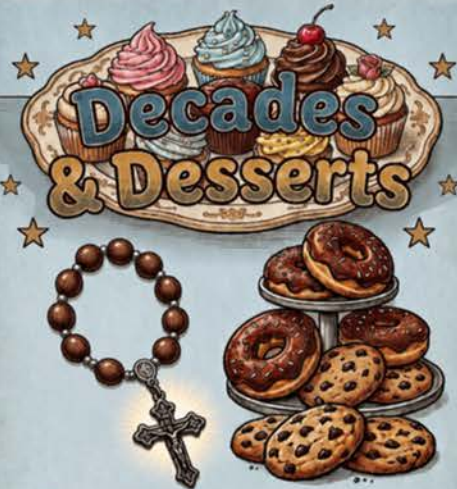
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ON YOUR JOURNEY

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	Actual	Budget	Overage (Shortage)
Sep 12 & 13	\$4,313	\$4,135	\$178
YTD	\$42,703	\$45,480	(\$2,777)

	Actual	Budget	Overage (Shortage)
Sep 13	\$2,021	\$1,909	\$112
YTD	\$21,021	\$20,999	\$22

CHRIST THE KING, CCM

JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

	Actual
Sep 13	\$168
YTD	\$780

	Actual	Budget	Overage (Shortage)
Sep 12 & 13	\$16,255	\$25,576	(\$9,321)
YTD	\$203,956	\$281,336	(\$77,380)

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Oct 17 & 18
World Mission Sunday

Nov 14 & 15
Catholic Campaign for
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