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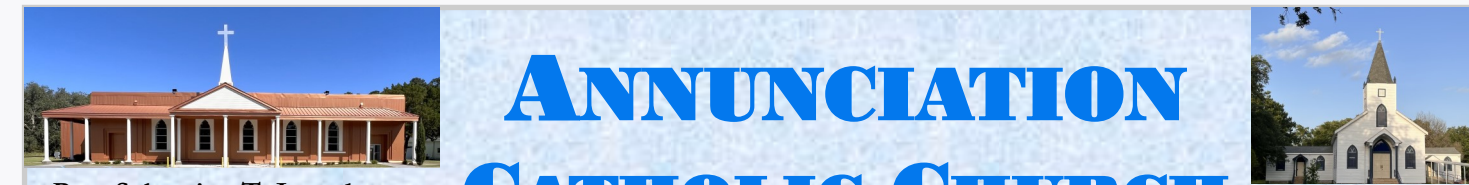
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 October 2

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- Sunday: 8am, 10:30am
- Weekday Mass: 8:00am (Chapel)  
 (Monday-Friday, Rosary after)
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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**Reading 1 Ez 18:25-28**

Thus says the LORD: You say, "The LORD's way is not fair!" Hear now, house of Israel: Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair? When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die. But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life; since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9**

**R. (6a) Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.

**R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old.

The sins of my youth and my frailties remember not; in your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, o Lord.

**R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way.

He guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble his way.

**R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

**Reading 2 Phil 2:1-11**

Brothers and sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others. Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus, Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Gospel Mt 21:28-32**

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, 'but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

**Reflection:** Today's Scripture readings warn us that it is our final decision for or against God will decide our eternal reward or punishment. As free beings, we are the ones who choose our eternal destiny.

The human freedom which enables us to say "yes" or "no" to God demands that we be responsible for our conduct and accountable for our behavior. One day we will have to stand before the judgement seat of God and answer for our good or evil deeds. The good news is that with God's grace we are capable of changing the direction of our lives for the better. The two different attitudes of the siblings in the Gospel of today tell us that there is a mixture of these different attitudes in all of us.

There must be a connection between what we say and what we do. Jesus sternly criticized the religious leaders of his time, for their promises were empty. The trail of broken promises that each of us leaves behind points out the inconsistency between what we promise and what we do. The lesson the Gospel offers us is that we may be saying "yes" to God during our Sunday worship but turn our back on what we profess the rest of the week. We who say "yes" to the Body of Christ don't realize that we are often saying "no" to the community of Christ. The test of our allegiance to Christ lies in keeping the promises that we have made and doing his will, whatever it might cost us.

**No Mass on October 3, 4, 5 (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)  
No Adoration On Tuesday, 2nd Of October**



**October 2:** That every individual soul has a **guardian angel** has never been defined by the Church, and is, consequently, not an article of faith; but it is the "mind of the Church", as St. Jerome expressed it: "how great the dignity of the soul, since each one has from his birth an angel commissioned to guard it."...

In the Bible this doctrine is clearly discernible and its development is well marked. In Genesis 28-29, angels not only act as the executors of God's wrath against the cities of the plain, but they deliver Lot from danger; in Exodus 12-13, an angel is the appointed leader of the host of Israel, and in 32:34, God says to Moses: "my angel shall go before thee." At a much later period we have the story of Tobias, which might serve for a commentary on the words of Psalm 90:11: "For he hath given his angels charge over thee; to keep thee in all thy ways." (Ps 33:8, 34:5) Lastly, in Daniel 10 angels are entrusted with the care of particular districts; one is called "prince of the kingdom of the Persians", and Michael is termed "one of the chief princes"; Dt 32:8; and Eccl 17:17).

This sums up the Old Testament doctrine on the point; it is clear that the Old Testament conceived of God's angels as His ministers who carried out his behests, and who were at times given special commissions, regarding men and mundane affairs. ...

But in the New Testament the doctrine is stated with greater precision. Angels are everywhere the intermediaries between God and man; and Christ set a seal upon the Old Testament teaching: "See that you despise not one of these little ones: for I say to you, that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father who is in heaven." (Mt 18:10). A twofold aspect of the doctrine is here put before us: even little children have guardian angels, and these same angels lose not the vision of God by the fact that they have a mission to fulfil on earth.

Without dwelling on the various passages in the New Testament where the doctrine of guardian angels is suggested, it may suffice to mention the angel who succored Christ in the garden, and the angel who delivered St. Peter from prison. Heb 1:14 puts the doctrine in its clearest light: "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent to minister for them, who shall receive the inheritance of salvation?" This is the function of the guardian angels; they are to lead us, if we wish it, to the Kingdom of Heaven. (<https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/07049c.htm>)

"The annual <b>Diocesan Red Mass</b> invoking the blessings of the Holy Spirit over the legal community will be held at Nativity BVM Cathedral on Sunday October 15 at 11:00 am. Immediately following there will be a reception in the Sacred Heart Center. This year Judge Leslie Southwick of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals will be speaking. All judges, lawyers, public officials, and people of good faith are invited to attend."	<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>		<b>Prayer Request</b>	
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