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While we have Breath

Jesus wants to teach us today with another parable: the two sons. The first was asked to do something for the father and replied that he would but then did not do it. The second son said no, he would not do it but then repented and did it. Jesus then asks His listeners: "which of the two did the father's will?" The answer, of course, is the second.

Let us state an obvious point first: neither of the two sons

in the parable did the best thing. The best thing would be to respond yes to the father and to do it generously.

However, Jesus knows our hearts and the weakness of our wills. He knows that all too often we are reluctant to do

God's will and

make our excuses for not doing it. This is why He relies on our ability to repent with His grace and change our lives. In a perfect world we would not have need of repentance, but we do not live in that world. Weakness, pride, temptation and vice often impede us from doing the right thing from the start. If that is the case, while we have breath, we can repent and turn toward the Lord.

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks this simple parable to the "chief priests and the elders of the people" and reminds them as a conclusion that "tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you". This was a provocative statement
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Sunday Mass:
Saturday - 5:30 pm
Sunday - 9 & 11 am

Weekday Mass:
Monday - Friday - 8 am

Confessions: Saturday
4-5 pm or anytime by
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Sick Calls: Anytime. Call
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to set up preparation and
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to those who considered themselves righteous and looked upon the tax collectors and prostitutes as lost to sin. Jesus reminds them - and us - that no one is beyond the grace of conversion. All are called to turn towards Him in repentance and, at times, even our sinfulness can be a motivation to turn toward God more urgently. To recognize our sin is the first step toward conversion.

Returning to the parable, the first son was satisfied in giving lip service to God, thinking perhaps this would be enough. The second son realizes his lack of generosity to do the father's will and reconsiders. Although late, he eventually did the right thing. We should be careful however not to depend on the possibility of conversion "later" in life. We should not put off doing the Father's will. No one knows the day or the hour the Lord will call us to Himself. Thus, there is no time like the present to do the will of God or, if we have failed Him in some way, to turn to Him in repentance and to do it now. While we have breath, we can always ask forgiveness of God.

While we have breath.

Fr. Peter

Saints of the week:
September 29: Saints Michael,
Gabriel, and Raphael



September 26 - October 4		
Eucharistic Celebrations:		
Saturday 26:	5:30 pm	PRO POPULO
Sunday 27:	9:00 am	DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE LANG FAMILY
	11:00am	+VAUGHN & +MARGARET LARSON
Monday 28:	8:00 am	+DENNY MALLORY
Tuesday 29:	8:00 am	NO MASS
Wednesday 30:	8:00 am	NO MASS
Thursday 1:	8:00 am	NO MASS
Friday 2:	8:00 am	INT. FR. PETER SHORT
Saturday 3:	5:30 pm	+FR. JO BLONSKI
Sunday 4:	9:00 am	+ERIC MCCONNELL
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Catholic in Recovery, Mondays @ 5:30 at the Turn of the Card Community Center. Call 480-408-4513 for info.

AA - call hotline 928-537-7800 for meeting information

This week in our parish:

Monday:	8:00 am	Mass
Tuesday:	8:00 am	No Mass
	5:30 pm	Al-Anon Meeting (Church hall)
Wednesday :	8:00 am	No Mass
	9:30 am	Madonna Guild Book Study - Hall
	11:00 am	Prayer Group - Church
Thursday:	8:00 am	No Mass
	6:00 pm	Religious Education in St. Joseph Family Center
Friday:	8:00 am	Mass. Parish Office Closed

For routine, non-emergency as well as emergency care for the **sick or dying**, please contact the parish office or Fr. Peter at 928-367-2080, Monday through Thursday between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Outside of these hours, please call 928-367-1278, leave a message and we will get back as soon as possible.

PASTORAL COUNCIL: Katherine Larson; Mike Caruth; Mary Knaust; Tim Williams; Steve Vasquez; Margie Zavala; Fr. Peter Short. Next meeting: **TBD**
FINANCE COUNCIL: Don Dodge, Cathy Dodge; Don Dodson; Linda Dodson;; Larry Vicario, Fr. Peter Short. Next meeting **TBD**.

Would you like to receive the sacrament of Baptism, Reconciliation, Confirmation or Holy Communion, or would like your child to receive them? Or would you like to learn more about your faith? Come join us for an hour each week to learn and share the faith.

Religious Education meets Thursdays, at 6 pm in St. Joseph Family Center!

This week the Priests of the Diocese of Gallup will be celebrating their convocation in Gallup. Please pray for them as they seek God's will in the Diocese in the years to come/

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Join us in prayer in Eucharistic Adoration every Sunday from 8:00 am till 8:45 when there will be Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament.

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This weekend there will the Priest Retirement Fund collection

