

# Getting Ready for Sunday!



# **Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Jesus speaks in the form of a parable (a story) this week, as last.**

**Again the image presented is that of a vineyard.  
The vineyard may be taken to represent Israel, the church or the kingdom of  
God.**

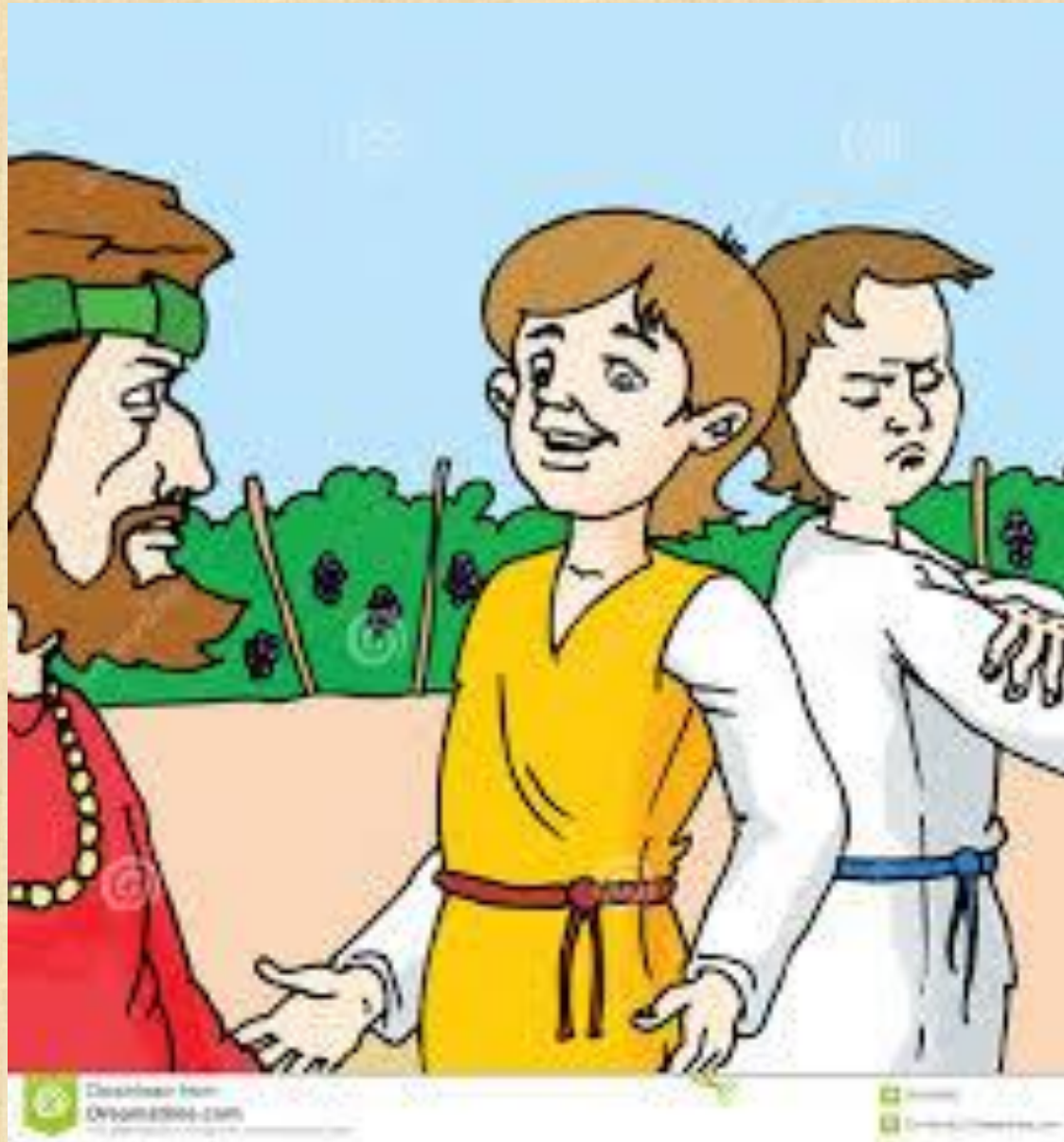
**All are called to work in God's kingdom.  
Sometimes our selfishness drives us to do our own work and will instead of  
God's work and will!**

**Of the two who were called in today's Gospel one said no initially, and later  
came back to agree to work in the vineyard. The other said yes, but never went!**

**If we say YES to baptismal commitment, but never do anything about it  
afterwards, we are in the same place as the one in the Gospel who said YES and  
then never went to the vineyard!**

**Let today's Gospel speak to your heart and bring you into God's kingdom where  
all have a special part to play.**

# Matthew 21:28-32



***The Parable of the Two Sons***

**Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first:**

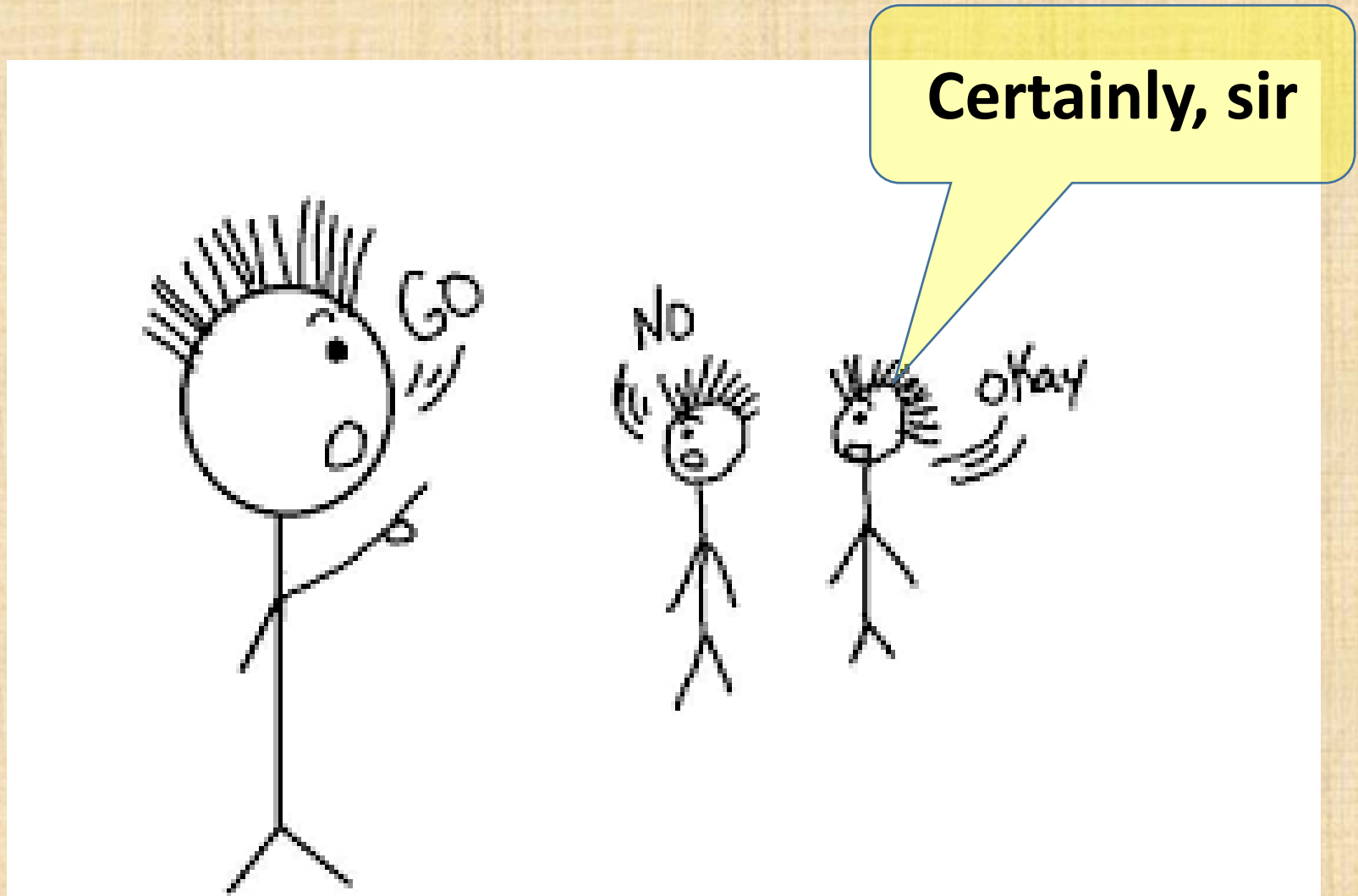
**My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today.**



***I will not go!***

**but afterwards thought better of it and went**

The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered:.



.....but he did not go.

**Which of the two did the father's will?'**

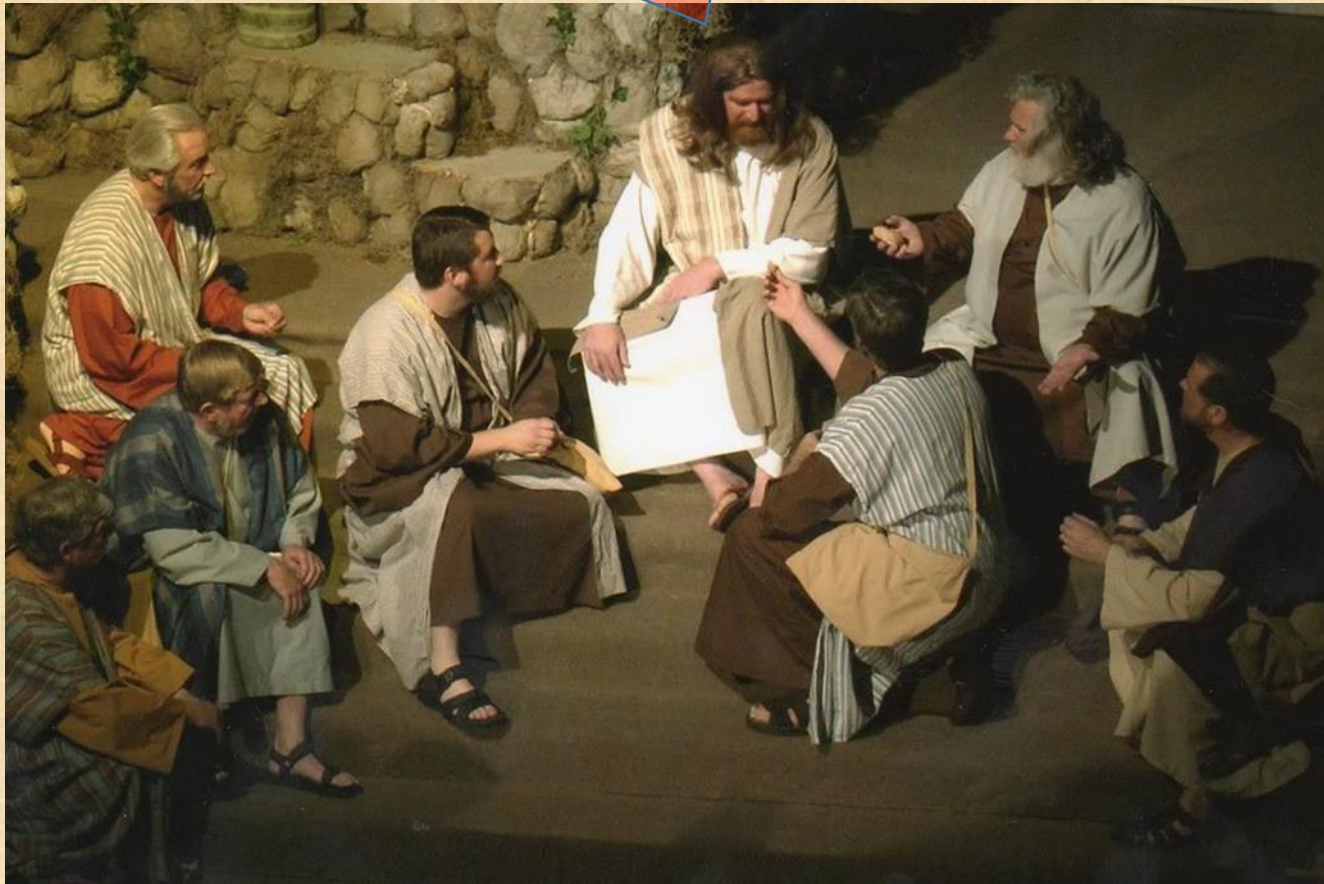
**I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you**



***The first.***

**Consider:** Jesus calls us to live our faith as part of a community....not as a solo run.... We have gifts to share with one another on the journey of faith. The place of sharing and support is in our local parish.

**For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.**



**Consider:**  
Have you  
really taken  
to heart the  
call to follow  
Jesus?

# Bible Search

Read **Matthew 21:28-32** in your family Bible-this is the Gospel reading at Mass this Sunday.





# Consider



**Do you play your part in the kingdom by sharing your gifts and faith with others?**

# SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

## Matthew 21:28-32

1. It is possible to be a dutiful and observant Christian, and yet feel there is something missing. It makes such a difference when your heart is in what you are doing – so much better than just going through the motions. Where do you experience that most in your life?

2 The desire of Jesus for is that we grow in that kind of committed, enthusiastic involvement in life. What encourages you to grow in this way?

3 The elders probably thought well of themselves in contrast to the tax collectors and sinners. Perhaps you know some unconventional people, ones who appear to ignore the 'right' way of doing things, and yet they have taught you something about true goodness.

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# Praying to Jesus



**Pray for the grace to know the path to God's kingdom.**

**Ask God to guide you each day of your life.**

