

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27, 2026

Remember your mercies, O Lord!



Masses For The Week

Sun 27 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

09:00 am +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandra Leyendecker)
+Diana Reese (Armando & Nena Colchado)
For Rain (Belia Flores)

Thr 01 St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

12:05 pm +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandra Leyendecker)

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“Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God.” Why? Because when they encountered Jesus Christ, who “did not regard equality with God something to be grasped,” they found in him everything they needed to be happy. And that is what made it easy for them to leave behind their grasping ways and obey the one who himself became “obedient to the point of death.” If someone “turns from wickedness and does what is right and just, he shall surely live, he shall not die”—because that person has found Jesus Christ, who is infinitely more attractive than the false delights of wickedness.

The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning for
+All Souls in Purgatory (Sandra Leyendecker)

Good News!

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Ezekiel 18:25–28 / Philippians 2:1–11 or 2:1–5 /
Matthew 21:28–32

ANN M. GARRIDO

Most parents can resonate with today's gospel. Who hasn't had a child promise to do their chores and then neglect to do them? Or a child who threw a fit when asked to help but then pitched in after all?

Jesus' parables intend to give clues about a mystery he called the kingdom of God—a revelation about what the world will look like when God's dreams for it are realized. We get a good hint that this parable is meant to be about the kingdom of God because it speaks of a vineyard, and Jesus often compared God's kingdom to a vineyard. Vineyards throughout the ancient world were associated with joy and abundance, but they also required much tending. They needed workers, and that is what God has called us to be for the kingdom.

Jesus observed that those who professed to support God's coming kingdom often seemed to do little to help bring it about whereas those who historically had been viewed as resistant to God's ways were more receptive to John the Baptist's preaching—and, we can imagine, Jesus' message as well. They were the ones who proved in the end more willing to lend a hand.

The vineyard of which Jesus spoke still requires workers. It still requires people willing to collaborate with God in gathering the abundant harvest that will mark a season of great joy. We can imagine that, like any parent, God's greatest delight would be to have children who say “yes” and then follow through on their word! ●

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JESUS CHRIST FOREVER

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LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Cristina Zarate, Mina Aldaco, Ramona Alaniz, Edna Flores, Ana Maria Finley, Mary G. Finley, Margarita Inocencio, Lucia Rodriguez, Maria Teresa Cassiano, Dotty Guffey, Rodrigo Medina, Armando Colchado, Elida Aldaco, Michelle Angela Nelson and Renee Chapa.

SECOND COLLECTION--RESPECT LIFE



The annual Respect Life Collection in the Diocese of Laredo will be next weekend, October 4. This annual collection assists with pro-life activities.



LIFE CHAIN IN LAREDO

Sunday, October 4, 2026, 2:00

PM - 3:00 PM Sidewalks from

McPherson Rd. and Hillside

Road. Join us to prayerfully

witness that **Every Human Life Matters and is Sacred from conception to natural death.**



ANNUAL RED MASS

Parishioners are invited to join His Excellency, John J. Gomez, JCL, on Tuesday, October 06, 2026, at 6 pm at San Agustin Cathedral. The Red Mass is offered for all legal

professions throughout the Diocese of Laredo. Everyone is invited to attend.

2026 Catholic Sharing Appeal Report as of August 2026 IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH

2026 CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL
Building The Kingdom Together

\$ 10,370.00 - Our Gifts to Date
\$ 12,410.00 - Our Pledges to Date
\$ 2,996.00 - Our Parish Goal
32-Families Participating

Christ has died Christ has risen Christ will come again

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Last Sunday's Collection

Envelopes: \$ 1,776.00

Loose: \$ 72.00

Children's Envelopes: \$ 4.25

Total Sunday Collection: \$ 1,852.25

Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 2,054.25

Dear Padre

September 27, 2026

Why must I choose practicing Catholics as my baby's godparents?

The Church is clear about the qualifications of godparents: at least sixteen years old; leading lives of faith; confirmed and having already received Communion, among others. (See the *Code of Canon Law*, 872–874.) “Godparent” isn't simply an honorary title we bestow on someone. It's an important role in a child's faith life. Parents and godparents introduce us to Jesus and teach us to pray. We talk to Jesus on our own and learn more about him through Scripture. Our parents take us to church. We watch their example and that of our godparents. It is the gradual process of being introduced to Jesus by those who know him that leads us to trust him and have faith in him. At baptism, a godparent lights a candle from the Easter candle and holds it for the child as the presider says, “Receive the light of Christ.” That is how faith comes to us: a gift from God, but through other people. Parents and godparents must have the bright flame of faith in their own hearts if they hope to pass it to the child.

It is permitted to have only one godparent, fulfilling the requirements previously mentioned, and a special “witness” who is a person of faith but is not Catholic. ●

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HAVE IN YOU
THE SAME ATTITUDE
THAT IS ALSO IN
CHRIST JESUS

JESUS CHRIST
is LORD

HE HUMBLING HIMSELF
BECOMING OBEDIENT
TO THE POINT OF DEATH,
ACCEPTING EVEN DEATH
ON A CROSS. BECAUSE
OF THIS, GOD BESTOWED
ON HIM THE NAME
WHICH IS ABOVE EVERY
NAME, SO THAT AT THE
NAME OF JESUS EVERY
KNEE SHOULD BEND AND
EVERY TONGUE CONFESS THAT
JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!

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