



The purpose of this parable was to give a wake-up call to the chief priests and elders. Telling them that tax collectors and prostitutes would enter the kingdom of God before them would have definitely gotten their attention. However, the reaction to this news is of most importance.

What would our reaction be to this statement if we were in the position of the chief priests and elders? Would pride or fear paralyze us from assessing our lives and considering our failing? Are we like the brother who first said --No -- and then changed his heart and said --Yes? If so have we lost that spirit of newness, thanksgiving, and humility that we celebrated at our conversion?

If pride or fear has stopped us from a deeper conversion of heart what steps can we take to change that?

Those steps usually do not resemble extraordinary epic moments. Rather they are small goals that are set and met. They include purifying our hearts in the sacrament of reconciliation; resolving to put words into actions each morning before stepping out of bed; declaring interiorly that people will be able to identify you as a follower of Christ simply by your Christian actions and not by empty words or pious gestures; by living a life filled with the joy that doing the will of the Father brings

“He humbled Himself and became obedient....” If the Lord invites you to follow Him in humble obedience as a priest or in the consecrated life, how will you respond? Call Fr. Liborio Amaral (416) 968-0997, email: vocations@vocations.ca Visit www.vocationstoronto.ca



Fall Musical Concert
Saturday October 4, 2008
7:00 to 9:00 pm

Tickets are \$10 for adult \$5 for children and available after mass or at the door.

Light refreshment after the concert Proceeds go to the maintenance of St. Norbert's Church.



We are all creatures of one family.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
SUNDAY OCT. 5 at 4:00 PM

Join us on the church lawn and bring your pets for a special day in honour of St. Francis of Assisi and to give thanks to the Lord for the blessing of the beautiful animals He has created who are our faithful and loving companions.

FOLLOWING JESUS...

A journey of freedom.

Single women, 18-40, are invited to a retreat weekend October 17 – 19 given by the Sisters of St. Joseph. For information, call Sister Dorothy at 416-927-0720.

Missa Gaia
Tuesday October 7, 7:30 pm

Come celebrate the beauty of the earth. Missa Gaia is a musical expression of God's creation, centering on the spirituality of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and ecology. One hundred and thirty award winning singers and musicians from Cardinal Carter Academy of the Arts will perform this joyous, rhythmic and contemporary work. We will rejoice in God and His creation, as voices, human, wolf, whale and loon, blend with the music of the world. Tickets for the concert will be available at the door of the church for \$15.



Thanksgiving is coming and it is time to help the hungry and homeless in our community by participating in 'Good Shepherd Ministries' Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Your kind donations will make all the difference! Please participate by bringing non-perishable food items to your parish:

- Rice
- Canned Vegetables and Meats
- Canned Soups and Stews
- Breakfast Cereals
- Cookies
- Tea
- Peanut Butter
- Jams
- Pasta & Sauces
- Ground and Instant Coffee
- Hot Chocolate
- Sugar
- Powdered Fruit Juice
- Paprika & Garlic Powder
- Condiments (ketchup, mustard, relish)

Also needed: Razors, Deodorant, and Toothbrushes

COME AND SEE WEEKEND

Thinking of the priesthood? Wondering what it might be like? Then "Come and See" is for you. On November 7th to 9th there will be an opportunity for young men of 18 years or older to visit our Archdiocese Seminary in Scarborough. This weekend will provide time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming a Catholic priest. If God is calling you, say yes...and *Come and See*. Those interested are asked to speak to the Pastor or contact the Office of Vocations for information 416-968-0997.

IMPORTANT DATES

TUESDAY. SEPT. 30
7:00 PM
 St. Matthew Mass

WEDNESDAY OCT. 1
7:00 PM
 Baptism Prep Seminar

FRIDAY OCT. 3
8:30AM – 9:30AM
 Holy Hour

THURSDAY OCT. 9
7:00 PM
 Padre Pio Prayer Group

WEDNESDAY OCT. 22
7:00 PM
 Confirmation Registration

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 30
7:00 PM
 St. Matthew

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 1
8:00 AM
 +Carmine Di Ilio

THURSDAY OCTOBER 2
8:00 AM
 Intention Available

FRIDAY OCTOBER 3
8:00 AM
 Spirito Santo

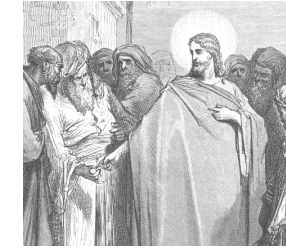
SATURDAY OCTOBER 4
5:00 PM
 +Francesco & Caterina Perri
 +Pasquale Gargaro & family

SUNDAY OCTOBER 5
7:45 AM
 +Pietro & Francesca Belvedere
 +Michele & Emilia Prete
 +Francesco & Melina Napoli

9:00 AM
 Intention Available

10:30 AM
 Madonna di Pompei

12:00 PM
 Intention Available



C'è una frase conclusiva, comune alle due parabole della XXVI e XXVII domenica, che svela il segreto intendimento del discorso complessivo di Gesù: "Perciò vi dico: vi sarà tolto il regno di Dio e sarà dato a un popolo che lo farà fruttificare" La domanda posta da Gesù è la seguente: "Chi è allora il vero destinatario della promessa, il vero credente?". Anche la parabola dei due figli deve essere letta in questa prospettiva.

Molte volte, infatti, può verificarsi una forma di sintonia solo apparente, perché ultimamente interessata, tra la nostra volontà e quella del Padre. Siamo capaci di dirgli dei "sì" speciosi e superficiali, non maturati al sole di quella vera obbedienza interiore, che può solamente essere il frutto di una profonda conversione a Dio. Una forma di obbedienza disobbediente perché non tocca le radici del nostro cuore e non cambia la nostra esistenza. In questa ipotesi è vero che, pur immersi in una vita ancora disordinata, coloro che hanno deciso di seguire Cristo, senza reticenze e senza cercare in ultima analisi il loro interesse, si riscatteranno e avranno la precedenza nel regno dei cieli. La parabola ci fa capire quanto sia anche per noi reale il pericolo di partecipare, con apparente docilità, durante tutta la **nostra vita, alle celebrazioni liturgiche e alle attività della Chiesa**, senza mai diventare veri cristiani.

Concerto Musicale
Sabato il 4 ottobre 7:00-9:00
 I biglietti costo \$10 per l'adulto \$5 per i bambini e si vendano dopo ogni messa. Il rinfresco leggero dopo il concerto.



Aiuta le poveri
'i Ministeri di Buon Pastore'
 Le sue donazioni generoso faranno tutta la differenza! Per favore di partecipare portando gli articoli di cibo alla sua parrocchia Sabato 11 ottobre e domenica 12 ottobre. **abbiamo realmente bisogno di:**

- Riso
- Minestrone
- Pasta
- Salse
- Zucchero
- Cioccolato Caldo
- Paprica
- Aglio Polvere
- Ketchup
- Marmellata
- Burro di arachidi
- Tè
- Caffè

abbiamo anche bisogno di
 Rasoi, Deodorante, e Spazzolini da denti



LA BENEDIZIONE DEGLI ANIMALI DOMENICA
5 OTTOBRE 4:00

Porta i suoi animali domestici per un giorno speciale nell'onore di San Francesco d'Assisi e dare grazie al Signore per la benedizione dei begli animali chi ha creato e sono il nostro fedele compagni.

Radio Maria Canada

Domenica 5 Ottobre, precedente la Festa della Madonna del Rosario, e' la giornata Annuale di Radio Maria in Canada. Radio Maria e' una radio che porta in ogni casa la parola di Dio e l'invito alla testimonianza Cristiana. Ringraziamo il Signore per questo dono prezioso,