

Pastor's Message



Today's Gospel presents the Parable of the Two Sons. This parable is actually one of three parables in Matthew 21-

22 that are addressed directly to the Jewish leaders who refused to believe in Jesus.

The priests and the elders of the Jews questioned Jesus as to on what authority he was doing all these things. Instead of giving an answer Jesus asked them a question which they did not want to answer. In that context Jesus told them the parable of two sons, which can be paraphrased as follows.

Once a father asked his older son to go and do a day's work in the vineyard. The son flatly and discourteously refused. Later he changed his mind and went to the vineyard and worked. The father approached the younger son with the same request. He very politely agreed to go but he went away and did nothing about it. Jesus asked "Which of these sons really did the will of his father?"

His technique is much like the one used by the prophet Nathan when he confronts King David about his adultery with Bathsheba (2 Sam. 12:1-12). He tells a story and then asks the listeners to answer a question.

They answered the elder son. Then he told the priests and the Pharisees that the

prostitutes and the tax collectors would enter the kingdom of God ahead of them.

In choosing our reply, as listeners, we pass a judgment on ourselves.

The meaning of this story is crystal clear. The first son stands for the tax collectors and sinners. Their lifestyle looked like a blunt refusal to have anything to do with religion or God; and yet when Jesus came they listened to him and changed their way of life to fit to His message and meet his demands. The second son stands for the priests, scribes, and Pharisees. They had only one profession in their lives that they would serve God and obey his commandments; and yet when the Son of God came they completely ignored Him and in the end they crucified Him.

This parable brings out a profound truth that words can never take the place of deeds. There is a difference in the way the two sons responded to their father's request. The first son answers with almost contemptuous bluntness. On the other hand the second son says all things with great respect and politeness and he even adds "sir" at the end of every sentence. But neither the verbal courtesy, nor the politeness could take the place of deeds. It is true that only through deeds we can prove that we really love someone.

... *For the complete homily, please visit our website at:-*

<http://strichardsjamaica.com/information/homily>

September Birthdays!

Erica	Bancroft-Wilson
Dannielle	Bardowell
Tanza	Bowen
Peter	Brammer
Katherine	Brown-Thompson
Carlton	Carey
Marcia	Chin-See
Paulette	Duncan
Nicholas	Dunn
Paul	Dunn
Paul	Dunn Jr.
Gregory	Dunn
Alex	Fraser
Sheryl	Garriques-Lloyd
Abrianna	Gayle
Kimani	Gilchrist
Ballen	Gonzales
Zayna	Goodison
Christina	Grant
Sandra	Hart
Britanny	Hart
James	Ho-On
Khloe	Lee
Gary	Lewis
Rosemarie	McHugh-Thomas
Ralston	McKenzie
Peggy	Parkes
Debbie-Ann	Pryce-Hoo Fung
Donovan	Reid
Michelle	Robinson-Lewis
Marcele	Sawyers
Beryl	Whiteman

Happy anniversary to Deacon Lloyd and Lois Saunders celebrating 56 years of marriage

Message from The Chancery:

Churches are prohibited from hosting funeral services, conventions and other special events.

Worship services may continue within the existing guidelines, requiring temperature checks, sanitization and the mandatory wearing of masks.

Burials may continue, with no more than 15 persons at the graveside, including the clergy and the funeral home personnel.

Virtual Conference

The International Catholic Stewardship Council (ICSC) will host a Virtual Conference which is scheduled between 28th September and 9th October, 2020.

Persons who are interested should submit their names to Mrs. Carine Bennett at the Chancery (876) 927-9915.

Thanksgiving Mass



Let us continue to keep the family members of Mr. **Calvin Chin Yee** in our prayers. The Mass of Thanksgiving link will be live streamed on YouTube:-

https://youtu.be/mtETuOnJ_TU

Family Life Commission: Pre-Cana Sessions

The next scheduled Pre Cana sessions are **October 30, 31; November 1, 2020** and **November 27, 28 and 29, 2020**. Parishioners with weddings slated for January through to April 2021 are encouraged to apply for one of these sessions.

Traditional Latin Mass

Msgr. Michael Palud, C.O. (Judicial Vicar) will celebrate the Traditional Latin Mass every **FIRST SUNDAY** of the Month at **St. Anthony's Parish) in Port Antonio at 3:30 P.M.** Confessions will be available from 3:00 P.M.

Bake Sale

As mentioned a few weeks ago, Dahlia Campbell will be holding a bake sale to raise money to cover a medical procedure for her daughter. The bake sale will take place on Sunday, October 11 after Mass. Tickets are now on sale for \$1,000. For more information or if you would like to contribute, please contact Dahlia at 876-467-2519 or Lorna Clarke at 876-815-9709. Thank you for usual support! **Strict COVID-19 protocols will be observed!**

PAVING PROJECT

Parishioners are advised that the rehabilitation project has continues on the road and parking surfaces of the property at St. Richard. The work may eventually introduce some inconvenience beginning this week and should take approximately two weeks to be completed. The areas targeted include behind the church building, currently being used by the Infant school, the main church yard and the open area across from St. Thomas Aquinas Hall.

MASS ATTENDANCE

SATURDAY MASS – Mass begins at 5:30PM
MORNING MASS – Suspended (You may call Fr. Xavier for special needs)
SUNDAY – Mass begins at St. Richard's at 8:00AM
and Our Lady of Lourdes at 11:00AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL (Children) 10:30AM

This WEEK's SCHEDULE – October 2020

Sunday, October 4, 2020 - Peter's Pence Collection

First Sunday Collection- Expenses of the Archdiocese - Sunday, October 11, 2020

Sunday school will resume on Sunday October 11, 2020. Classes will be held virtually for the time being. Parents of new and returning students are asked to send an email confirming their child to: strichardssundayschool@hotmail.com or contact Colleen Grant (via WhatsApp only) at (876) 342-2541.

St Richard of Chichester & Our Lady of Lourdes Communities

St. Richard's

Sunday Mass: 8:00AM

Sunday School: 10:30am – 11:30AM

Adoration: Tuesdays 6:30PM

Prayer Meetings: Tuesdays 7:00PM

Our Lady of Lourdes Sunday Mass: 11:00AM

26th Sunday of Year A

Ez 18:25-28

"the good man may foolishly turn to sin, and likewise, the sinner may repent and live a good life".

Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

"Remember **your mercies O' Lord**"

Phil 2:1-5

"though Master He made Himself a slave—all for love of us."

Mt 21:28-32

"Lip service of God will not merit heaven."



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