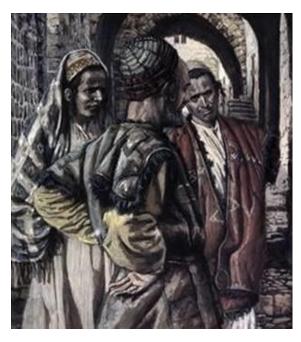


THIS SUNDAY October 1 & BEYOND

"Who has done the will of the father?"



This week we hear Jesus put a question to the chief priests and elders concerning a parable he presents. In the parable, there are two sons who are told by their father to go and work in the field. The first son hears the request and says that he will not go and work. Later he changes his mind and goes and does the work. The second son tells his father he will go and work but never finds his way to the field to work. Jesus asks, "Who has done the will of the father?" The obvious answer here is that the son who actually went into the field and worked did the will of the father and didn't

just give lip service to doing the work. We in the church are often say that we will go and do the will of our Father in heaven and sadly, too often, we go away and never complete the work he has given us to do. We know the right words to say to the father who has asks us to do His work in the world but we fail to follow through.

On the other hand, many outside the church would make no claim to do the work of God the Father in heaven but if we could examine their lives we would see that they truly love their neighbors as themselves as our Lord has commanded us. There are those around us who, like the first son in the parable, would say "No!" to anything that looked like a teaching from God and yet their lives are witnesses to love and compassion for their brothers and sisters around them.

Let us always be on guard over our own hearts that we may be more willing to do the work our Father has given us than we are to merely say we will. Let us never presume that those who have said that they will not or cannot do God's work in the world are failing to do so.

Father Mitchell Bojarski Guest Priest

CALENDAR

SUNDAY: 8:00a Low Mass (Church) 10:30a Solemn Mass (Church)

—The entrance to the church is on 6th Avenue—

Note: Coffee Hour & Fellowship follow the Mass in the Parish Hall.

MONDAY: 7:00p (AA) Doctors' Group (Fireside Room)

TUESDAY: Noon Mass (St. Mary's Chapel)

FRIDAY: 9:00a Morning Prayer (St. Mary's Chapel) Temporarily Cancelled

9:30a Mass (St. Mary's Chapel) Temporarily Cancelled

AA Meetings

8:00p Ladies' Group (Fireside Room) 8:15p Men's Group (Parish Hall)

SATURDAY: 11:00a Rosary (St. Mary's Chapel)

11:30a MASS (St. Mary's Chapel)

Noon Potluck Luncheon (Parish Hall)