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Readers: Sr. Joan Magnani & selectee



**FIRST READING** Ezekiel 18:25-28

The Lord says this:

People Israel, you say, "The Lord isn't fair!" But you are the ones who are wrong.

I am fair,

And if any of you stop doing right and start sinning you will die because of your sins.

But if any of you turn from your sins and start doing right, you will be safe.

You won't die because of your sins, if you really think about the things you have done wrong and turn from them.

Do this, and you will go on living.

**The word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Psalm  
25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (6a)

*R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.*

*Show me your paths and teach me to follow; guide me by your truth and instruct me. You keep me safe, and I always trust you.*

*R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.*

*Please LORD, remember, you have always been patient and kind. Forget each wrong I did when I was young. Show how truly kind you are and remember me.*

*R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.*

*You are honest and merciful, and you teach sinners how to follow your path. You lead humble people to do what is right and to stay on your path.*

*R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.*

**SECOND READING** Philippians 2:1-5

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians**

Brothers and sisters:

Christ encourages you, and his love comforts you. God's Spirit unites you, and you are concerned for others. Now make me completely happy! Live in harmony by showing love for each other. Be united in what you think, as if you were only one person.

Don't be jealous or proud, but be humble and consider others more important than yourselves. Care about them as much as you care about yourselves and think the same way Christ Jesus did.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Alleluia** John 10:27

*R. Alleluia, alleluia*

*My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me.*

*R. Alleluia, alleluia*

**GOSPEL** Matthew 21:28-32

**† A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus said:

"I will tell you a story about a man who had two sons. Then you can tell me what you think.

"The father went to the older son and said, 'Go work in the vineyard today!' His son told him that he would not do it, but later he changed his mind and went. The man then told his younger son to go work in the vineyard. The boy said he would, but he didn't go. Which one of the sons obeyed his father?"

"The older one," the chief priests and leaders answered.

Then Jesus told them:

"You can be sure that tax collectors and bad women will get into the Kingdom of God before you ever will! When John the Baptist showed you how to do right, you would not believe him. But these evil people did you believe. And even when you saw what they did, you still would not change your minds and believe."

**The gospel of the Lord.**

**Prayer Request**

We are here to [Pray for you](#)



The community of JERICHO cares for one another. It is our desire to pray for you and your loved ones in a time of need. To add a name in our prayer list, please contact Sr. Joan via e-mail at [srjoan@jerichobeca.org](mailto:srjoan@jerichobeca.org) or call our office at 413-538-7450.

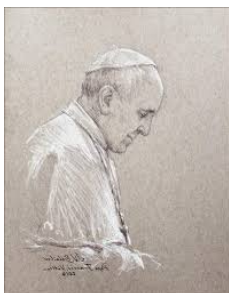
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*Message from Pope Francis*

"It is necessary to apply merciful love in all human relationships: between spouses, between parents and children, within our communities, in the Church and also in society and politics.



"Remember the end and stop hating." Nice sentence! Think about the end! Do you think that you will be in a coffin ... and you will carry the hate there? Think about the end, stop hating! Stop the grudge. Let's think of this very touching sentence: "Remember the end and stop hating."

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE DIOCESAN OFFICE**

**SURVEY ON THE RESPONSE TO SEXUAL ABUSE**

The Independent Task Force on the Response to Sexual Abuse within the Diocese of Springfield is inviting you to participate in a brief online survey of how you perceive the diocese's response to allegations of clergy sexual abuse in the past.

**A link to the survey can be found at [diospringfield.org](http://diospringfield.org) and will be available from Thursday, Oct. 8 through Monday Oct. 19.**

Your valuable feedback will be used to help inform the development of a strategic plan with specific steps for improvement in the following areas:

1. Acknowledging the trauma of sexual abuse on members of our community and ensuring the allocation of resources needed to promote healing of survivors and the faith community;
2. Responding to all allegations of sexual abuse in our church community in a timely, compassionate and fair way;
3. Ensuring the diocese has a transparent system of protocols and procedures that guarantee respect and due process for all involved;
4. Ensuring that local church leadership is held responsible and accountable for failing to protect children and other vulnerable persons;
5. Holding those who have been credibly accused of sexual abuse responsible and accountable; and
6. Preventing sexual abuse of anyone in our faith communities in the future.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Office of Safe Environment and Victim Assistance at (413) 452-0624 or at [j.trant@diospringfield.org](mailto:j.trant@diospringfield.org).