

## Sunday Gospel Reflection

### Twenty-Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time

#### 1. Sign of the Cross

#### 2. Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32 *“the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him”*



#### The Parable of the Two Sons

<sup>28</sup> “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ <sup>29</sup> He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup> The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup> Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup> For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

#### 3. Reflection: (reflect on your own or share together if with others)

1. Have you every judged someone based on appearance only later to see the goodness in them?
2. Have you ever resented needing to care for someone but then later came to appreciate it?
3. Who are the tax collectors and prostitutes in our church and world today?
4. **Share petitions that you would like to pray for: Finish with the Special Petition.**

**Special Petition: For the Synod of the Church to take place in October.**

5. **Lord's Prayer**

6. **Sign of the Cross.**