

Dear Parish Family,

This Sunday's Gospel presents us with a simple but profound question: What does it mean to say "yes" to God?

Jesus tells the story of a father who asks his two sons to go and work in the vineyard. The first son says, "No," but later changes his mind and goes. The second says, "Yes, sir," but never goes. Jesus then asks, "Which of the two did his father's will?"

The answer is clear: the one who went.

This Gospel reminds us that our relationship with God is not measured only by the words we speak, but by the way we live. It is possible to say all the right things and yet fail to put them into practice. At the same time, someone may have struggled, hesitated, or even said "no" at first, but later opened his or her heart to God and began walking in His ways.

God is patient with us. He does not give up on us when our first response is not what it should be. There is always an opportunity to change our minds, turn our hearts back to Him, and say "yes" through our actions.

Every day, God invites us into His vineyard. He calls us to forgive someone, to serve a person in need, to be patient with our family, to reach out to someone who is lonely, to make time for prayer, and to live our faith not only on Sunday but throughout the week.

Our "yes" to God becomes real when it takes flesh in our choices.

As a parish family, let us ask ourselves this week: Is my "yes" to God reflected in the way I live? May our words and actions speak together, so that our faith is not simply something we profess with our lips, but something we demonstrate with our lives.

May God bless you and your families,

Fr. Rolando