Bukás Loób sa Diyós
(Open in Spirit to God)
CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC COVENANT COMMUNITY
DISTRICT OF NEWARK
COVENANT NEWS
Our Lady of Lourdes, 300 Central Avenue, Mountainside, NJ 07092

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 27, 2026

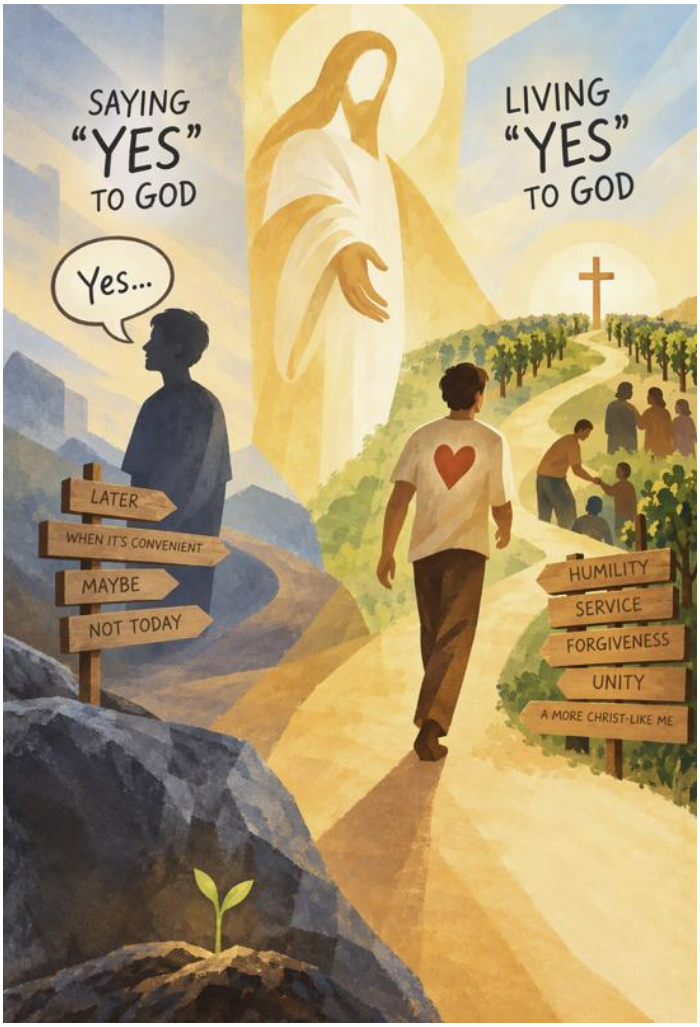
COUNSELS

Readings: *Ez 18:25-28/ Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Phil 2:1-11/ Mt 21:28-32*

Song Playlist: *Click Here*

THEME	PROMISE/S	ORDER	DIRECTION/S
Our conversion guides us to choose sincere repentance and humble obedience.	***"Good and upright is the Lord; thus, he shows sinners the way."*** *(Ps 25:8)*	***"Do nothing out of selfishness or vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves."*** *(Philippians 2:3)*	1. Look out not for your own interests, but also for those of others. 2. Have a Christ-like attitude.

The Grace to Begin Again



There is a difference between saying "yes" to God and living "yes" to God.

That is the question today's readings place before each one of us.

Many of us know the right prayers to say. We attend Mass, serve in ministry, and faithfully participate in our BLD Community. These are wonderful gifts. But Jesus reminds us that our relationship with Him is not measured by how active we are or how much we know about our faith. It is measured by the condition of our hearts and whether our lives are being transformed by Him.

In the first reading, the people accuse God of being unfair. Yet God gently turns the question back to them: "Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair?" God reminds us that no one is trapped by yesterday's failures. He always gives us the opportunity to repent, to begin again, and to choose what is right. Our past does not determine our future, our response to God today does.

The Psalm then becomes our prayer: *"Teach me your paths... Remember your mercies, O Lord."* Before we can follow God's path, we must first acknowledge that we need Him. Humility is the beginning of discipleship. It is only when we let go of our pride, our self-will, and our desire to always be right that God can truly shape our hearts.

St. Paul gives us the heart of today's message: "Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus."

Jesus, though He was God, emptied Himself. He chose humility over privilege, service over recognition, and obedience over comfort. The world tells us to promote ourselves, seek recognition, and put ourselves first. Jesus teaches us the opposite. True greatness is found in humility, in serving others, and in faithfully doing the Father's will.

This is especially true for us in the BLD Community. Community life is where the humility of Christ is lived and tested. It is easy to serve when we are appreciated, but much harder when no one notices. It is easy to love when relationships are smooth, but more difficult when we are misunderstood, corrected, or hurt.

Yet these are the very moments when God forms us to become more like Christ.

The Gospel brings this message home. A Father asks two sons to work in the vineyard. One says, "No," but later obeys. The other says, "Yes," but never goes.

Jesus asks, "Which one did the Father's will?" The answer is clear.

The parable is not about two sons—it is about us.

How often do we say, "Lord, I will forgive... later."

"I will serve... when it's convenient."

"I will trust You... when life is easier."

Our lips say "yes," but our actions sometimes say, "not today."

As members of the BLD Community, our "yes" is seen not only in attending gatherings or serving in ministry, but in the way we welcome others, forgive quickly, remain teachable, support one another, and choose unity over division. Our community is not made holy because perfect people belong to it. It becomes holy when imperfect disciples allow Christ to transform them day by day.

Perhaps the greatest danger in spiritual life is not obvious sin but spiritual complacency. We can become comfortable with prayer, ministry, and community life while resisting the deeper work God wants to accomplish within us.

Today, Jesus invites us to examine our hearts.

Am I becoming more humble?

Am I becoming more like Christ?

Does my life reflect the Gospel that I proclaim?

Every day, God places before us a vineyard—a family to love, a ministry to serve, a brother or sister to encourage, and a cross to carry.

The question is not whether we have said "yes." The question is whether we are willing to live that "yes" with the humble and obedient heart of Christ.

Because in the end, the greatest witness we can give is not how much we know about Jesus, but how much we have become like Him.

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Community Word:

God's love calls us to a life of continuous conversion.

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Collections at St. Anne, E-Giving and Mailed Checks:	Prior Weeks' Collections				YTD
	08/28	09/04	09/11	09/19	
Tithes & Love Offerings	$1,134.08	$866.69	$1,465.00	$1,420.00	$59,752.62
Mass Sponsorship	-	650.00	100.00	-	3,310.00
Pledge of Love	-	200.00	40.05	250.00	38,420.45
Mission	450.00	465.00	15.00	215.00	2,218.96
Calamity Funds	40.00	10.00	20.00	35.00	3,217.02
BLD Academy	-	300.00	50.00	125.00	8,489.27

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Please refer to Flo Manguiat's September 22 email for this week's announcement details.
- **SAVE THE DATES: Saturday Praise and Worship**

As the Community continues to find ways to accommodate member requests, especially from our senior/elderly members who are challenged to drive at night, the DCS have decided that on every last Friday of each quarter there will be no Friday praise and worship. Instead, praise and worship will be held the next day, Saturday at 11:30 a.m.

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