

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sep 27, 2026

Holy Father’s Intention for September:

For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

Today’s Gospel: Matthew 21: 28-32:

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, 'but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

Who was Fulton Sheen? Fulton John Sheen (born Peter John Sheen; May 8, 1895 – December 9, 1979) was an American Catholic prelate who served as Bishop of Rochester from 1966 to 1969. He was known for his preaching, especially on television and radio.

Ordained a priest of the Diocese of Peoria in Illinois in 1919, Sheen quickly became a renowned theologian, earning the Cardinal Mercier Prize for International Philosophy in 1923. He went on to teach theology and philosophy at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. and served as a parish priest before he was appointed an auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of New York in 1951. He held this position until 1966, when he was made Bishop of Rochester. He resigned in 1969 as his 75th birthday approached and was made archbishop of the titular see of Newport (a diocese in Wales).

For 20 years as "Father Sheen", later monsignor, he hosted the night-time radio program *The Catholic Hour* on NBC (1930–1950) before he moved to television and presented *Life Is Worth Living* (1952–1957). Sheen's final presenting role was on the syndicated *The Fulton Sheen Program* (1961–1968) with a format that was very similar to that of the earlier *Life Is Worth Living* show. For that work, Sheen won an Emmy Award for Most Outstanding Television Personality, and was featured on the cover of *Time* magazine. Starting in 2009, his shows were being re-broadcast on the EWTN and the Trinity Broadcasting Network's Church Channel cable networks. His contribution to televised preaching resulted in Sheen often being called one of the first televangelists.

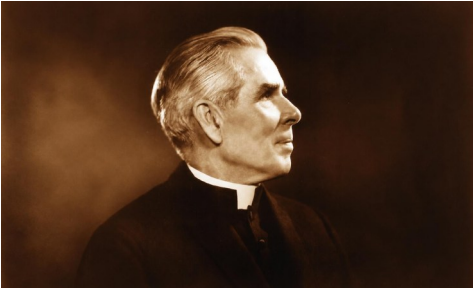
Remember your mercies, O Lord.

The cause for his canonization was officially opened in 2002. In June 2012, Pope Benedict XVI officially recognized a decree from the Congregation for the Causes of Saints stating that he lived a life of "heroic virtue", a major step towards beatification, and he is now referred to as venerable. On July 5, 2019, Pope Francis approved a reputed miracle that occurred through the intercession of Sheen, clearing the way for his beatification. Sheen was scheduled to be beatified in Peoria on December 21, 2019, but this was postponed after Bishop Salvatore Matano of Rochester expressed concern that Sheen's alleged assignment of a priest who had been the subject of a 1963 sexual misconduct case might be cited unfavorably in a forthcoming report from the New York Attorney General. The Diocese of Peoria countered that the priest had been assigned not by Sheen but by his successor, and that Sheen had been "exonerated" following thorough examination of the matter, having "never put children in harm's way".In March 2026, it was announced that his beatification would occur on September 24, 2026, in St. Louis, presided over by Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle.

Ordination and further education:

Sheen was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Peoria at the Cathedral of Saint Mary on September 20, 1919, by Bishop Edmund Dunne. After his 1919 ordination, Sheen continued his studies at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. He celebrated his first Christmas Mass at St. Mark Parish in Peoria. His youthful appearance was still evident on one occasion when a local priest, unaware of his identity, asked Sheen to assist as altar boy during the celebration of the Mass.^[12]

After finishing his studies at Catholic University of America, he entered the Catholic University of Leuven in Belgium, earning a Doctor of Philosophy degree in 1923. His doctoral thesis was titled "The Spirit of Contemporary Philosophy and the Finite God".At Leuven, he became the first American to win the Cardinal Mercier Prize for the best philosophical treatise. In 1924, Sheen went to Rome to attend the Pontificium Collegium Internationale Angelicum.



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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Seeking to Serve Rather than be Served

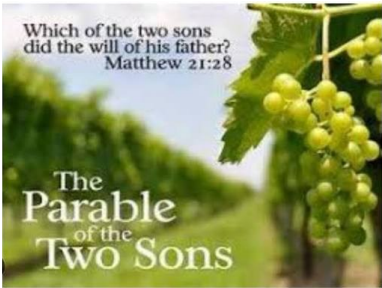
In today’s second reading St. Paul offers us a radical way of living as Christians. He says that we should humbly, “regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.” While this is a challenging way of life, it is at the very heart of being a steward.

To fully live with other people’s interests above our own we require a dramatic interior conversion. Our society propagates the importance of the unholy trinity of “me, myself and I”. In order to begin this conversion we need to turn to prayer and seek to imitate Jesus, the true steward. Jesus always sought to be a servant of others instead of demanding to be served. This was shown very poignantly when he washed the feet of the apostles. In this image, we see what it means to be a steward. To humble ourselves before others and seek their good before our own.

Imagine a parish community where everyone strives to serve their brothers and sisters. This service can be manifested in a variety of ways, whether it be simply going out of our way to say hello to a new family in the parish or supporting a family undergoing a major change or crises in their life. Let us constantly renew our commitment to being stewards and seek to serve rather than be served.

Summary: St. Paul challenges us to be true stewards as he says that we should “look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.” In order to begin this conversion we need to turn to prayer as well as seek to imitate Jesus, who always sought to serve rather than be served. Let us strive to serve those in our parishes whether it be simply going out of our way to say hello to a new family or supporting a family undergoing a major change in their life, or any other way.

Second Collection: We have a Second Collection on next Sunday for formation of Permanent Deacons. **Please be prepared!**



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Offering for Sep 20,2026

Total Sum. Collection \$4,122.00
Capital Improvement \$ 160.00
Votive Candles \$ 107.00
Flowers \$ 50.00

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“He humbled Himself and became obedient....” If the Lord invites you to follow Him in humble obedience as a priest or in the consecrated life, how will you respond?
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Baptism: Arrangements must be made one week in advance.
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sunday from 8:30 am to 9:00 am or by appointment.
Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior to plan date of wedding.

Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions

Sun 9/27: * Paul Nghia by 1 person
 * Vicent, ancestors, thanksgiving and intention by 1 person
 * Joseph and Martha by Khiet Loan
Mon 9/28: * Joseph and Maria by 1 person
Tues 9/29: * Andrew, Ann, Thomas, Paul and Maria by family
Wed 9/30: * Francis Xavier by Tuan Cuc family
 * Thanksgiving by family
Thus 10/01: * Paul, Isave and thanksgiving by family
 * Andrew, Ann, Thomas, Peter, Maria, all souls and unborn babies by Luan Bui family
Fri 10/02: * Francis Xavier by Tuan Cuc family
 * Joseph Minh by Tuan Hanh family
Sat 10/03: * Francis Xavier and Ann by Lap Sam family
 * Ann Tuyet Suong by Trang Nguyen