

► Sunday, September 28, 2008, Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Week #6: Main Theme: God and the Church want to heal us of our sins.

“Remember your mercies, O Lord,” the psalm implores. The Gospel reading from Matthew assures us that God does indeed remember His mercy. Even “tax collectors and prostitutes” can enter the Kingdom of God—thieves and those guilty of sexual sin, in other words. Can we trust that Jesus is eagerly waiting to forgive and heal us of our sins, including our sexual sins? God makes his mercy abundantly available in the sacrament of Confession. Go to our loving God; He is eager to forgive. He who became “obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross,” in order to save us, will not forget his mercy.

Bulletin: “*The characteristic traits of marriage are: totality, by which the spouses give themselves to each other mutually in every aspect of their person, physical and spiritual; unity which makes them “one flesh” (Gen 2:24); indissolubility and fidelity which the definitive mutual giving of self requires; the fruitfulness to which this naturally opens itself.*”
Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, #217