

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 11, 2022

Lord, open my lips and my
mouth shall proclaim your praise!



Masses For The Week

Sun 11 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

08:00 am +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandy Leyendecker)
+Genaro Aldaco (Magdalena Aldaco)
+Sharon Ann Arndt Pomar (Mary Finley)

Thr 15 Our Lady of Sorrows

12:05 pm +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandy Leyendecker)
Health of Ana Maria Finley (Mary Finley)
Health of Kathryn Fischer (Mary Finley)

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The Pharisees and scribes complain about Jesus, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." Yet God showed mercy even after their own ancestors at the base of Mount Sinai had "become depraved" and had turned aside from the way that God pointed out to them. God uses the experience of our being lost like the sheep, the coin, and the son to demonstrate compellingly that "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Christ welcomes sinners and eats with them because only that closeness with Christ's human presence changes sinners into saints. To this Saint Paul attests: "I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and arrogant, but I have been mercifully treated. The grace of our Lord has been abundant, along with faith and love."

The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning for
+All Souls in Purgatory (Sandra Leyendecker)

Good News!

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Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Too many people think of God only as one who is offended when we make a mistake and who is ready to exact punishment for that offense. The three stories in today's Gospel passage tell a different story. They tell how, when we make a mistake, God runs after us to bring us back. The description "filled with compassion" (Luke 15:20), which describes the sentiments of the Samaritans, is really a description of God.

In Hebrew, compassion or mercy comes from the word for "womb," and it describes the intimate bond between a woman and the life in her womb. Though the Greek word in the New Testament is not related to womb, it does mean deep inner sentiment. The word conveys the deep sentiment the Samaritan felt for a perfect stranger, the deep sentiment of the distraught father with his prodigal son, the deep sentiment of God for every one of us.

These three Gospel stories highlight another important point: The compassion was not a response to repentance. The lost sheep, the negligent woman, and the wayward son were all somehow responsible for their predicaments, but nothing was held against them. Nor did they have to correct their error before the situation was corrected. None of this mattered. This was Jesus' way of saying that God's compassion is there even before we ask for it, because compassion or mercy is not simply an act; it is the intimate and lasting love that God has for us.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Olga Gonzalez, Cristina Zarate, Mina Aldaco, Mario Garcia, Ramona Alaniz, Diana Reese, Edna Flores, Ana Maria Finley, Margarita Inocencio, Lucia Rodriguez, and Maria Teresa Cassiano.



The AARP Foundation Senior Community Service Program is currently offering a paid training opportunity in Encinal, Texas, for

individuals 55 years and older who are unemployed and have low-to-no income. For more information, please contact Michelle Marie Romani, Project Director, at (956) 269-1501. Se habla español.



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY-SEPTEMBER 18

Next Sunday, September 18, at the 8:00 a.m. Mass, our Parish Catechists will be introduced and receive a special blessing and commissioning for this very important ministry.



God has entrusted the message of reconciliation to us

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Dear Padre

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My child's godparents make no attempt to build a special relationship with her. I've talked to them about it, but it didn't help. Can I replace them?

When my niece, Hayley, was five, she asked me to be her "step-godfather" because she didn't know who her godfather was. The family friend my sister invited to be Haley's godfather has moved out of state and seems to have forgotten that Haley is his godchild.

Godparents have responsibilities beyond baptism day. The Code of Canon Law says a godparent also "helps the baptized person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it" (872). A godparent should be present for the child's first Communion and encourage the child to live a Christian life as he or she grows older.

While neglectful godparents may not be replaced, parents are not limited to asking only two godparents to help their child grow in the faith. "The whole ecclesial community bears some responsibility for the development and safeguarding of the grace given at baptism" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1255). Parents can and should ask others to help support their child's faith development as he or she grows up: a teacher, a grandparent, or a friend in the town where your child has gone away to college. After all, children are baptized into a community of believers, and we all have the responsibility to help children—and one another—lead Christian lives.

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GOD will not spurn a heart that is contrite and humble

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Last Sunday's Collection

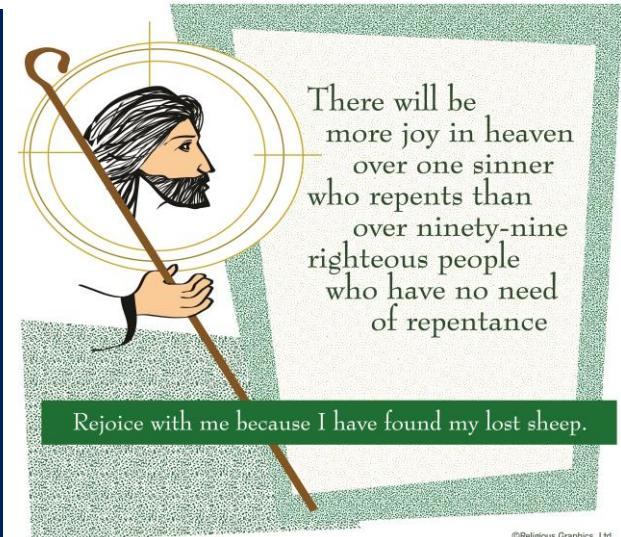
Envelopes: \$1,330.00

Loose: \$8.10

Children's Envelopes: \$3.00

Total Sunday Collection: \$1,341.10

Total Expenses Last Week: \$985.51



There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance

Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.

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