



Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 11, 2022

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14

1 Tm 1:12-17

Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Filled with Compassion

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 Samaritan, 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.

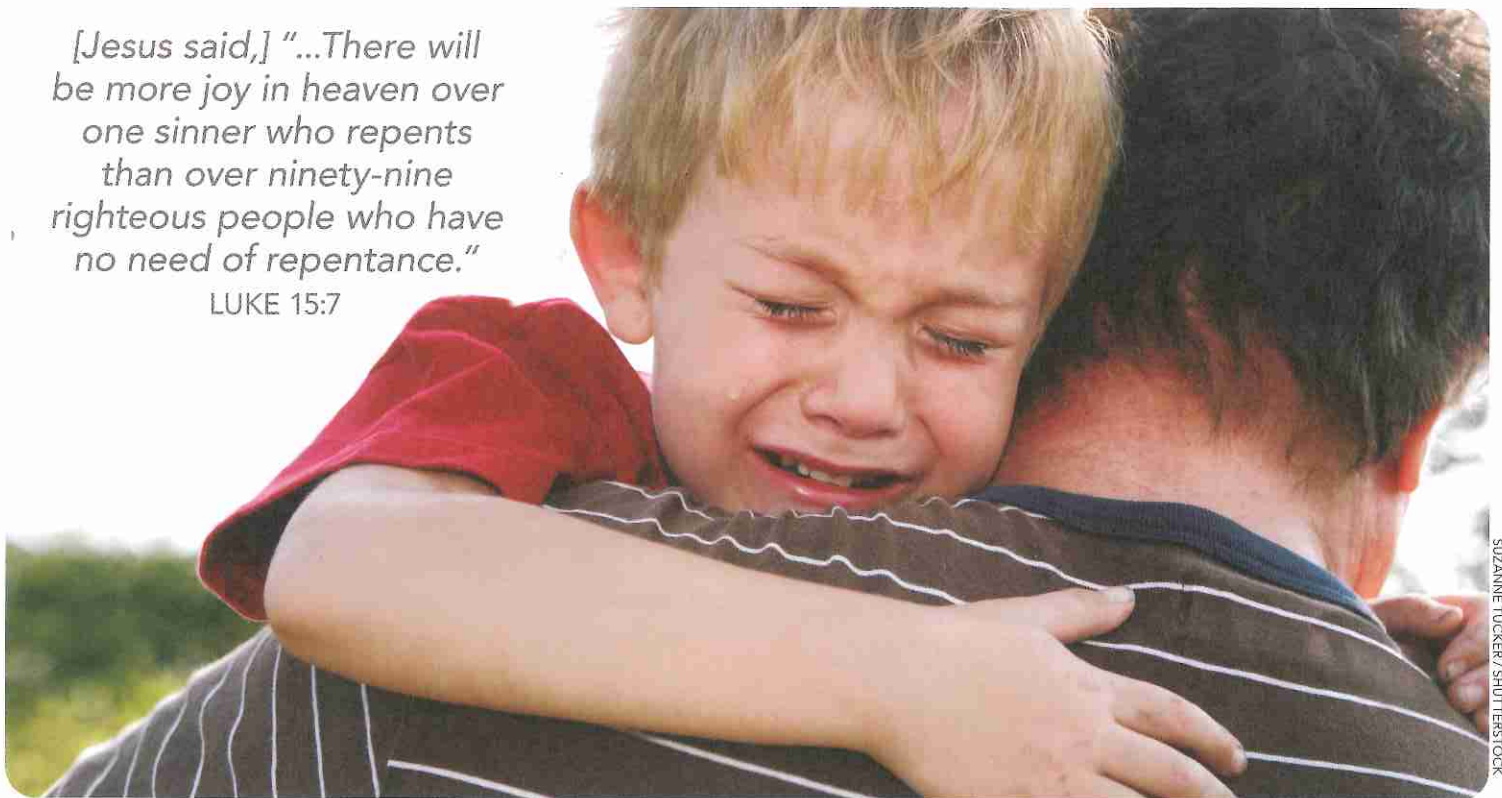
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FOR Reflection

- * Reflect on this passage from Isaiah 49:15:
"Can a mother forget...the child of her womb?"
- * Where might you show compassion to others?

[Jesus said,] "...There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance."

LUKE 15:7



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REFLECTIONS

9/11 -Remembrance, Resolve, Renewal

This year the anniversary of September 11th falls on the 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time and according to the liturgical directives of the US Catholic Conference of Bishops, it is permissible to use at weekend Masses the prayers from one of the Masses for Peace. We are doing so this weekend as a means of remembering and reflecting on the events of twenty-one years ago. The comments of Archbishop Timothy Dolan, President of the USCCB in 2001 I found especially helpful. The anniversary, he wrote, is a time for "remembrance, resolve and renewal."

"We reverently recall those who were most directly affected by this tragedy - those who died, were injured or lost loved ones . . . we recall the selfless first responders - firefighters, police, chaplains, emergency workers . . . who risked, and many times lost, their lives in their courageous efforts to save others." "We also remember how our nation responded to the terrifying events of that day - we turned to prayer, and then turned to one another to offer help and support. Hands were folded in prayer and opened in service to those who had lost so much."

"We resolve today and always to reject hatred and resist terrorism . . . to reject extreme ideologies that perversely misuse religion . . . to embrace persons of all religions . . . and to welcome refugees seeking safety." "We steadfastly refrain from blaming the many for the actions of a few and insist that security needs can be reconciled

with our immigrant heritage without compromising either one."

September 11th can also be, he noted, a time for renewal. "We came together across religious, political, social and ethnic lines to stand as one people to heal wounds and defend against terrorism. As we face today's challenges of people out of work, families struggling, and the continuing dangers of wars and terrorism, let us summon the 9/11 spirit of unity to confront our challenges. Let us pray that the lasting legacy of 9/11 is not fear, but rather hope for a world renewed. . . May we resolve to put aside our differences and join together in the task of renewing our nation and world."

From Father Ken



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It's the 24th week in Ordinary Time. For the next two weeks we have a few changes to the weekly Mass schedule due to Father Ken's vacation and the availability of priests. Please note the following changes below for the upcoming week:

Sept. 12th Monday	9:00AM Mass (Father Ken)
Sept. 13th Tuesday	9:00AM Mass (Father Bob)
Sept. 14th Wednesday	No Mass; Adoration 9:00AM-6:00PM
Sept. 15th Thursday	No Mass
Sept. 16th Friday	9:00AM Mass (Father Bob)
Sept. 17th Saturday	No 9:00AM Mass
Sept. 17th Saturday	5:00PM Vigil (Father Quinlan) Cross Catholic Outreach
Sept. 18th Sunday	10:00AM Mass (Father Quinlan)

Bishop Michael Olson sent out requests for prayers this past week. He asks all parishioners to pray with the Holy Father, Pope Francis, for the worldwide abolition of the death penalty, especially during the month of September. He emphasized praying for this intention particularly while praying the rosary and adding the intention to our prayers at Mass. Bishop Olson also requests prayers for the Annual Diocesan Appeal, "A call To Gratitude." A letter from Bishop Olson is inserted into this week's bulletin.

Father James Quinlan of Cross Catholic Outreach will be visiting our Chapel next weekend. Father Quinlan will speak about the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the church in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

Continue your prayers for Deacon Valentine who will be ordained on September 17th in Nigeria.

The Rosary is prayed Monday through Saturday after the 9:00AM Mass and again at 3:00PM in the Chapel. All are invited to join in praying the Rosary at these times.

Today (Sunday Sept. 11th) at 2:00PM an additional Mass will be celebrated with Clemente DeLaCruz, Stan Urbanek and Susan Urbanek who are being professed as Secular Franciscans. All are invited for the Mass and reception that will follow the A& B rooms. Congratulations to those being professed and three years of study they put in to receive this honor.

Help us to keep *Ten Minutes of Sacred Silence* after each Mass. Thank you for your cooperation.

Remember to submit names of individuals in the Village that will receive Christmas gifts as part of our Advent Tree project.

Pray for Father Ken and Father Sam as they begin their much-deserved vacation.

In closing, I would appreciate more of you considering sharing an hour of Eucharist Adoration on Wednesdays, between 9:30AM and 6:00PM. We have a real need for Adorers from 1:00PM to 6:00PM. If you feel called to spending an hour before our Eucharistic Lord, please notify Liz in the Chapel office of the time best for you.

Christ's will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.

*God Give You Peace,
Mike Pierson*



Mass Intentions

Sept. 11, 2022	Intentions of Arthur & Linda Tighe By Betty Tighe
Sept. 12, 2022	Repose of the Souls of Jonathan & Devin Massey By Mel & Julie Miller
Sept. 13, 2022	Intention of Edgar Burlett By Genes Burlett
Sept. 14, 2022	NO MASS
Sept. 15, 2022	NO MASS
Sept. 16, 2022	Repose of the Soul Jennifer Kemp By Tom & Ruth Kemp
Sept. 17, 2022	NO MASS (9AM)
Sept. 17, 2022	Intention of Fr. Valentine on His Ordination (5PM Vigil Mass)

Dear Padre,

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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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Your children will receive their Christian identity today. And you, parents and godparents, must safeguard this identity. This is your task throughout your lifetime: to protect the Christian identity of your children. It is a daily commitment: to make them grow with the light they will receive today.

ADMINISTRATION OF BAPTISM, JANUARY 9, 2022

Calendar

Monday

SEPTEMBER 12

Weekday

1 Cor 11:17–26, 33

Lk 7:1–10

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 13

St. John Chrysostom,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church

1 Cor 12:12–14, 27–31a

Lk 7:11–17

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 14

Exaltation of the
Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b–9

Phil 2:6–11

Jn 3:13–17

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Cor 15:1–11

Jn 19:25–27 or

Lk 2:33–35

Friday

SEPTEMBER 16

Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and
Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

1 Cor 15:12–20

Lk 8:1–3

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 17

Weekday

1 Cor 15:35–37, 42–49

Lk 8:4–15

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 18

Twenty-fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Am 8:4–7

1 Tm 2:1–8

Lk 16:1–13 or 16:10–13