



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.

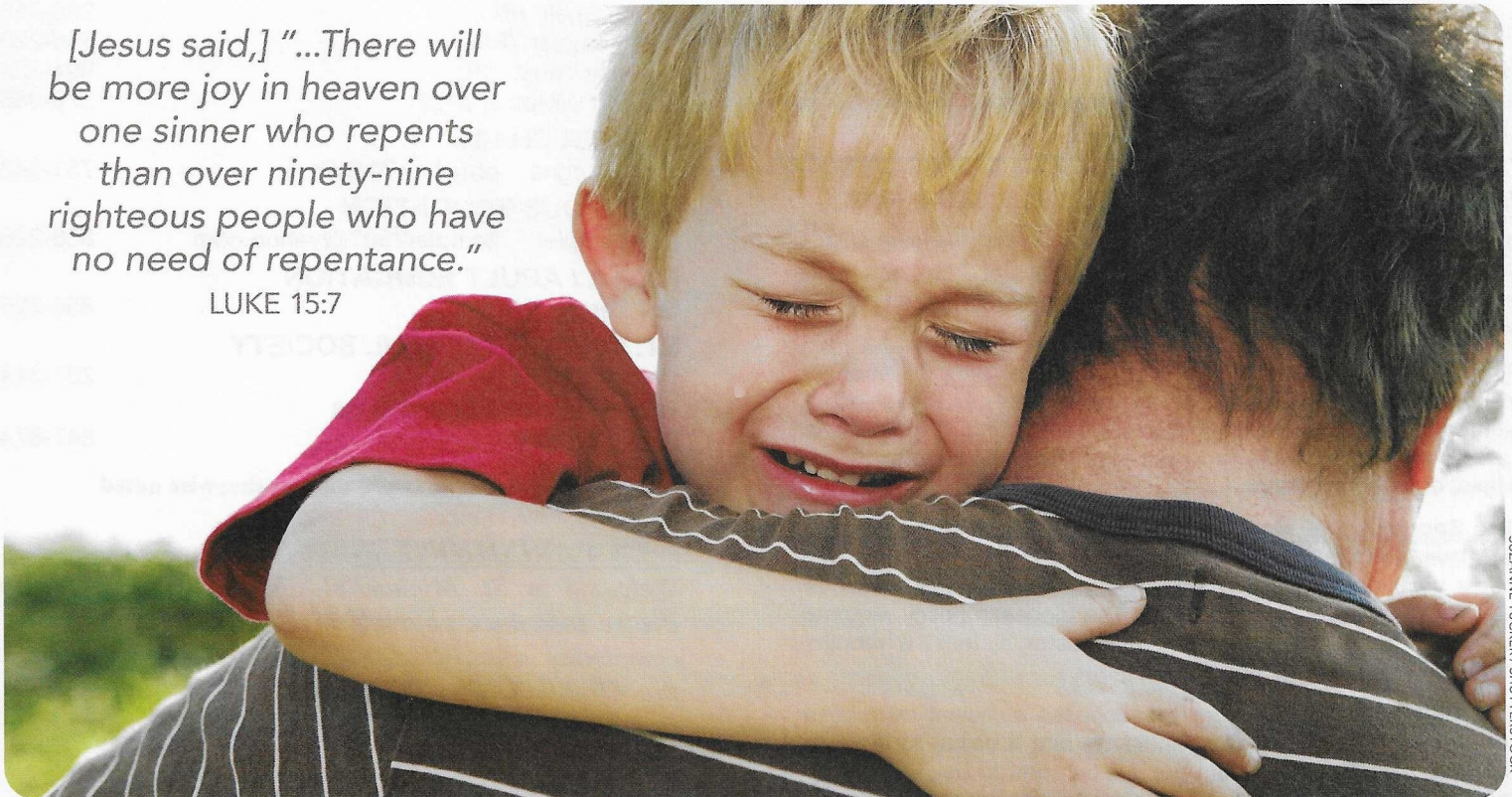
Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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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MASS TIMES

Daily Masses:

Monday, Thursday, Friday, 1st Saturday: 9 am

Wednesday: 6 pm

**30 minutes before Every Mass, we pray the Holy Rosary*

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 4 pm

Sunday: 9 am

Confessions:

Saturday: 3 pm

***1st Friday & 1st Saturday: After the Holy Mass, or
-by appointment**

SACRAMENTS: ENCOUNTERS WITH THE RISEN CHRIST!

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered the First Friday and First Saturday after the 9 am Mass, Saturdays at 3 pm, and most any reasonable time by appointment. Your identity need not be known; your anonymity is respected.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is strongly encouraged for those seriously ill, the elderly, or those facing surgery. This sacrament of Our Lord's healing & comfort is usually available on the last weekend each month after every Mass, or by appointment.

The Sacrament of Marriage is a wonderful commitment of life and love, and the Church welcomes those who are called to this noble vocation. Christian marriage involves a couple's serious deliberation, prayer, and planning. The diocesan policy requires all engaged couples to contact the pastor at least 6 months before setting any wedding date.

The Sacrament of Baptism presupposes sufficient instruction according to the age of the candidate, and a desire to practice the faith. Expectant parents are encouraged to ask the Pastor for the Church's blessing for a safe and healthy delivery. Call the Church Office to schedule instruction and the service.

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NEW PARISHIONERS:

Welcome to St. Michael's! We're glad you're here. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Amal, and register by completing a registration form, then kindly return it to the Church Office. Get involved! Volunteer! Let us share with each other our God-given talents, love, and service to our neighbors.

The Week Ahead

Sat / September 10th

Maintenance Fund Collection

3-3:45 pm: Confessions, in the Library

4 pm Vigil Mass: *For Our Dec. Family* † by Bill and Aggie Budewig

Sun / September 11th Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Maintenance Fund Collection

9 am Mass: *Mike Bystry* † by Rollie and Sharon VanderZyl

KC Breakfast after Mass, in the Parish Hall

Mon / September 12th

9 am Mass: *Marie Curry* † by Matt and Mary Winston

Knights of Columbus

Rosary 5:30 pm, Meeting 6 pm, followed by Potluck

Tue / September 13th ST. John Chrysostom, Bishop, and Doctor of the Church

No Mass

Wed / September 14th The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

6 pm Mass: *Dec members of the Culer Family* † by G and L Curler

Thu / September 15th Our Lady of Sorrows

9 am Mass: *Healing for our Country* by Bill and Aggie Budewig

6 pm *B--I--N--G--O*, in the Parish Hall

Fri / September 16th Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

9 am Mass: *Marty Barrack* † by Michael and Martha DeCoster

Sat / September 17th

Catechetical Sunday Collection

3-3:45 pm: Confessions, in the Library

4 pm Vigil Mass: *Michael and Tracey Kocz (SI)* by Mary Kocz

Sun / September 18th Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Catechetical Sunday Collection

9 am Mass: *People of Our Parish*

Coffee and Doughnuts after Mass, in the Parish Hall



Altar Flowers *this week* are compliments of:
Terry Phelps in honor of *Madison Phelps*.



Tabernacle Roses *this week* are compliments of:
Gerrie Pellant in honor of *Our Lady of Sorrows*.



Coffee and Doughnuts *next week, September 18th* will be served by Gail Orosz & group # 4

Thought for the week...

"GODS MERCY IS BIGGER THAN
ANY OF YOUR MISTAKES"

~ LAMENTATIONS 3 :22-23 ~

"Let us then approach God's throne of Grace
with Confidence, so that we may receive mercy
and find grace to help us in our time of need"

~ Hebrews 4 :15 - 16 ~



Wishing you a blessed week!

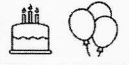


September 3rd / 4th, 2022 Collections

Regular Collection - \$3,072.00

Many thanks to you for your sacrificial giving!

Birthdays For the Week



Michael Epperson, Sr 11th

Al Czech, 14th

We wish you many blessings on your birthday!

Anniversary For the Week



Marvin and Rose Callahan, 12th Celebrating 6 years
many blessings on your Anniversary!

Open Adoration Hours

Friday: 4 pm, 6 pm, 7 pm,

Thursday: 6 pm

*If you are interested in one of the above hours
(or any hour), call Rose, 870-994-2744, or Anne,
870-847-1985. Please Note: substitutes are always
needed, please call and volunteer.*

THIS Sunday, September 10th, for Breakfast after Mass!

Adults/\$8; children 6-12/\$4, ages 6 & under/free

Food Pantry Collection

Thank you for your response to July's Food
Pantry Collection, 147 items were donated!

Items Needed for Next Month

Jelly, Fruit, Cereal, Instant Oatmeal,

"The One who sings, Prays Twice" ~St. Augustine

**We invite all those who are interested in singing in
our choir to join us in the Parish Hall on Saturday
afternoon at 3 pm .For more information, please
contact Eric Orwell at eric.orwell@gmail.com**



SMILE PLEASE

Shannon will be taking pictures for the new directory in the corner room (#4) upstairs after all Masses this weekend and next weekend. For more information contact the office. Thank You

Thank You

Dear Members of St. Michael's Parish,

We are again deeply grateful for your ongoing support in the recent quarterly collection. It is through your generosity that we can continue to provide food, shelter, transportation, utilities and spiritual support to those who are struggling financially. We ask you to pray for us as we do our work. As you pray, ask the Lord if He might be calling you to join us! We need you!

~ St. Vincent De Paul Society

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection

Next weekend the Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday. Those whom the community has designated to serve as catechists are called forth during Sunday's Mass to be commissioned for their ministry. We will also have a second collection; half of the funds received will stay in our parish to be used for our Religious Education Program, the other half will be sent to the Diocesan Office of Religious Education. Thank you for your generosity; our Religious Ed Program is vital to the growth of our faith community!

"Sharing Our Faith is the
FOUNDATION for the Future Church"



CCD for the children's classes will begin on Catechetical Sunday, which is September 18, after the 9 am Mass. There will be an informative meeting after the Mass for parents, students, and teachers. Please remain in the church.

RCIA will begin on Wednesday, September 21 after the 6 pm Mass. Anyone who wishes to learn about the Catholic faith or to broaden your knowledge of Catholicism are welcomed to join us. Teachers of both the CCD and RCIA programs will be recognized at the Catechetical Sunday Mass. For more information, please contact Lori Templet at (870)856-2261 or ltemplet2507@yahoo.com.

Prison Ministry

The Prison Ministry is in need of good, decent reading novels and also books on Saints' Lives if anyone would like to donate any novels please bring them to the office. Thank You

We thank Our Prayer Warriors

We appreciate you for generously praying for those who are Home Bound, in the Nursing Home and all the others who are suffering with illness at this time. We ask that you especially pray for

Sharon Williams

Chuck Wolff

Dick Wargo

Nursing Home: Patricia Girman ,
Dorothy Mikolajek , Lorraine Paluck ,
Margaret Brown, James Wisniewski

Homebound: Mary Welch,
Marcella Birckhead , Tom, and Nell Kihm

Knights of Columbus Yard Sale

Will be in the church parking lot Saturday, Oct. 1st (rain date Oct. 8th). For more information, please contact Dean Beardslee (Yard Sale Chairperson) (870) 856 - 3229

Holy Family Catholic Cemetery
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Contact Bernie Brandenburg
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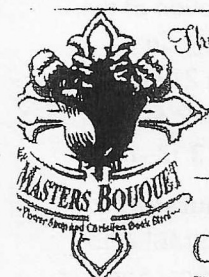
Please join us for fun & fellowship at "BINGO!"
Every Thursday, St. Michael's Parish Hall-Doors Open at 5pm
Every 1st Sunday of each month 1:30pm-4:30pm Refreshments Available!

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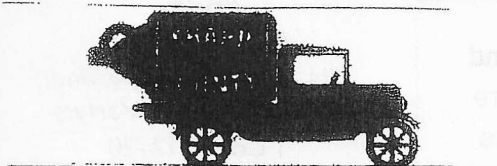
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MASS TIMES
Sunday & Friday—11:15am
Adoration: After Friday Mass
Confession after every Mass

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.

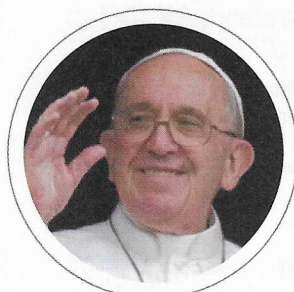


WITAYA RATANASIRIKUCHAI / SHUTTERSTOCK

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

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