

Sonship Restored

Strangely enough and discouragingly often, we find the attitude of the older son from the Prodigal Son parable in the Church. The righteous believers who have always belonged can be jealous and look down upon the poor sinner who comes later and gets the same reward.

Yet, the attitude of all of us toward those who are spiritually, morally, or materially needy should be that of the loving father so wonderfully shown in the statue by Francesco Messina.

The sinner comes back in shame, weakness, and obvious failure. His very act of returning is a cry for help, support, and understanding. The father offers his mercy and compassion without questions, without an interrogation. His shoulder is never too proud, too hard, or righteous to be refused as a pillow for the humiliated soul who returns broken, pillaged, and ruined by sin.

Messina chose to show the father and son naked because it symbolizes mankind stripped to its essence. And in this you reveal greatness. Humanity is noblest when admitting its weakness. Humanity is greatest in its ability to show mercy and lift the downtrodden. The father-son relationship is most beautiful when it is being reconciled and restored.

We should always rejoice at the return of a prodigal child, and we should always honor a forgiving parental heart. "We must celebrate and rejoice," said the father. If we are convinced of this, we now have a charge: Go out and find the lost coin and welcome back the lost sheep with humility and joy!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Do I have a welcoming spirit about me, always looking to build up and be positive?

Do I live gospel charity and love with all its consequences?



Piece: *Prodigal Son*, 1956
 Artist: Francesco Messina
 Location: Vatican Museums

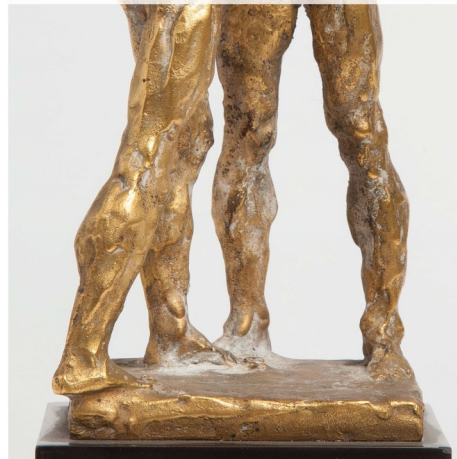


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"[Jesus said,] 'I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents....'"

Luke 15:7

Assumption of Our Lady



September 15, 2019

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24th Sunday Sunday in Ordinary Time— Year C

Hay River, NT

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 10:30 am

Weekday Masses

Mon. Tues. & Wed .12:10 pm

Thurs. & Fri. 5:30 pm

Reconciliation time: Saturday from 4:15 to 4:45pm; Sunday, 9:45-10:15am or by appointment. Please contact Fr. Innocent for any other sacraments or funerals



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Sunday Mass 1:30 PM

Date	Readers	Collection	Gift Bearers	Eucharistic Ministers	Coffee & Snacks
Sept. 08	Bea Lepine Doris Coudron	Darm Crook Andrew Cassidy	Liz Buckley & Family	Susan Bouchard Tony Whittle Marie Kopp-Van E.	Julie Bordey Kelly Lizardo
Sept. 15	Gerry Engen Jason Morrissey	Deedee Lepine Darm Crook	Whittle Family	Andrew Cassidy Bea Lepine Doris Coudron	Sheila, Debbie W. Lennie R.
Sept. 22	Youth-Led participation Mass	Youth Led Participation Mass	Youth Led Participation Mass	Dee Lepine Susan Bouchard Tony Whittle	Reggie W.
Sept. 29	Deedee Lepine Bea Lepine	Darm Crook Gerry Engen	Steinward Family	Doris Coudron Marie Kopp-Van E. Andrew Cassidy	Ligaya M. Alane Erlinda B. Yolly S.
Oct. 06	Sancie Gostick Andrew Cassidy	Deedee Lepine Tony Whittle	Gagnon Family	Dee dee Lepine Susan Bouchard Bea Lepine	Parinas Sisters

The Announcement for the 24th Sunday in the ordinary time; September 15th, 2019.

----- We are always delighted to welcome each and everyone who has come to worship with us here at Assumption parish. If you're a new member, please take time to introduce yourself to the pastor and fill out a registration form found at the bulletin board at the entrance of the church..

----- The diocesan study days comes up this week at the Trapper's Lake Yellowknife; from 18th to 21st. Two of our parishioners will be representing us. Sister Maggie and I, Fr. Innocent will be attending too. So, from Tuesday 17th to Sunday evening, 21st, I will not be available at the parish. Next Saturday and Sunday services will be conducted by lay presiders.

----- We continue to express our sincere gratitude to Chuck Lirette for sacrificing not only his time and energy but also his resources in cleaning our church and its surroundings this summer. Most of the trees and bushes at the back of the church and around the garage that pose potential risk, were cut and cleared. We remain grateful to him and asked God to bless him.

----- Some of our parishioners are expressing surprise that our church building is yet to be re-roofed in spite of the promises last years. The fact is that we underestimated the processes involve in such projects. A lot of logistics needed to be completed before the work can commence. We're glad to announce that those logistics have been taken care of, thanks to the dogged efforts of Tony Whittle, Eddie Smith and Belinda Whitford. We're now optimistic that the work will be done by spring/summer next year.

----- Parishioners are encouraged to recite the 'Our Father prayer' in their native languages whenever it is intoned during mass; if it makes them connect more to the creator who is the Father of all

----- The CWL devotional rosary for the sick and the needy every Tuesday is still ongoing. More members are encouraged to participate and the time is 11:30am. We're also moving our Wednesday mass to 12:10 as from next week.

----- Communion to the sick and home bound: Do you know of anyone who is sick and/or home bound and would like to be visited and given communion by the church, please

Rachel's Corner

"There is no sin God cannot forgive. Only the ones who refuse

God's mercy cannot be forgiven, like someone who wants light and warmth but avoids the sun."

-Fr. Joseph Rinaldo, SDC/ *Now and at the Hour Magazine*

Have you been avoiding facing your involvement in an abortion decision? Come on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and receive God's mercy and forgiveness.

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Weekly Revenue	
\$968.91	Collection
\$968.91	Revenue Total
\$1,831.00	Expenses Total
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Expenses are based on 2018 Q1	

Calendar

Monday

SEPTEMBER 16

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

1 Tm 2:1-8

Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 17

Weekday

1 Tm 3:1-13

Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 18

Weekday

1 Tm 3:14-16

Lk 7:31-35

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 19

Weekday

1 Tm 4:12-16

Lk 7:36-50

Friday

SEPTEMBER 20

Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, Paul Chông Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

1 Tm 6:2c-12

Lk 8:1-3

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 21

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13

Mt 9:9-13

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 22

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 8:4-7

1 Tm 2:1-8

Lk 16:1-13

Dear Padre,

How do I respect my young teenager's privacy in using social media without compromising parental protection?

There are more Facebook accounts than Catholics worldwide, reports the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (usccb.org/about/communications/social-media-guidelines.cfm). Social media—blogs, social networks, text messaging, and more—is the fastest-growing form of communication in the United States, particularly among youth and young adults. How can we take charge of it rather than let it control us?

While both adults and children need to protect themselves from their own thoughtless impulses in posting opinions and photographs online that may affect their reputations and careers, children need added protection from online predators. It's advisable for parents to set parameters with their children and convey the idea that technology use is a privilege, not a right. If parents intend to follow their kids on social media or monitor their phone, texting, and internet activity, transparency is better than spying and snooping. This helps prevent violating the privacy that young people desire and the trust needed between parents and their children. It's also prudent for parents to communicate the dangers of today's digital world and be vigilant in detecting warning signs exhibited by their children. These include changes in a child's personality and behavior, attempts to conceal their use of computers and handheld devices, and a decline in academic performance.

"Social media can be powerful tools for strengthening community, although social media interaction should not be viewed as a substitute for face-to-face gatherings," wrote the US Bishops. This applies to essential family interaction as well.



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—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
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A Word from Pope Francis

Emails, text messages, social networks, and chats can also be fully human forms of communication....Social networks can facilitate relationships and promote the good of society, but they can also lead to further polarization and division between individuals and groups. The digital world is a public square...where we can either encourage or demean one another. —Fiftieth World Communications Day, January 24, 2016



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