

24 Ord Sunday September 11, 2016 Bulletin

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PICTURES, HOMILY, READINGS, INTERCESSIONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Rosary Dillingham

Rick has started our painting project. The supplies are bought. He power washed the church. Pray for nice painting weather.

To the right, Father Mike Shields, our retreat director taught about preaching the gospel. He also helped me right my mission talk..

I will be doing a Mass September 11 and Aileen will perform a communion service Sunday September 18 while I am in Bethesda, Maryland.



Still trying to put together the handicapped ramp, roof, and flooring for our church.

Saint Theresa King Salmon/Naknek

BJ will perform a communion service September 11 and Deacon Harry will perform a communion service September 18 while I am in Bethesda.

Isabell has completed our sign. I plan to figure out how to put it up next time I am in King Salmon.

Clarks Point, Saint Peter the Fisherman There will be no Mass Friday the 9th of September or Friday the 16th while I am in Maryland.

Father Tom Lilly and I. We went to the Seminary together starting in 1996.



The Archbishop and Father Frank from Kodiak.



Father Ross Tozzi from Fairbanks Diocese attended the seminary with Father Tom Lilly and I.



Father Tom Kilean, who donates 100 dollars a month to help pay our fuel bill is the 84 year old pastor in Cordova, far left. Father Eric Wiseman from Valdez, also attended the priest retreat (white shirt).



HOMILY

24 Ord C 2016 Mistaken parents

THE MOST MISTAKES

Who made the most mistakes in the Prodigal Son Gospel?" If you asked a group of parents they would overwhelmingly say the father. He should not have given his son all the money! He should not have let him go. He should have gone looking for his son?

IS THE FATHER GOD

It would seem that the father represents God. But how could God make so many mistakes? Maybe God is a foolish parent, at least by our standards of parenting.

STORY MAKES US REFLECT

The story of the Prodigal Son prompts us to reflect on our own lives. We want to substitute ourselves and others for the characters. We get reflective. Why doesn't God flip a switch and make everyone love each other. Why doesn't God just wave his hand and make all teenagers obedient?

WE ARE NOT ROBOTS

For some reason God did not want robots. He loved us enough to say everything I have is yours. Do with it what you will. And when we do things that are wrong, He is waiting at the window, watching for us to come home. He does not come and get us. God gives us responsibility, free choice, and control but does not take it back, even when we show we are unworthy of it.

FREEDOM AND GENUINE LOVE

God, like the father in the Gospel, allows us the freedom to turn our backs on Him. I know this is difficult to admit as parents: no matter how hard you try you cannot control your children. But it is the loving response of parents, when they choose to love you anyway, that is the kind of love God wants from us: a genuinely freely chosen love.

MORE MISTAKES

In the Jewish tradition it was a big mistake for the father to invite his son back after living with swine. Swine are filthy and unclean and Jews do not associate

with swine. Then, the father makes another big mistake, he throws his arms around his son.

SACRAMENT OF RECON

The sacrament of reconciliation is a moment of grace we experience with tangible mercy attached. It is like God seeing us from a window, running out to meet us, throwing his arms around us, and cooking the fatted calf to celebrate our return.

SYNOPSIS OF STORY

The Prodigal Son is about a foolish parent who says “Everything I have is yours. Take whatever you want.” We take it all. We waste it. We squander it. But the foolish parent waits for us at the window, gives us a hug when we return, and has a celebration for us.

CONCLUSION

You have friends and neighbors out there right now who are lost. They may have never had the opportunity to learn about Jesus. They may have left the Catholic Church. They are easy to identify. They get into trouble. They are angry and negative. They make poor choices. They squander everything. How can you extend the mercy and love of God to them? This week, reach out to that lost person. Welcome that person home (487 Words).

READINGS

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectionary: 132

Reading 1 Ex 32:7-11, 13-14

The LORD said to Moses,

“Go down at once to your people,
whom you brought out of the land of Egypt,
for they have become depraved.

They have soon turned aside from the way I pointed out to them,
making for themselves a molten calf and worshiping it,

sacrificing to it and crying out,

‘This is your God, O Israel,

who brought you out of the land of Egypt!
“I see how stiff-necked this people is,” continued the LORD to Moses.
Let me alone, then,
that my wrath may blaze up against them to consume them.
Then I will make of you a great nation.”

But Moses implored the LORD, his God, saying,
“Why, O LORD, should your wrath blaze up against your own people,
whom you brought out of the land of Egypt
with such great power and with so strong a hand?
Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac, and Israel,
and how you swore to them by your own self, saying,
‘I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky;
and all this land that I promised,
I will give your descendants as their perpetual heritage.’”
So the LORD relented in the punishment
he had threatened to inflict on his people.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19

R. (Lk 15:18) I will rise and go to my father.
Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;
in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense.
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt
and of my sin cleanse me.
R. I will rise and go to my father.
A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
Cast me not out from your presence,
and your Holy Spirit take not from me.
R. I will rise and go to my father.
O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit;
a heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn.
R. I will rise and go to my father.

Reading 2 1 Tm 1:12-17

Beloved:

I am grateful to him who has strengthened me, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he considered me trustworthy in appointing me to the ministry.

I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and arrogant, but I have been mercifully treated

because I acted out of ignorance in my unbelief.

Indeed, the grace of our Lord has been abundant, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

This saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance:

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Of these I am the foremost.

But for that reason I was mercifully treated, so that in me, as the foremost,

Christ Jesus might display all his patience as an example for those who would come to believe in him for everlasting life.

To the king of ages, incorruptible, invisible, the only God, honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Lk 15:1-32

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying,

“This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So to them he addressed this parable.

“What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it?

And when he does find it,

he sets it on his shoulders with great joy

and, upon his arrival home,

he calls together his friends and neighbors and says to them,

‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.’

I tell you, in just the same way

there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents

than over ninety-nine righteous people
who have no need of repentance.

“Or what woman having ten coins and losing one
would not light a lamp and sweep the house,
searching carefully until she finds it?
And when she does find it,
she calls together her friends and neighbors
and says to them,
'Rejoice with me because I have found the coin that I lost.'
In just the same way, I tell you,
there will be rejoicing among the angels of God
over one sinner who repents.”

Then he said,
“A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father,
'Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.'
So the father divided the property between them.
After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings
and set off to a distant country
where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation.
When he had freely spent everything,
a severe famine struck that country,
and he found himself in dire need.
So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens
who sent him to his farm to tend the swine.
And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed,
but nobody gave him any.
Coming to his senses he thought,
'How many of my father's hired workers
have more than enough food to eat,
but here am I, dying from hunger.
I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him,
“Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.
I no longer deserve to be called your son;
treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers.”'
So he got up and went back to his father.
While he was still a long way off,
his father caught sight of him,

and was filled with compassion.
He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him.
His son said to him,
'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you;
I no longer deserve to be called your son.'
But his father ordered his servants,
'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him;
put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.
Take the fattened calf and slaughter it.
Then let us celebrate with a feast,
because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again;
he was lost, and has been found.'
Then the celebration began.
Now the older son had been out in the field
and, on his way back, as he neared the house,
he heard the sound of music and dancing.
He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean.
The servant said to him,
'Your brother has returned
and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf
because he has him back safe and sound.'
He became angry,
and when he refused to enter the house,
his father came out and pleaded with him.
He said to his father in reply,
'Look, all these years I served you
and not once did I disobey your orders;
yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But
when your son returns,
who swallowed up your property with prostitutes,
for him you slaughter the fattened calf.'
He said to him,
'My son, you are here with me always;
everything I have is yours.
But now we must celebrate and rejoice,
because your brother was dead and has come to life again;
he was lost and has been found.'"

INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant

We bring our prayers, spoken and unspoken, to God our Father, whom we trust.

Deacon/Lector

Let us pray for those who govern our countries. May they be inspired to bring us peace and respond to the cry of the hungry with effective aid, we pray to the Lord.

That all the baptized be quick to forgive and seek reconciliation, let us pray to the Lord.

Let us pray for those who are weighed down by feelings of guilt: that they may know the Lord's forgiving love for them, we pray to the Lord.

Let us pray for all world leaders that they understand the importance of their role and do what they can to ensure justice and peace, while protecting the most vulnerable, we pray to the Lord.

Let us pray for those who have died: (especially.....) that they all may come safely home to their Father's house.
Lord, hear us.

In Silence let us now add our own intentions for our families, our community, our country, and the world.....We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant

Loving Father, who forgives all who turn to you, we ask you to hear the prayers that we make in humble faith, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord