



...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...

Luke

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**This Weekend's Hymns**

*All hymns can be found in  
the Seasonal Missalette.*

Opening Hymn: #325  
Communion #223  
Closing Hymn: #333

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**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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**Sunday, September 15 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 BW Maureen Ruppert from Bill and Jane Stacey  
10:30 BW Special Intention for Carol and Larry Fobiano  
12:00 BW Special Intentions of the Parishioners & Friends of St. Rose

**Monday, September 16**

*Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs*

12:10 Jim McMahon from the Family

**Tuesday, September 17**

*Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

12:10 Nellie Dillon from Carol and Larry

**Wednesday, September 18**

12:10 Purgatorial Society

**Thursday, September 19**

*Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr*

12:10 Joanne Lambers from Bill and Kay Russ

**Friday, September 20**

*Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs*

12:10 Helmut Roehrig from Mary Fisher

**Saturday, September 21**

*Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist*

12:10 Thanksgiving to St. Philomena from Mary Lynn Creighton

BW 7:00 Mike O'Brien from Connie and Jack Reed

**Sunday, September 22 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 BW Special Intentions for Florence Koettters

10:30 BW Marge and Cindy Kreis from Judy Dyer

12:00 BW Special Intentions of the Parishioners & Friends of St. Rose

**From the Pastor's Desk**

**Luke Patrick Flaherty, Lucy Estelle Idamakanti and Sophie Mary Ryan were welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism September 8th here at St. Rose Church.**

**Michael Bradley Castellini and Anna Kathman were united in the holy sacrament of Matrimony September 7th here at St. Rose church.**

CCD starts today, **September 15**, for kindergarten thru 8th grades. Registration will be this morning at 9:00 a.m.

Classes are every **Sunday** from 9:15 to 10:15.

Any questions please contact Debbie Wesselman at [wesselmandmma@aol.com](mailto:wesselmandmma@aol.com) or 513-703-8229.

**RCIA**

**Do you know anyone who would like to learn about the faith and the Church. Our RCIA is starting the end of September on the 21st. The classes are approximately one hour meetings at 10:00 A.M. You can call Fr. Barry for more details and the schedule.**

**Join the Comboni Missionaries for our 10th annual Taste of Mission event, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, at the Comboni Mission Center, 1318 Nagel Road.**

**This family-friendly event includes authentic food from Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America. Live entertainment all night—including an African fashion show! Enjoy international beers and wines, shop at Mission Market, tour the Mission Museum, learn about our work in 41 countries, and let the kids play games. Parking and admission are free. Learn more at [www.combonimissionaries.org/event](http://www.combonimissionaries.org/event) or call 513-474-4997.**

**"I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME TO DRINK"**

Last week's collection for the International Help of Missionaries, Ohio Chapter was \$6,174.00. Thank you for your generosity. St. Rose Parish has donated enough to build a well for the people of Ghana.

Lectors/Lay Distributors for September 21st and September 22nd

7:00 Joe Christmann, M. Luehrmann, F. McCune, W. Russ, L. Solimine

8:30 Jon Hemmer, Matt Howland, Tom Perrino, Tim Smullen, Lenny Diaspro

10:30 Roland Becker, Rich Creighton, Bob Sheil, Joseph Sonnefeld, Jerry McCabe

12:00 Patrick Homan, Matt Scheitering, Shawn Gillete



**Opening Prayer**

Look upon us, O God,  
Creator and ruler of all things,  
and, that we may feel the working of your mercy,  
grant that we may serve you with all our heart.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Reflecting on Living the Gospel**

Our reading today is one of the most memorable of Jesus' parables and it's told only in the Gospel of Luke. It is the parable of the Prodigal Son, or the two sons, or perhaps more appropriately, the story of the mercy of the father. This short story has been the subject matter of innumerable artistic works, including paintings by some of the world's masters.

Since the story is a parable, it has many possible meanings. But one meaning which would have been clear to the early Christians is that the two sons can represent Gentiles and Jews. The younger son represents the Gentiles, who did not have the Mosaic Law. They were perceived by Jews as more libertine. But the Jews had Mosaic Law, which, in the parable could be said to be the wishes of the father. They kept the Mosaic Law and served God for many years, as the parable indicates. So why does God rejoice when the hedonistic Gentiles repent while offering nothing for the observant Jews? Although the story is about two sons and their father, there is another meaning with respect to the Gentiles and Jews of the apostolic era.

The moral of the story, the mercy of the father, is echoed throughout the gospel in other parables such as the payment of day laborers, who all receive the same wage even though some worked all day and others only an hour. These parables tell us about God's mercy. The love, care, and concern that our Father shows for his creation is superabundant. How do we react when faced with this overwhelming generosity? Are we repentant, ready to be received by this mercy? Or are we despondent, questioning why mercy is given so freely to others thinking we might not have received our "rightful" share?

**Closing Prayer**

God of mercy and loving kindness, you shower us with blessings beyond our imaginations. When we become haughty or look with pride on the gifts given to us by you, remind us that we are your servants, meant to be your actors in the world. Use us to meet the needs of the lowly and the poor. Allow your generosity to inspire us to be generous too. **Amen.**



**For Reflection:**

• Which character in the parable do you empathize with the most: the younger son who returns, the father who waits, or the older son outside the celebration? Why?

**Suggestions for group and individual use:**

1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayer."

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**Gospel** Luke 15:1-32 (or Luke 15:1-10)

(Citation adapted for length. For full text, see your Bible.)

... 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, . . . he calls together his friends and neighbors: . . . 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' . . .

"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: . . . '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. . . . The younger son . . . set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance. . . . A severe famine struck that country, . . .



So he hired himself out . . . to tend the swine. . . . Coming to his senses he thought, . . . 'I shall get up and go to my father and say, '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.' . . . 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. . . . [He] ordered his servants, . . . '[L]et 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.'"

**Readings for the week:**

24th Sunday in Ord. Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	25th Sunday in Ord. Time
Exod 32:7-11, 13-14 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19 1 Tim 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-32 or Luke 15:1-10	1 Tim 2:1-8 Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9 Luke 7:1-10	1 Tim 3:1-13 Ps 101:1b-2ab, 3cd-3ab, 5, 6 Luke 7:11-17	1 Tim 3:14-16 Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Luke 7:31-35	1 Tim 4:12-16 Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 Luke 7:36-50	1 Tim 6:2c-12 Ps 49:7, 8, 10, 17-18, 19-20 Luke 8:1-3	Amos 8:4-7 Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 1 Tim 2:1-8 Matt 9:9-13 Luke 16:1-13 or Luke 16:10-13	Amos 8:4-7 Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 1 Tim 2:1-8 Luke 16:1-13 or Luke 16:10-13