

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 15, 2019

God's True Opinion of Sinners

These parables teach us more about the **heart of God** than a whole library full of theological treatises.

- They show us vividly that God **cares** about **each** one of us: he **will not rest** if **only one** sheep is missing, or **one coin** is lost.
- They show us that he cares **deeply enough to go out of his way** to save us when we are lost: it was certainly an **inconvenience** to go **bushwhacking** after the foolish stray sheep, and to light the lamp and **sweep the dirt-floored house** trying to find the lost coin.
- They show that God **rejoices** when we return to him, as the **shepherd** rejoices upon retrieving his sheep, and as the **woman** rejoices upon recovering her coin - every sinner who returns to God causes a **joyful celebration** to break out in the halls of heaven and the heart of the Father.

This portrait of goodness is set in high **relief** by the **contrary attitude of the Pharisees**, whose self-righteous and judgmental comments provided the occasion for these parables.

- If the **Pharisees** had possessed Christ's power and authority, they would have **destroyed** all "sinners."
- But **Christ** uses **all his power and authority to bring sinners back into communion with God**.
- The Pharisees' idea of God is **off base**.
- They see God as **harsh and judgmental**, when the truth is that God is a **dedicated shepherd**.
- God feels **anxiousness** in regard to sinners, not **anger**.
- He **wants them back**. He **doesn't** want to **condemn** them.

The Pharisees can't understand this, because they have **painted their image of God in their own likeness**.

They **enjoy** condemning others for being **less perfect** than themselves, because it **feeds their vanity**, making them feel **superior**.
But the Lord has no vanity, only **love**.



Bible Study: "Calling All Angels". 3 Weeks only. The Mystery and Truth of the Angels and Archangels in time and space and the life of the Faithful Believers. **September 9, 14 & 23** at 5:45 pm in the Music Room Bring your Bible and the Catechism. In the Music Room. Free.



The raising Christ. Full and complete communion is giving in one species

For modern generations, the Council of Trent may not have been mentioned in their doctrinal formation which emphasizes that "nothing is lost by the body being received by the people without the blood: because the priest both offers and receives the blood in the name of all, and the whole Christ is present under either species" (Summa Theologiae, III, q. 80, a. 12, ad 3). So, under the species of bread there is also present, by concomitance, the precious blood. The purpose, then, of receiving Holy Communion under both kinds, is not that the faithful receive more grace than when they receive it under one kind alone, but that the faithful are enabled to appreciate vividly the value of the sign. Sadly, this distinction has not always been made clear and some people, when not offered Holy Communion under both kinds, have expressed a sense of bewilderment, even thwarted entitlement, or a feeling that Holy Communion under one kind alone was, to some extent, deficient.

Title: Doctrinal Formation and Communion under both kinds, Office for liturgical celebrations of the Supreme Pontiff

Fr. Blake Evans, Pastor

Mass Intentions

September 14 - 21, 2019

Sat. 9/14	8:00 am	+Rafaela Evans
	5:30 pm	+Howard Noack
Sun. 9/15	8:00am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	Akiri Brown
	1:00pm	People of Mexico and Central America
Mon. 9/16	12:00	+Rafaela Evans
Tue. 9/17	12:00	Maria Myers
Wed. 9/18	11:00	+Lillian F. Stewart (Funeral)
Thu. 9/19	12:00	No mass
Fri. 9/20	12:00	Maria Myers
Sat. 9/21	8:00 am	Maria Myers
	5:30 pm	+Fr. Dominic DeBlase, SDB

Please pray for the sick and home-bound of our Parish:

*Alice R. Allen, *Amina Anderson-Pringle, *Catherine Baum, *Jose Guadalupe Bonilla, *Ann Butler, *Carmen Dolores Campos, *Eileen Carroll-Doshier, *Carla Andrea Catacora, *Shawn Coleman, *William Corbel, *Maria Cruz, *Isel Fitzgerald, *Linda Foster, *Fr. Ricky Gancayo, *Charlie Gick, *Fr. Paul Grauls, SDB, *John Green, Sr., *Janet Henery, *Blanca Hernandez, *Lawrence C. Hill, *Lee Hobbs, *Sydney Horge, *Francis Howard, *James Humphries, *Elaine Hunt, *Helen Hurd, *Larry Ivy, *Irene Jimenez, *Geraldine Jones, *Charles Johnson, *Manuel Juarez, *Busara Kennedy, *Claude Kolthoff, *Betty Lawton, *Yavonna Lewis, *Sandra Lucas, *Eric Malcolm, *Edwin & Regina Mbanude, *Theresa McNair, *Maria Magdalena Medrano, *Agnes Moore, *Larry Morris, *Iris Newman, *Fr. Everett Pearson, *Michelle Perez, *James Pope, *Dorothy Richburg, *Fr. Vince Rigdon, *Rosa Maria Santos, *Robert Schaeffer, *Andre Sims, *Bonafacio Selayo, *Delores Sloan, *Adrian Smith, *Theresa Smith, *Suzie Thompson, *Auristela Toro, *Dominic Valentine, *Dorothy Waring, *Paul Williams.

Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servant (N...) for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, he (she) may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord.



Rest in peace

Lillian F. Stewart, 95, died on September 5. Funeral at Nativity on Wednesday, September 18.

Deacon Alfredo Hidalgo, 91, died on September 10. Ordained to permanent diaconate on September 1979. Funeral Mass at St. Camillus on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 10 am.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto them, Oh Lord



First day of class is on September 15th We are asking for \$50 per child. If you have not registered your son/daughter, please do it on Sunday after 10am mass. Thank you!



To all who donated and volunteer their efforts for our Youth Day Camp. The participants had a safe and fun day at Nativity.



Question of the week: How can I imitate the father in Jesus' parable? Whom can I welcome back?