

September 15, 2019

# Ordinary Time

Twenty-fourth Sunday



## Finding The Lost

Combined with the parables about the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin, the parable of the Forgiving Father challenges us to recognize our own need for mercy and uplifts us with the Good News that we are loved and will be forgiven if we follow Jesus home.



Flowers for the Altar this weekend are donated in memory of Mariella Lemon sponsored by her family.

## MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, September 21  
4:30 p.m. Anton Masek & Adolph Jasek  
Sunday, September 22  
8:00 a.m. Sylvia E. Kresta Holub

## Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy

Next weekend is *The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

**First Reading:** Amos 8:4-7  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 113  
**Second Reading:** 1 Timothy 2:1-8  
**Gospel:** Luke 16:1-13



Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Preston Hutson.

Sanctuary Light Bookings Available:  
September 22 October 6  
To book (\$20) contact the Parish Office.

## 2019 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2019 Assessment ..... \$7,813.00  
Contributions So Far ..... \$ 2,575.00  
Amount Yet to be Contributed ..... \$ 5,238.00

Do please consider making a donation.

## ST. MARY'S MEMORIAL FUND

*In memory of Gary Greive  
Mary & Charlie Bartos & Family*

*In memory of Julia Stryk: Georgia Cerny*

## ORIENTATION

### Homecoming

Four times in the course of the Parables of the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin and the Parable of the Forgiving Father, sinners are assured that there is cause for celebrating and rejoicing in the repentance of even one sinner's homecoming.

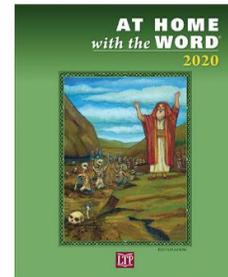
Those who cannot accept God's illogical love for the sinful and the lost will no doubt also refuse the invitation to rejoice over their restoration.

The parables' four invitations to rejoicing should be appreciated in light of the grouching of the Pharisees and scribes who complained about Jesus' choice of dinner companions.

For those who can readily sympathize with the scribes, Pharisees and elder brother's disgust at his brother's "easy ride" we could ask: "Where do you stand in your relationship to God and to human beings if you cannot find it in your heart to share the Father's joy?"

Perhaps this question is beneficial in that it prompts each of us to examine ourselves and our willingness to come to our senses, turn our backs on the distant land that separates us from God, and make our way home to the One who loves, forgives, and welcomes us without question or reserve.

## 2020 AT HOME WITH THE WORD



Copies of *At Home With The Word* are ordered for all those who sign up for them. A copy is \$9 but if you fill in the form below and return it in the collection basket, or mail it in by September 22, you get a copy for free.

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### 2020 At Home With The Word

Yes, I use the booklet. Order me a copy.

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## REFLECTION



Today's gospel reading is the whole of Luke 15 made up of very familiar parables Jesus tells in response to the murmurings of the scribes and Pharisees, who disapprove of his receiving sinners and eating with them.

Each of the three parables is concerned with finding something that has been lost: a sheep, a coin and a son. Each is found and the consequence is joy, one of Luke's favorite themes. Whose joy? God's joy at the return of something or someone God treasures.

We often think of "conversion," the change of heart Jesus calls for, as a major effort on our part. Perhaps these parables present the reverse side of the coin: Part of conversion is letting God find us so that we can enter into God's joy.

The three parables counter the criticism of Pharisees and scribes. They, like the older brother in the third parable (verses 25-30) resented the father's prodigality toward the lost younger son. Jesus paints a picture of a God whose joy is as great for those who are lost and found again as it is for those who are constantly faithful. God wants both sides of the family at home.

Paul, in the second reading, celebrated being "at home": Even in the ignorance of unbelief, "the grace of our Lord overflowed for me." The apostle, like one once lost in unbelief, now shares in the joy of God with whom he dwells in Jesus Christ – the one sent to search out, find and bring home lost sheep, lost treasure, lost sons and daughters.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



September 16 – Alphonse Kubenka  
 – Helen Schaefer  
 September 17 – Mike Moeller  
 September 19 – Judie Lev

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



September 15 – Anna & Michael Fishbeck

## C.C.D. NEWS

**C.C.D. Begins September 22.**

Contact the Parish Office for more information/to register.

## VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

The Catholic custom of lighting candles is rooted in Church teaching that Christ is the Light of the World. Candles serve as an outward sign of the light of faith burning in our hearts. They are our silent sentinels lifting up our prayer intentions to the Lord.



**Remember to pray for the following intentions:**

*For Susan A.  
 For Will Glisky  
 Pray For Yassm  
 Healing For Bryce  
 To be Healed of Cancer  
 For Seminarian Chase Goodnan  
 For Terry, Janet, Phil, Ted & Jana  
 For Aidan – Peace, Love & Happiness  
 For The Health of Leonard As He Ages  
 For A Healthy Baby For Lesley & Justin  
 For Geri – Healing & Recovery From Stroke  
 For Good Health & Guidance of Grandchildren  
 For Our Daughter & Son-in-law To Conceive A Child  
 For Grace For My Grandmother As She Ages & Becomes Infirm  
 For Living & Deceased Members of the James Roemer Family*

Votive candle intentions to be continued

## MOULTON CHURCH PICNIC



**Sunday, September 15, 2019**  
 St. Joseph's Social Center

**Mass 10:00 a.m., St. Joseph's Church**



**FRIED CHICKEN & STEW DINNER**  
**\$10.00 Per Plate**  
**Begins at 10:30 a.m.**  
**Drive-thru plates-to-go and meat-to-go available.**

Train Ride, Ball Throw    Hamburgers, Sno-cones    Cake Walk, Plant Walk  
 Fish Pond, Ring Toss    Popcorn, and more...    Country Store

### AUCTION

1:00 p.m.  
 Livestock, quilts, hand-made items

### DRAWING

Grand Prize  
 \$5,000.00 Gift Certificate

St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Moulton, Texas    Picnic Always Third Sunday of September

**Moulton Picnic Today:** Moulton parishioners were at our Picnic to help. It is only fair that we also attend their Picnic today to support them. At least go get a plate. Thank you.