



# Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 11, 2016

## God's Overwhelming Forgiveness

**Focus: To love as God loves.**

### Lectionary #132

Exodus 32:7–11, 13–14

Psalms 51:3–4, 12–13, 17, 19

1 Timothy 1:12–17

Luke 15:1–32 or 15:1–10

## Catechist's Context

Jesus taught us about God and the Kingdom with his extraordinary parables. The two we read today emphasize God's love and forgiveness — not just for those who have always stayed close but for those who are lost and have strayed. What an example God sets for us in our relationships with others!

## Gospel Acclamation

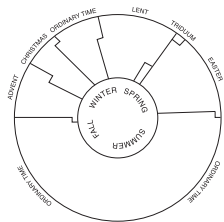
*2 Corinthians 5:19*

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ

and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

**Alleluia, alleluia.**



## Liturgical Calendar Connection

Briefly remind the children of last week's discussion of crosses by noting that we celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September 14. The memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows is on September 15. The title focuses on Mary's intense suffering during the Passion and Death of Christ. Mark this Marian feast on the calendar.

## Gospel

Luke 15:1–10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

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 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.

## Sign of the Cross

*All stand and make the Sign of the Cross.*

**In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**