



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
Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Catechist's Context

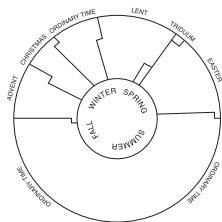
God will never be outdone in forgiveness and love. It is to this truth that Jesus directs his parables. We see through the eyes of our frail humanity, and all too often we judge one another harshly. Realizing how much God loves, forgives, and welcomes us will help us do the same for each other.

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

On September 14 we will celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. We focus our attention on the glory of the Cross and we remember that through his suffering, Death, and Resurrection, Jesus has redeemed the world.

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.

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."