

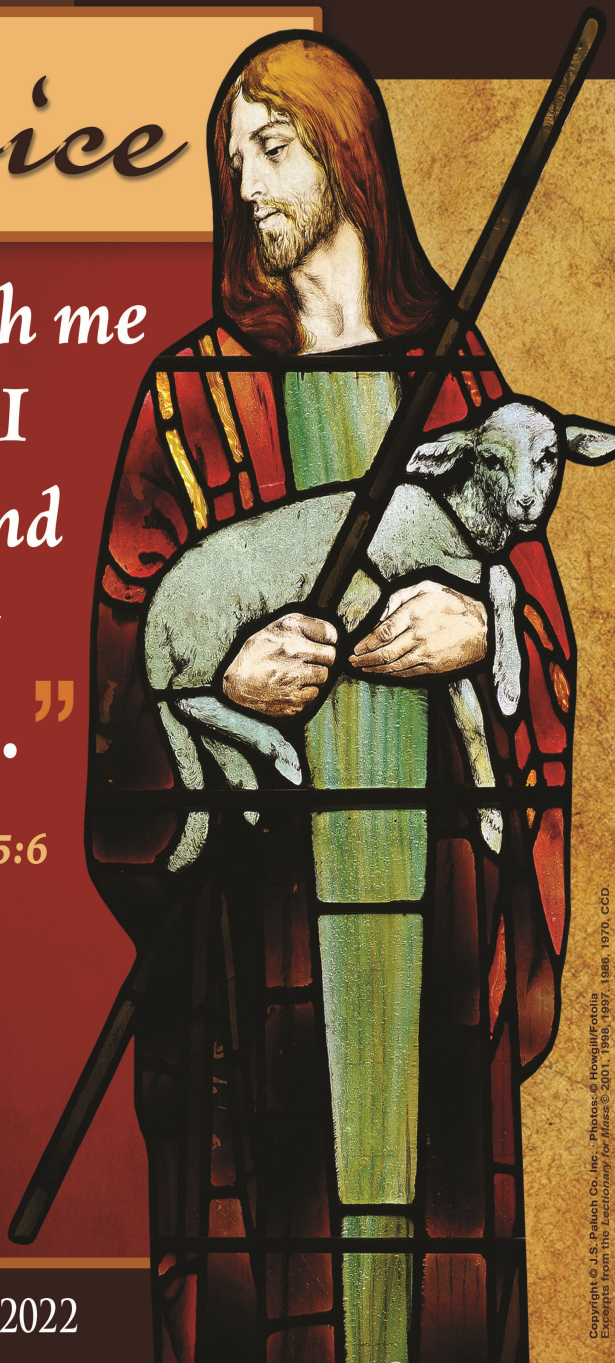
Christ Our Savior Catholic Parish

South Holland, IL

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

*“Rejoice
with me
because I
have found
my lost
sheep.”*

Luke 15:6



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 AM
Monday: 8:30 AM
Wednesday: 8:30 AM
Friday: 8:30 AM

MASS AND ADORATION

Tuesday: 8:30 AM Mass
9:00 AM Adoration

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Thursday: 8:30 AM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:15 - 3:45 PM

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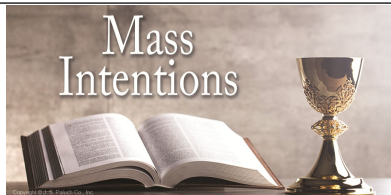
Malcolm Moore
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SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

WELCOME

We trust that the message will uplift and encourage you
as we share in today's Eucharist.

Please know our doors and hearts are always open to you.

**Saturday September 10**

4:00 PM David Pearson by Wife †

Deceased Members of Todd & Schmidt Families by Barbara Schmidt

Sunday September 11

8:30 AM Peace In The World by Ngozi Obieche Iloanusi

Donna Allen by Family †

10:30 AM Victoria B. de Gonzalez by Keane & Gonzalez Families †

Monday September 12

8:30 AM Sick Parishioners by Ngozi Iloanusi

Ellen Voce by Suzanne Voce †

Tuesday September 13

8:30 AM Evelyn Dorabalski by Marie Kotarski †

Wednesday September 14

8:30 AM Henry De La Pena by Alice De La Pena †

Friday September 16

8:30 AM Evelyn Dorabalski by Lyn Carol Dorabalski †

Saturday September 17

4:00 PM Joseph & Virginia O'Barski by Don & Pat O'Barski †

Rev. Anthony Talarico by Barbara Schmidt

Sunday September 18

8:30 AM George Patrick Hartigan by James & Mary Ellen Hartigan †

10:30 AM Souls In Purgatory by Ngozi Iloanusi

People of Nigeria by Ngozi Iloanusi

Adam Arreola by Arreola & Castillo Families †

Eleanor Sheeran by James & Diane Sheeran †

Mass intentions can be offered in memory of your loved ones, for those who are ill or suffering. You can also acknowledge the celebration of a birthday or anniversary. Call the rectory office or put a note in the weekly collection with a contact number. The mass stipend is \$10.

REMEMBER

There will be no mass next Sunday at 8:30
Join us at 10:30 AM followed by the

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SCRIPTURE STUDY

Join us on Tuesdays to get a deeper understanding of the upcoming weekend scripture readings at 10:00 AM in McMahon Hall. We will end with a decade of the Rosary.

SENIOR LUNCHEON

All seniors are invited to lunch at 12 noon on

Thursday, September 15, 2022 at

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Come out and enjoy some good food and conversation with your fellow parishioners!! Please sign up in the back of church if you plan to attend.



Our warmest welcome to all those who celebrate with us. We thank God for you. If you are not registered, become a registered and active parishioner.

An "active member" of the Church:

- ◆ Is properly registered
- ◆ Faithfully attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days
- ◆ Participates in parish activities
- ◆ Uses parish envelopes for donations

The pastoral staff are often asked to verify that a person is a practicing Catholic in order for them to become a godparent or sponsor. Church law requires a pastor to know a person before he gives permission. We are also asked to provide letters for proof of address. It can only be done for individuals that are officially registered. Registering in a parish shows a commitment to the life of the parish family.

If you have not done so, please fill out a registration card and return with the weekly collection or go to our website www.christoursaviorparish.org. Thank you.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Because Moses interceded, the LORD relented and did not punish the people (Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14).

Psalm — I will rise and go to my father (Psalm 51).

Second Reading — Paul expresses his gratitude for being appointed to the ministry (1 Timothy 1:12-17).

Gospel — There is great rejoicing in heaven when a sinner repents (Luke 15:1-32).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16-17, 28; Jn 19:25-27

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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, God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

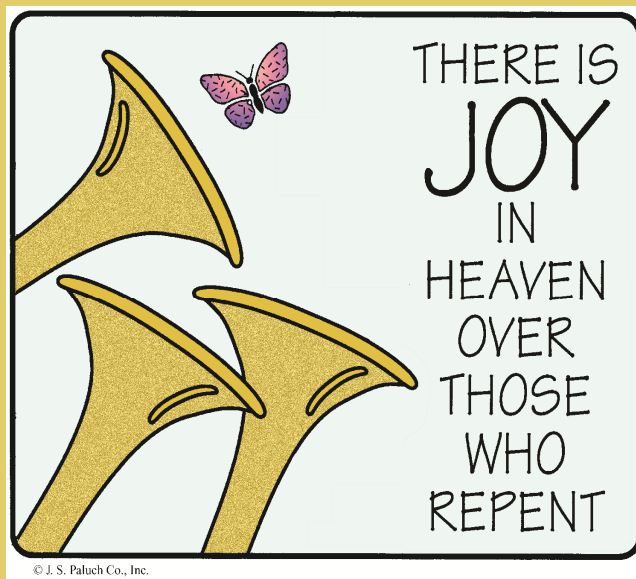
In what ways do I serve God?

RELYING ON GOD'S LOVE

Imagine being among those who heard Jesus address the Pharisees and scribes in the encounter we hear in today's Gospel: "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?" Would you leave ninety-nine in the desert in order to find one lost sheep? In the parable, Jesus is showing us the depths of God's love, the illogical, incredible love God has for each of us. Moses counted on this loving mercy as he spoke for the wandering people; Saint Paul acknowledges his reliance on it in his letter to Timothy. God desires to draw you close, seeking you when you are lost. Are you ready to be drawn into God's loving embrace? Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

*A clean heart create for me,
O God,
and a steadfast spirit
renew within me.*

— Psalm 51:12

**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time****Just Look at the Cross**

The common theme of today's readings is forgiveness. The Gospel is one familiar to us all, and in the second reading Paul highlights his story of receiving God's mercy. But the first reading might cause us to wonder if God was always so forgiving. God and Moses come across like a couple of parents deciding whether they should punish their children. (Notice how the Lord says "your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt" [Exodus 32:7] and Moses says "your own people" in verse 11.) One, the Lord, points out how bad Israel has been. The other, Moses, points out how good God is, in the promise to make them a great nation. The important point is that God relented and forgave the people.

In each case, great sins are forgiven. The people of Israel were guilty of idolatry, worshiping the golden calf. Paul was guilty of blasphemy and persecuting Christians. The prodigal son insulted his father by asking for his inheritance while the man was still alive and then squandered it all. Each was forgiven, not because they deserved it, but because they were loved. My favorite line in the second reading is "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Timothy 1:15)—not to find the wealthiest people to build his kingdom, or the nicest, or the holiest; he came to save sinners. The Pharisees and scribes did not get this. They thought God wanted them to avoid sinners and to cast them out of the community. So they were scandalized when Jesus would associate with sinners. That was one of the reasons they wanted to kill Jesus. And yet, when they did just that, Jesus' death on the cross brought forgiveness for us all.

Remember the story in Genesis 18, of Abraham bargaining with God not to destroy Sodom if he could find a few good people? Maybe he should have "reminded" God of that divine mercy instead of hoping to find enough good people to spare the town. Sometimes we can't believe that God would love us so much as to forgive any sin. Just look at the cross if you need a reminder. Tom Schmidt, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.



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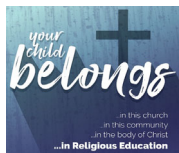
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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All praise and glory is yours, Lord, for you have called us to serve you in love. Bless them so that they may bear their illness in union with your Son's obedient suffering. Restore them to health, and lead them to glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

If someone needs prayers due to an illness, please call the parish office to put your name on the prayer list. Names are on the list for four weeks unless we are notified the person has not recovered. Call the parish office at 708-333-3550 if you would like to have your loved one on the list for another four weeks.



Knights of Columbus Men's Retreat

Saturday, September 24, 2022

McMahon Hall 12:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Deacon James Norman - Retreat Director

We encourage all the men of the parish to attend
and support this spiritual endeavor.

SIGN-UP IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

THANK YOU

We received a thank you letter from the Mission Office for our donation of \$1,891 to the Missionary Co-op Plan.

"Thank you for joining us in continuing the mission of Jesus Christ in our world!" Megan C. Mio – Director

September
11th



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911 NEVER FORGET

It has been 21 years since the events of 911 took the world to the depths of evil. On that day I prayed that we as Christians would not react negatively but that we would be guided by the moral teachings of Jesus Christ. A question that is often asked is where does evil come from? Evil came into existence not by the will of God, but through the will of those who turn away from God. God created all things good. When we sin, when we embrace evil we become separated from the source of all that is good. It is we, not the creator who embraces evil. Jesus stood His ground and resisted the temptations of the devil. The world admires heroes the brave people who embrace God, resist temptation and are not afraid to tell God how much they love Him. We cannot defeat evil with evil. Jesus taught us to love our enemies and pray for those who harm and persecute us. In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus taught us that as children of God and for us to be blessed we must be peacemakers. To the 3,000+ victims and first responders who died on 9-11-2001 you are not forgotten, you are loved. You have been raised to life with Christ, set your hearts on things that are in heaven. dj



**Pastor's
Corner**

**I'm grateful to Him
who Has strengthened me...**

What a wonderful mercy-filled scripture readings this Sunday- from Exodus 32, Paul's First Letter to Timothy and from the 3 great parables in Luke's Gospel chapter 15. All these scripture passages remind us of who God truly is: a merciful father who loves us, a merciful God who searches for us, a loving God who finds us when we miss our ways, and when we get lost. In these readings we also find a God who wants us to be a prayerful people, a forgiving people, who pray and intercede for one another.

In the first reading this is who Moses is: a leader, a liberator, a prophet, a man of prayer and an intercessor who intercedes for his people who were busy practicing idolatry, making golden calf for themselves. They got lost, they lacked focus- drawing God's anger who contemplated punishing them, except for intercessory role of Moses who prayed "why O Lord, should your wrath blaze against your covenanted people whom you brought out of the land of Egypt." Some time we get lost and we need to pray for one another; our friends, our families and our nations.

Same could be said of Paul in today's second reading, whose past anti-Christian attitude we are familiar with. He was lost not only in blaspheming but in hurting and persecuting the Christians. Today, Paul is prayerfully grateful to God who has mercifully treated him. Writing to Timothy he says, "I am grateful to Him who has strengthened me, Christ Jesus our Lord because he considers me trustworthy in appointing me to the ministry.

Some of us get lost in our sins, our selfishness not because of our own faults, but because of one factor or the other. It could be our environment. It could be the type of company we keep. It could be the type of books we read. It could also be the type of movies we watch. It could be ambitions or the wrong choices we make in life.

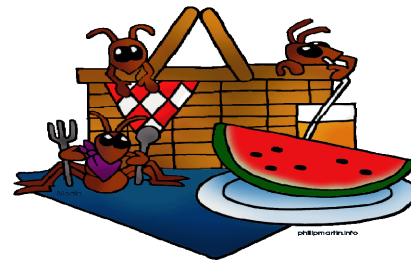
But in the tender eyes and love of God there is always room to make- up, for a rediscovery, for atonement, for a renewal. And this is again demonstrated in the three parables of today's Gospel: the parable of the lost sheep, the parable of the lost coin and the parable of the lost son. In all these "losses" there is this image of merciful, concerned, caring owner who left everything to search for the lost item.

In the Lord,
Fr. Gosbert Rwezahura.

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