

Dear Padre,

My child's godparents make no attempt to build a special relationship with her. I've talked to them about it, but it didn't help. Can I replace them?

When my niece, Hayley, was five, she asked me to be her "step-godfather" because she didn't know who her godfather was. The family friend my sister invited to be Haley's godfather has moved out of state and seems to have forgotten that Haley is his godchild.

Godparents have responsibilities beyond baptism day. The Code of Canon Law says a godparent also "helps the baptized person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it" (872). A godparent should be present for the child's first Communion and encourage the child to live a Christian life as he or she grows older.

While neglectful godparents may not be replaced, parents are not limited to asking only two godparents to help their child grow in the faith.

"The whole ecclesial community bears some responsibility for the development and safeguarding of the grace given at baptism" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1255). Parents can and should ask others to help support their child's

faith development as he or she grows up: a teacher, a grandparent, or a friend in the town where your child has gone away to college. After all, children are baptized into a community of believers, and we all have the responsibility to help children—and one another—lead Christian lives.

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Your children will receive their Christian identity today. And you, parents and godparents, must safeguard this identity. This is your task throughout your lifetime: to protect the Christian identity of your children. It is a daily commitment: to make them grow with the light they will receive today.

ADMINISTRATION OF BAPTISM, JANUARY 9, 2022



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Calendar

Monday
SEPTEMBER 12
Weekday
1 Cor 11:17-26, 33
Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday
SEPTEMBER 13
St. John Chrysostom,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a
Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday
SEPTEMBER 14
Exaltation of the
Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b-9
Phil 2:6-11
Jn 3:13-17

Thursday
SEPTEMBER 15
Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Cor 15:1-11
Jn 19:25-27 or
Lk 2:33-35

Friday
SEPTEMBER 16
Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and
Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
1 Cor 15:12-20
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday
SEPTEMBER 17
Weekday
1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49
Lk 8:4-15

Sunday
SEPTEMBER 18
Twenty-fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Am 8:4-7
1 Tm 2:1-8
Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 11, 2022

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14

1 Tm 1:12-17

Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Filled with Compassion

Too many people think of God only as one who is offended when we make a mistake and who is ready to exact punishment for that offense. The three stories in today's Gospel passage tell a different story. They tell how, when we make a mistake, God runs after us to bring us back. The description "filled with compassion" (Luke 15:20), which describes the sentiments of the Samaritan, is really a description of God.

In Hebrew, compassion or mercy comes from the word for "womb," and it describes the intimate bond between a woman and the life in her womb. Though the Greek word in the New Testament is not related to womb, it does mean deep inner sentiment. The word conveys the deep sentiment the Samaritan felt for a perfect stranger, the deep sentiment of the distraught father with his prodigal son, the deep sentiment of God for every one of us.

These three Gospel stories highlight another important point: The compassion was not a response to repentance. The lost sheep, the negligent woman, and the wayward son were all somehow responsible for their predicaments, but nothing was held against them. Nor did they have to correct their error before the situation was corrected. None of this mattered. This was Jesus' way of saying that God's compassion is there even before we ask for it, because compassion or mercy is not simply an act; it is the intimate and lasting love that God has for us.

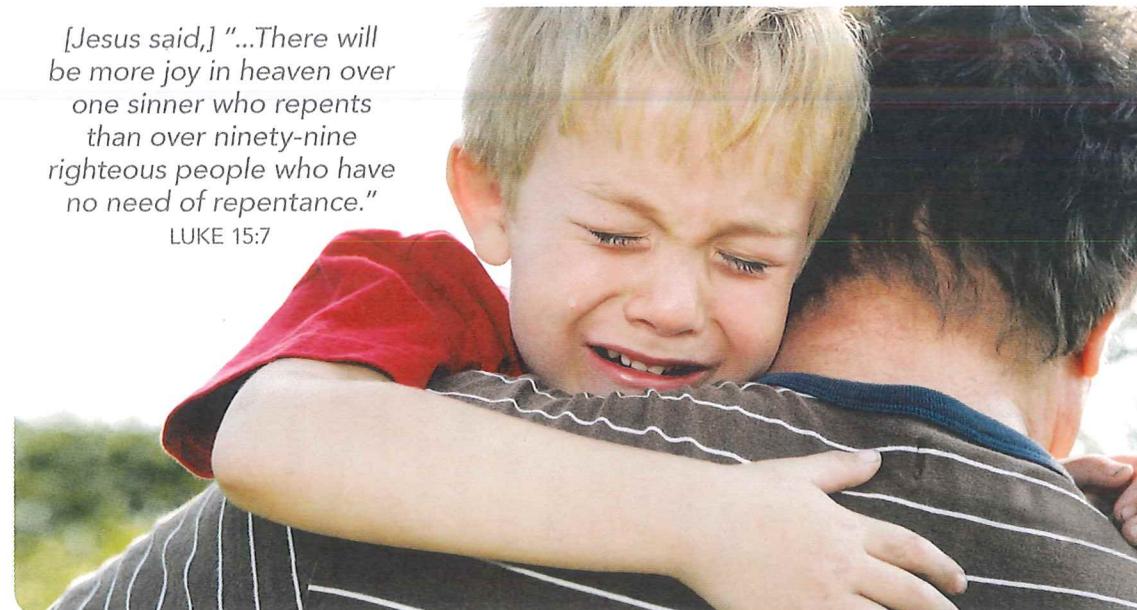
Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- * Reflect on this passage from Isaiah 49:15: "Can a mother forget...the child of her womb?"
- * Where might you show compassion to others?

[Jesus said,] "...There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance."

LUKE 15:7



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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Sept. 10	4:00 p.m.	For the People
Sunday, Sept. 11	9:00 a.m.	Bergkamp F. Int. & Sullen
Monday, Sept. 12	8:30 a.m.	Charles & Eileen Hoff
Tuesday, Sept. 13	8:30 a.m.	Jack, Leona, & Joe Randolph
Thursday, Sept. 15	8:30 a.m.	Charles & Eileen Hoff
Friday, Sept. 16	8:30 a.m.	Bob Rooney
Saturday, Sept. 17	4:00 p.m.	For Rain
Sunday, Sept. 18	9:00 a.m.	Joe Dreiling

24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (color: Green)

9/10/2022- Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Lucy Gannett, Jason Velasco, Ryann Bamberger

Reader: Karen Burden

9/11/2022 – Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Cade Berning, Jace Berning, Luke Woodrow

Reader: Mike Broeckelman

25TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

9/17/2022- Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Lucy Gannett, Jason Velasco, Ryann Bamberger

Reader: Tom Bachman

9/18/2022 – Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Kirbe Koons, Taybree Lohman-Fuller, Joleigh Lohman-Fuller

Reader: Kyle Berning

Reconciliation: Confessions will be heard every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. or by appointment.

Baptism: Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Godparents must be 16 years of age or older and have received Confirmation and Eucharist. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

Marriage: Please contact parish priest at least four to six months before the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick: Celebrated anytime by calling a priest.

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME –SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

GOD IS LOVE

Friends, When people love someone deeply, there is a deep-seated desire to never give up on them. And sometimes, kicking someone out, or separating, or letting someone else care for a person can feel a lot like that --- as if we are saying, “I’ve had enough. I can’t give you a second chance.” And that’s a hard thing to do.

God loves us. God believes in us. God wants the best for us. God always gives us not a second chance, but many chances. God holds out hope that we will one day become the men and women he created us to be. And in this life --- there is absolutely no time limit. God is just that patient with us!

We see that on display in each of our three readings this Sunday, especially in our Gospel reading from Luke. A man leaves ninety-nine sheep to search for the one that is lost. A woman searches relentlessly to find a lost coin --- even though she has nine others. And a father forgives a son who has run off and lived a shameful life --- an insult and disappointment of great proportions. Imagine that. We have a God who NEVER gives up on us. He loves us just that much!

Fr. Peter

COLLECTION for September 4, 2022: Envelopes: \$1475; Loose: \$247; Online Giving: \$1276.75; Total \$2998.75; Average Weekly Expense: \$1,761.17. Income over/under + 1,237.58

CHURCH PROJECT GOAL \$52000—Last weekend contribution: \$295; Building Fund To Date: \$14,992.26

Thank you so much for your love for our parish church and your faithful stewards.

ADULT CONFIRMATION & RCIA

- Have you been worshipping with us, but never officially taken the step to become Catholic?
- Have you been away from the Church, and have now returned, but want to know more?
- Have you been a Catholic all your life, but never celebrated all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)?
- Have you joined us from a different background and would like to find out more about the Catholic Church?

If any adult Catholic who hasn't been confirmed and would like to be confirmed this coming Easter Please call Fr. Peter (620-355-6405) or Mrs. Karen Burden (355-6388) On behalf of the Catholic faith community of the St. Anthony, we look forward to welcoming you.

VOCATION VIEW We are called to proclaim God's abundant love for all people. Become an instrument of that love. Our world needs you! (Luke 15:1-32)

STEWARDSHIP We can hear God speaking to us today in the words of the father to his elder son: "You are with me always, and everything I have is yours." What is my response to such remarkable generosity? Do I give joyfully and generously as God gives to me?

PRAYER OF THE WEEK (adapted from a prayer by Joyce Rupp) So much of me gets lost, God. I run off in other directions and lose my vision of you and your kingdom. I lose sight of my hopes. I forget all your promises. I get lost in problems and run around in selfishness. You are before me, watching. You are behind me, calling. You are beside me, loving. Good Shepherd, come in search of me. Place me on your shoulders, and bring me home. Amen.

UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL OF THE WEEK - (Luke 15:1-32)

Who's missing? Jesus has been interacting with all kinds of people regardless of their social status. Righteous Jews like the Pharisees complain that sinners should repent before being counted among God's people. Jesus emphasizes that God's priority is to welcome sinners rather than make sure they're punished for their sins. Neither sheep nor coins are capable of repentance, but they can be lost. These parables invite us to ask ourselves if we're reaching out to people who might otherwise slip away, forgotten.

Self-indulgence It was unusual for a father to divide his property before his death. The father probably grieved over his younger son's request and departure. The son's actions might also have dishonored his father, but the father could have refused. Instead, he seems to indulge his younger son.

Preparing an act of contrition When famine hits, the younger son tends pigs, animals that Jews were supposed to keep away from. The pigs have it better than he does. We hear the son formulate a plan for returning to his father. We don't know if he really has repented or if he's hoping that his father will take him back no matter what.

A prodigal reception The father responds with overwhelming love, just as the younger son hoped. He rushes to his son and restores his place in the family by giving him a ring with the family seal on it and dressing him in fine clothes. He orders that a calf that was being reserved for a special occasion be prepared.

The other lost son Having regained one son, the father discovers he has lost another. No one has bothered to tell the older son what's happening. Just as the father went out to welcome the younger son, he must now go out to the older one. This son resents his father's merciful treatment of his brother and the way he himself has been taken for granted. The parable ends here. We're left asking ourselves what we would say and do next. (www.oursundayreadings)

UNDERSTANDING THE FIRST READING (Exodus: 32;7-11,13-14)

While Moses is away... God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, provided them with food and water in the Sinai desert, and made a covenant with them. The Israelites, in turn, freely chose to enter into this covenant and to worship the LORD (Yahweh) alone (Exodus 19:8). At this point in the story, Moses has gone back up Mount Sinai to receive more commandments from God. Moses is gone for so long the Israelites think he's gone for good. Since Moses was the only person through whom the people were communicating with God, they ask Moses' brother to make something that represents God. The calf, or young bull, represents the strength of the LORD, who proved far more powerful than the gods of Egypt.

A humble intercessor The Israelites were forbidden from making images of God because worship of the image could easily replace worship of the true God. God is so angry he refers to the Israelites as Moses' people and says that Moses freed them. After disowning his people God says he will destroy them and start over with Moses. Moses, however, refuses this chance to become the father of a new people and instead begs God to forgive these wayward descendants of Abraham.. (www.oursundayreadings)

KANSAS ROSARY CRUSADE

All Kansas Diocese have been asked by our State's Bishops, including Bishop Brungardt, to join the Kansas Rosary Crusade. Each Thursday, we are asked to pray the Rosary for the passage of pro-life legislation here in Kansas. Thursday is the day when we normally pray the Luminous Mysteries, however the Kansas Rosary Crusade offers the "Mysteries of Life in the Womb" for your Thursday Rosary. You can log on to: <https://kansasrosarycrusade.org/> to get all of the information. It was decided to move our Sunday Rosary Devotion (via Zoom Meeting) to **Thursday's at 8pm** in order to participate in this crusade. As usual, you will receive a Zoom Meeting invitation sometime on Thursday and participants can click on the meeting link to join at 8:00 pm. If you have any questions or problems signing on, please don't hesitate to contact Tom or Lisa Ridder at 620-874-0447 or 620-874-8599.

Everyone is encouraged to register your individual name or family name and commit to this devotion even if you can't join on Thursdays via Zoom Meeting.

Question: In the Apostles' Creed we profess: "On the third day he rose again from the dead." What does it mean to say "again" in this context?

Answer: The Apostles' Creed has a long and pious tradition behind it. It was developed as a general statement of the faith in Gaul in the fifth century and thus is comparatively late. It has however been accepted as an official statement of the faith and is even used in the present *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. The pious tradition is that when the Holy Spirit came on the apostles on Pentecost each expressed one of the twelve articles of the creed. There are references in the Apostles' Creed which are not found in other creeds. The descent in hell or Hades is an example. Another is the reference which you have asked about to rising "again." In the Apostles' Creed, according to English translation, one states that Jesus rose "again" from the dead. "To rise again" is the English wording of the Latin word *resurgere*. This Creed was originally written in Greek; the word *anastasis* (resurrection) literally comes from *ana/histemi*, which means "to stand again" or "rise again." Since we do not believe in more than one resurrection of the dead, the term "again" used here must have another meaning.

In the Greek in which the creed was originally written, there are several words which can be translated as "again." The most common one is *palin*. The less common is *kainos*. The Apostles' Creed does not use either word. Instead, the "again" is in the prefix of the Greek verb *ana-stemi* (to rise again). This reflects a word Our Lord uses, which is translated under divine inspiration as the Greek adverb *kainos*. This use is in the address of Our Lord to the Apostles at the Last Supper: "And I say to you, I will not drink from henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I shall drink it with you *new [kainon]* in the kingdom of my Father" (Matt. 26:29). The same word is used in many other verses, for example, "And he that sat on the throne, said: Behold, I make all things *new [kaina]*" (Apoc. 21:5).

The word "again" can be understood in this meaning in the Apostles' Creed. "And on the third day He arose *anew* from the dead." This "anew" refers to the completely different relationship between the Lord and his soul and body before and after the resurrection of the dead. In the former, the soul comes to exist after the manner of the body. This is why it is natural in this life to have the source of knowledge in sense experience. After death the opposite is true and it is to this experience that the "again" refers. In the resurrection of the dead, the body comes to exist after the manner of the soul. If the soul is filled with light, so is the body. If not, the body is heavy and grave. In the same way, the Lord promised the Apostles that in the kingdom of His Father they would drink the "fruit of the vine" anew, in the state of glory, after the resurrection of the body at the Last Day. (Fr. Brian Mulladay, OP)

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Forget them not

The commemoration of Grandparents' Day the second Sunday of September was signed into law by President Carter in 1978. On this day we honor elders who fill in as parents. Oprah Winfrey, Carol Burnett, Jack Nicholson, Maya Angelou, Willie Nelson, and Presidents Obama and Clinton are among the 2 percent of U.S. children raised by grandparents. The designated flowers for this day are forget-me-nots, a clever reference to how elders can be overlooked in a fast-paced world. These elders also reclaim the overlooked, providing encouragement for the lost sheep in our family systems. Honor your grandparents, living and deceased. (Prepare the Word)

VIGÉSIMO CUARTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

No los olides

La conmemoración del Día de los Abuelos el segundo domingo de septiembre fue promulgada por el presidente Carter en 1978. En este día se honra a los ancianos que hacen las veces de padres. Oprah Winfrey, Carol Burnett, Jack Nicholson, Maya Angelou, Willie Nelson y los presidentes Obama y Clinton están entre el 2% de los niños estadounidenses criados por abuelos. Las flores designadas para este día son las nomeolvides, una ingeniosa referencia a cómo se puede pasar por alto a los ancianos en un mundo acelerado. Estos ancianos también reclaman lo que se ha olvidado, dando ánimos a las ovejas perdidas de nuestros sistemas familiares. Honra a tus abuelos, vivos y difuntos. tus tesoros materiales al servicio de la vida.

SAINT ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH CCD (PSR) 2022-2023

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Enrollment is:

September 7th @ 6pm-7:30pm and

September 14th 6:30pm-7:30pm

There is a MANDATORY Parent Meeting on September 14th as well, fees should be paid at this meeting.

There will be suggested Enrollment fee of \$10 per student or \$25 for families enrolling 3 or more students.

The first CCD class is September 21st beginning at 6:30pm SHARP, please have students to the hall at least 5 minutes before so that teachers can get class started on time.