

Reflection of today Gospel

Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10 (132)



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, September 11, 2022

All members of Center of Jesus The Lord
Polito family and Canzoneri family (Blessing)

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Deborah Montambo (Memory)

Sanctuary Candle End to Abortion

To schedule Mass Intentions or Sanctuary
Candle Memorials call the Center 529-1636
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Pope Francis' September Prayer Intention

ABOLITION OF THE DEATH PENALTY

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished every country

In chapter 15 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells three parables about losing, finding, and rejoicing. The outcasts of society, the taxpayers, and the sinners approach Jesus eager to hear what he has to say. In Luke's Gospel, *hearing* is a sign of conversion. The Pharisees and scribes, still suspicious of Jesus, complain about him associating with sinners. So he tells them these three parables.

In the first story, the parable of The Lost Sheep, the shepherd leaves behind the 99 sheep to search for the 1 lost sheep. When he finds it, the shepherd rejoices not alone as in Matthew's version, but with friends and neighbors. In the same way, God rejoices more over 1 sinner who repents—like the outcasts who have come to hear Jesus—than over the 99 righteous like the Pharisees and scribes. The second story, about a poor woman who will not stop searching until she finds her lost coin, makes the same point. Why are the Pharisees complaining? They should rejoice when the lost are found.

Finally we come to what is probably the most memorable parable in the Gospels, the story we know as The Prodigal Son. Just as in The Lost Sheep and The Lost Coin, this story (found only in Luke) is really about the seeker. The loving father is at the center of this parable. Even though his son runs off with his father's inheritance and squanders the money, the father waits for him, hoping for his return. Upon his son's return, the father, "full of compassion," runs out to embrace and forgive him before the son can utter one word of repentance. At this point the rejoicing begins.

The parable does not end there. Rather, it makes one more point about the older son's reaction. This son who never left, just like the Pharisees and scribes who feel they are righteous, refuses to enter his father's house to join in the rejoicing. He has served his father. He has obeyed him. Perhaps it was not out of love. The father's response teaches us that God's care and compassion extend to the righteous and sinner alike. When we are lost, God doesn't wait for our return. He actively seeks us out. And when the lost are found, how could we not celebrate and rejoice?

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/>

Next Weeks Reading

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, September 18, 2022

Reading 1: Am 8:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: 113:1-2,4-6,7-8

Reading 2: Tm 2:1-8

Gospel: Lk 16:1-13

Online Offering

We are grateful for your continued support of our church. Online Giving allows you to make contributions to Center of Jesus without writing checks or worrying about cash donations. This site lets you set up automatic contributions and change the timing or the amount of your gift at any time. You can manage your contributions and you may make one-time donations to special causes as they come up. Please visit/click on <https://faithlife.com/centerofjesusthelord/give>. Thank You for your support!

Lord Teach Me To Pray Weekend of Prayer

Register today for the 2022 Lord Teach Me To Pray Weekend of Prayer at the Airport Hilton on October 13-16. Go to lordteachmetoprayer.com and click on Weekend of Prayer for form or call 504-439- 5933. All invited to attend LTMTTP Retreat with: Fr. William Farge, S.J. , Fr. Carl Joseph Paustian O.P., Fr. Patrick Mary Russell, MFVA. Retreat begins 7 pm Mass, celebrant Archbishop Alfred C. Hughes, Archbishop Emeritus, Thursday October 13, 2022 and concludes with 10 am Sunday Mass October 16, 2022. Early Registration \$175. (includes 6 meals). Commute or call Hilton for room at 1-800-872-5914.

Center of Jesus Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 17

Growth in the Spirit Seminar
Fr. Delerno & Timmy McCaffery

Saturday, October 1

Mass and Adoration
with Healing Prayer

Tuesday, November 1

All Saints Day

Sunday, November 20

Feast of Christ the King -
Procession

GROWTH IN THE SPIRIT

Center of Jesus the Lord is happy to be sponsoring the "GROWTH IN THE SPIRIT" Seminar, September 17, 2022 from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. It is an invitation to deepen your relationship with the Lord through the power of the Holy Spirit. Come and see what living your life in the Spirit is all about and be renewed and refreshed in your faith. Our guest speakers: Timmy McCaffery and Fr. Kevin Delerno. \$30 registration fee. To register or for more information, call the Center at 504-529-1636



Prayer During Hurricane Season

June 1-November 30

Let us pray that through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, we will be spared damage to lives and property during this hurricane season.

Our Online Offering:
<https://faithlife.com/centerofjesusthelord/give>


NEED ONGOING HEALING AND FOLLOW UP?
Inner Healing Prayer or Spiritual Direction

PRAY THE ROSARY
OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL ROSARY
GROUP EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:00 PM
IN THE CHURCH

Stewards of Mercy
✧ Provides a mercy meal after funeral for
✧ grieving families for Center Members
If you or someone you know have a need for
this services please call the Center of Jesus

PRAYER FOR LIFE

Heavenly Father,
Thank you for creating each of us,
including our unborn brothers and sisters,
in Your image and likeness.
We ask for your protection on
all precious babies waiting to be born.
We lift up their mothers and fathers
in their moment of need.
We pray for the Justices
of the Supreme Court of the United States
as they reconsider *Roe v. Wade*.
Please grant them wisdom to make decisions
that safeguard the rights of the least among us.
Grant them the courage to stand for truth
even when they face opposition.
We pray for our nation that we may
ensure that every life be cherished
in the laws of our nation
and the hearts of our people.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen



*There are no strangers here,
only friends we have not
yet MET*

***Pray the Divine Mercy Novena with us
Sunday before Mass at 9:45 AM***

ALTAR FLOWERS
Altar Flowers are provided through the generosity of community members who contribute to their purchase. A donation to the flower fund is a beautiful way to remember, honor or give thanks for loved ones. The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God.
Altar Flower contribution envelopes can be found in the rear of the Church or at the Rectory. A Minimum donation of \$50.00 is requested.

Sacrament of Reconciliation before Sunday & Tuesday Masses. To schedule an appointment, please call the Center to check the avail-

Center of Jesus the Lord at Our Lady of Good Counsel



SEPTEMBER 11, 2022 - TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MISSION STATEMENT
Center of Jesus the Lord at Our Lady of Good Counsel is a joy filled, loving Catholic community where all are WELCOME! We are active in service to others, living the GOOD NEWS of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

THE CENTER'S WEEKLY SCHEDULE
SUNDAY Praise and Worship: 10:00 AM; Eucharistic Celebration 10:15 AM;
Healing Prayer after Mass; Fellowship follows in dining hall
TUESDAY Praise and Worship 10:30 AM; Eucharistic Celebration 11:00 PM;
following Mass all are welcomed to join in fellowship (1307 Louisiana Avenue)
MONTHLY SATURDAY Eucharistic Adoration 10am with Healing Prayer followed by Mass