

July 7, 2019, Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

From the Pastor

The Parables of the Lost Sheep and Coin, Part 1

“Rejoice with me because I found the sheep that was lost.” Luke 15:6



If something should go missing, our interest in that possession is aroused in part by the fact of its being lost. The sheep that is lost takes a lot of the shepherd's time to find and recover it, more time and energy than watching the 99 that are not lost. The missing coin gets more attention than the jar of coins safely in the cupboard. So it is with God. The very circumstance that men have strayed from Him evokes in Him a more manifest and active solicitude in their behalf. These parables point out that God suffers loss in every sinner that departs from Him.

This is a real revelation to the Pharisees for they trusted in the Law and not to tenderness. In their mind, if someone breaks the Law, they are justly exiled because of it. Their eyes are opened when our Lord points out that it is a loss to God when a sinner is lost. In fact, God suffers more than the sinner because He loves the sinner more and His love is wounded. The sinner has no love of God, i.e. no sanctifying grace, to be wounded by the separation because charity is lost with a mortal sin. The sinner goes down his wretched path of destruction, the path that Christ died to save him from.

Think of the anguish and broken-heartedness of parents who see their children going down the wrong path. Or a married person who sees their spouse going headlong into vice and pulling away from the love of their spouse. Whatever example of the misery that love has to endure in this sinful world, it is but a faint reflection of what Infinite Love suffers when a soul rejects It and chooses death. Look to the crucifix and see what God, in dying for us, has suffered because of our separation from Him. Ask yourself: Is the loss God suffers true or feigned? God is incapable of suffering in His essence, since He is a pure spirit, He is unchanging, all powerful and all those other attributes. But God is also Love and love that is rejected causes a pain in the heart.

We recently celebrated the Feast of the Sacred Heart, which is a feast that celebrates our Lord's loving care for us. His Sacred Heart was pierced out of love for us. God cares for us and His tender Heart moves Him to find us and rescue us. God does not stay with the 99 just ones to console Himself. He goes out after the one that is lost. God could blot out the straying sinner and create a new one that will be faithful, but He does not do that—Love does not do that.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP

Announcements

Church hours for private prayers. The church is open for private prayer as noted below.

Fridays & Saturdays, 4-7 p.m. Sundays, Noon-5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Bookstore kiosk, open Sundays between the morning Masses unless noted otherwise below.

Legion of Mary, 7 p.m. Mondays in the large meeting room unless noted otherwise below.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena, 6:40 p.m. every Wednesday.

Schola Practice, 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the small room. Open to all men interested in joining the schola.

Tower of David Study Group, is on summer break and will resume in the fall.

Other groups and ministries. See bulletin board or parish Groups and Ministries webpage for information.

2019 DSF Campaign. PARISH GOAL \$10,000. PLEDGED TO DATE \$7,805.

DSF funds over 60 programs that benefit the faithful in our area. If our parish goal is not met, the shortage will be financed out of operating cash. Please complete a pledge card and mail it in the envelope provided or make a donation online at archgh.org/dsf. If Regina Caeli is not your home parish, you may still donate on our behalf by adding our name to the pledge card. Thank you for participating in DSF.

Low Gluten Hosts. If you require low gluten host, please see the instructions on the bulletin board.

Safe Environment Training, mandatory for those who work with children. More on our parish website.

TODAY:

~ Bookstore kiosk closed. Bookstore re-opens July 14.

~ “Practices of True Devotion of the Blessed Virgin” is available on the hall table. It is a guide for those who have undergone the Total Consecration. Provided by the Legion of Mary

Sundays through July 14, 8:30-9:30 a.m., in the small room, Catholic Kids Camp Committee meeting.

Tuesdays through Aug. 13, 9-12 noon in large room, U.S. Military History, taught by Alex Bielakowski, Ph.D. No class Tuesday, July 16.

Fri., July 12, 7 p.m., Knights of Columbus meeting in large room.

Sat., July 13:

~ Boys' altar server practice after the 7:30 a.m. Mass. Open to all boys who have received First Communion.

~ Altar Guild meets in small room following the 7:30 a.m. Mass.

Sun., July 14, Youth Group meets in large room after the 10 a.m. Mass.

Tues.-Thurs., July 16-18, 9 a.m.-12 Noon, Catholic Kids Camp for children registered to attend.

Fri., July 19, Men's Recollection. Holy Hour, confession, spiritual conference. Open to all men.

Expanded Dress Code posted at entrance to chapel. Further explanation on the bulletin boards.

For your personal edification only. Please do not enforce on others.

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Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

July 7 – 13, 2019

Sun., 7/7, Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

7:30 a.m., Ruth & Arrel Carrier †

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., Theresa Truong †

Mon., 7/8, St. Elizabeth of Portugal

6:30 a.m., Maria Vu †

* 8:00 a.m., Private intentions

Tues., 7/9, Votive Mass of the Holy Angels

* 6:30 a.m., Private intention

7:00 p.m., Maria Vu †

Wed., 7/10, Seven Holy Brothers & Ss. Rufina & Secunda

6:30 a.m., Peter Tran †

* 8:00 a.m., Private intention

Thurs., 7/11, St. Pius I

* 6:30 a.m., Private intention

7:00 p.m., Joseph Hiep †

Fri., 7/12, St. John Gualbert

6:30 a.m., Danny Neal Manthei †

Sat., 7/13, Saturday of Our Lady

* 6:30 a.m., Private intention

7:30 a.m., Junipero Joachim Gonzales

* Mass is subject to cancellation if a second priest is not available. Advance notice will be posted in the bulletin whenever possible.

First Friday of each month, there is an additional public Mass at 7:00 p.m., followed by First Friday devotion.

First Saturday of each month, the 7:30 a.m. Mass includes First Saturday devotion.



Directory

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Contacts for other groups

Please check the bulletin boards or go to the parish website and click on Groups/Ministries

Sacraments

Please check the parish website for more information.

Infant baptism—contact parish at least one month before due date.

Marriage—contact parish eight months before proposed date.

Introibit Rex Glorae Capital Campaign

Minimum goal: \$2,500,000
Pledged & gifted to date
\$2,329,186

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Mass Schedule

Sundays	7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (High), 5:30 p.m. Rosary 20 minutes before each Sunday Mass
Mon., Wed., Fri.	6:30 a.m.
Tues., Thurs.	7:00 p.m.
Saturdays	7:30 a.m.

Adoration Wednesday, 6-8 p.m.

Confession 30 minutes before each Mass; ends 5 minutes before Mass starts

Vespers Sundays after the 5:30 p.m. Mass