

July 14, 2019, Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

From the Pastor

The Parables of the Lost Sheep and Coin, Conclusion

When we sin, God comes looking for us. He does not wait for us to call Him, but comes like the shepherd to find the lost sheep. God takes the initiative and any steps we may take to return to Him are prompted by His grace. God wants us to be in heaven and He spontaneously seeks after us.



God is also persistent in seeking us. The woman looking for her coin turns her house inside out looking in every cupboard and corner, even though the coin could not have fallen there. She is diligent in her search. God makes a diligent search for us also. He uses countless means to reach us, be it through family, friends, coworkers, customers or even strangers. He might use sickness, an accident, our daily toils and difficulties to shake us up. God is actively, intelligently, zealously trying to win the sinner to purity and love.

Our Lord reached out to sinners during His public life to lead them to conversion. He did not condemn the woman at the well for having several husbands in her life and nor did He condemn the woman caught in adultery; rather, He is forgiving and loving. The women also wanted forgiveness and were saved because of their encounters with our Lord. When we encounter sinners, do we immediately bring condemnation upon them or do we try to lead them gently to conversion? God continues His loving work today through His Church and through human instruments. We must be humble to be good instruments for Him.

There is great rejoicing when a sinner does return, more than over those who need no repentance. Why is this? The effort to bring about a conversion is greater and time is in suspense until the sinner returns. When the sinner returns, the gain is clear and the heart rejoices. The value of the unfallen, the ones who remained faithful, is intrinsically greater than the value of the redeemed. The joy, however, is proportioned not by the value of the article, but by the anxiety that was spent. The 99 are worth more than the lost one, the jar full of coins is worth more than the one that was lost, but having found the sheep or the lost coin, the joy is greater. When love is truly returned, there is great joy. The sinner coming back to life will cause great joy. We must keep in mind that our efforts at conversion will give great joy to God and He will, in turn, bless us and embrace us with His grace.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP

Introibit Rex Gloriam Capital Campaign

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

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.

Fr. Kodet will be at the FSSP Mission in Peru, leaving July 18 and returning Aug. 2.

There will be no private Masses during his absence.

Please pray for him to have a safe and holy trip!

TODAY:

~ Second collection for St. Vincent de Paul.

~ Youth Group meets in large room after the 10 a.m. Mass.

~ "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.

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

Fri., July 19, 7-9 p.m., Men's Recollection. Holy Hour, confession, spiritual conference. Open to all men.

Breakfast Tacos for Sale!

Sunday, July 21,
after the morning Masses.

Sponsored by the KC for church organ repairs.

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Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

July 14 – 20, 2019

Sun., 7/14, Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

7:30 a.m., Mark Medlenka Family

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., Mary Kathryn Manthei

Mon., 7/15, St. Henry the Emperor

6:30 a.m., John Bosshard

* 8:00 a.m., Private intentions

Tues., 7/16, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

* 6:30 a.m., Private intention

7:00 p.m., Reparation for sins that most offend God

Wed., 7/17, St. Alexis

6:30 a.m., Francis Truong †

* 8:00 a.m., Private intention

Thurs., 7/18, St. Camillus de Lellis

* 6:30 a.m., Private intention

7:00 p.m., Francis Truong †

Fri., 7/19, St. Vincent de Paul

6:30 a.m., Francis Truong †

Sat., 7/20, St. Jerome Emiliani

* 6:30 a.m., Cancelled

7:30 a.m., Peter Nguyen †

* 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

St. Joseph Hour for Holiness for men over 18 years struggling with sins against the 6th and 9th Commandments. Call Fr. Van Vliet, 713-775-2343.

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.

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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