

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 11, 2016

The Story and You Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

I recently listened to an audio recording of what must be the funniest book in the English language, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. Why is all the great literature of the world wasted on ten-year-olds? I didn't get it then, but now, of course, I gasp at Mark Twain's brilliance as he gnashes away at the ignorance and racism of his time, the satire masquerading as conversations between Huck and Jim, the runaway slave.

You can find that same kind of indictment of the status quo if you carefully read today's iconic gospel. There are three stories of lost-and-found, three happy endings (sort of), and three chances for us to shake our heads and say, "Is there a deeper message hiding behind the surface?"

Because, really, what shepherd WOULD leave ninety-nine sheep in the desert in order to recover one lost sheep? His master could have him thrown in prison for such recklessness. And would a woman really gather all her friends to rejoice with her because she found one lost coin from a stack of ten?

I think it's Jewish satire. The audience knows that the first two stories are the warm-up for the real story, the one that will pierce their hearts with its relevance to their own family situations, the one that will make them gasp when the father picks up his robe and RUNS LIKE A GIRL to gather his lost son into his arms again. And here's where St. Luke shows himself the master satirist. The Pharisees listening to these stories of conversion and joyful return just shake their heads. Meanwhile, the tax collectors and sinners storm the door and sit down to dinner with Jesus.

What recent experience have you had of the joy of being reconciled?

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La Historia y Usted: Vigésimo-Cuarto Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario
Recientemente escuché una grabación en audio de lo que debe ser el libro más chistoso del idioma inglés, *Las Aventuras de Huckleberry Finn*. ¿Por qué desperdiciar la gran literatura del mundo en niños de 10 años? No lo entendía antes, pero ahora, claro que me percaté de lo brillante que era Mark Twain al atacar la ignorancia y el racismo de su tiempo, disfrazando la sátira en las conversaciones entre Huck y Jim, el esclavo que se escapó. Puedes encontrar ese mismo tipo de crítica acerca del estado en que se encuentran las cosas en la actualidad si lees cuidadosamente el emblemático evangelio de hoy. Hay tres historias de perdido y encontrado, tres finales felices (en lo que cabe), y tres oportunidades para que nosotros sacudamos las cabezas y digamos: -¿Existirá un mensaje escondido detrás de la superficie?-

Porque, en serio ¿Qué pastor DEJARÍA noventa y nueve ovejas en el desierto para ir a recobrar una perdida? Su jefe lo podría meter en la cárcel por tal comportamiento irresponsable. ¿Y una mujer realmente juntaría a todas sus amigas para que se alegraran con ella por haber recuperado una moneda perdida de un saco de diez?

Yo creo que esto es sátira judía. La audiencia sabe que las primeras dos historias son el calentamiento para la historia real, la que atravesará sus corazones con la relevancia de sus propias situaciones familiares, la que los hará quedarse sin aliento cuando el padre se levante la túnica y CORRA COMO UNA CHICA a tomar a su hijo perdido entre sus brazos otra vez.

Y aquí es cuando San Lucas se muestra el maestro de la sátira. Los fariseos que escuchaban estas historias de conversión y regresos gozosos sacuden sus cabezas. Entretanto, los cobradores de impuestos y los pecadores irrumpen por la puerta para sentarse a cenar con Jesús.

¿qué experiencias recientes has tenido de sentir el gozo de estar reconciliado?

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Around the Parish and the Community

FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

- *Sep 11 Orientation Meeting – Important information regarding program will be discussed*
- *Sep 13 Parent Meeting for Confirm Gr. 6-8*
- *Sep 18 10:15 am Classes begin Grades K-8*
- *Sep 20 6:30 – 8:00 pm Confirmation Classes Gr. 6-8*
- *Sep 25 10:15 am Children's RE Classes*

If your child will be preparing for sacraments this year, please be sure to provide a copy of his/her baptismal certificate. No student will be able to begin preparation until we receive their baptism record!

FIRST COMMUNION

If you have a student who has been in preparation for First Eucharist for the 2015-2016 school year, please remember to call Laurie at the parish office to schedule a brief interview prior to scheduling a date for 1st Communion. 1st Communion can be celebrated at any of the weekend Masses at your convenience, but please select a couple of dates since there are a number of families who will be scheduling Baptisms and First Communions.

BAPTISM CLASS

Our next baptism class will be on Sunday, October 16, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. We will be implementing a new format for our classes, but the cost is still \$20 per family. Please contact Laurie at the parish office to register.

SECRETS OF SCRIPTURE resumes on Sunday, September 18 at 10:15 am. Please stop by and join us for conversation and prayer with the Sunday readings. Coffee and tea are always served!

BAPTISM

Please pray for the following individuals who join our faith community through the sacrament of Baptism this weekend:

**Josefina Hernandez
Annabelle Barrientos Vasquez**

Please keep our newest members and their families in prayer as they continue to journey with us in faith!

FLOCKNOTE

Have you signed up for Flocknote yet? For those of you who don't know, Flocknote is a communication tool we will be using to keep our parishioners informed of what is happening in our church. There are a couple of ways to sign up—you can text to join using your cell phone and texting SRL to the short number 84576, or you can sign up on the homepage of our website. When using text to join, you will be sent a link to click, which will then prompt you to add your name and email address. Once you have done that, it will then prompt you to select the groups you wish to receive information from, and that's it! You're all done! From that point on, you will be set to receive messages from the parish or one of the groups to keep you "in the know." The process is much the same when you sign up online, except you don't get a link. Please call Laurie at the parish office if you need help or if you have questions.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	September 10
4:00 pm	+Tammy Rivera by Family
Sunday	September 11
9am	+Amarante Sandoval by John & Donna Lucero
	+Stephany Nuncio
	+Guillermo Valvia
	+Jesús Valvia by Irma Nuncio
11:30am	People of the Parish
Monday	September 12
8:30am	Communion service
Tuesday	September 13
8:15am	+Frances Carrigan by family
Wednesday	September 14
8:30am	+Raymond Johnson by Sharon Kissell
Thursday	September 15
8:30am	+Frank Gasnick by family
Friday	September 16
8:30am	+Georgia Coyne by family
Saturday	September 17
4 pm	+Mary Smice by Smice Family
Sunday	September 18
9am	+Warren Foote by Virginia Foote +John Lee Casias by Elaine Casias
11:30am	People of the Parish

Readings for the week of September 11, 2016

Sunday Ex 32: 7-11, 13-14//1 Tm 1: 12-17//Lk 15: 1-32

Monday 1 Cor 11: 17-26, 33//Lk 7: 1-10

Tuesday 1 Cor 12: 12-14, 27-31a//Lk 7: 11-17

Wednesday Nm 21: 4b-9//Phil 2: 6-11//Jn 3: 13-17

Thursday 1 Cor 15: 1-11//Jn 19: 25-27

Friday 1 Cor 15: 12-20//Lk 8: 1-3

Saturday 1 Cor 14: 35-37, 42-49//Lk 8: 4-15

Don't forget to start all your online shopping at smile.amazon.com. Each purchase brings a 1% rebate to the parish. It may not sound like much, but it all adds up!

OUCH !!!—time for your annual flu shot! Kathleen Drozda from Tri-County will be here for free flu shots on Wednesday, October 5, from 3pm to 4:30pm. These are new times to help accommodate more people. Make plans to join us for OUCH !!!

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish—

John Erger, Lianna Colmenero, Jesús Rubio, Charles Onofrio, Ruth Ann Deering, Bionne Solano, Alex Gallegos, Miguel Pino, Gloria Jones, Kevin Archuleta-Peterson, Pattito Saenz, Ana Victoria, Martha Hoover, Jim Peña, Felix Maes, Isabel Guzman, Raymundo Pimentel, Deacon Jerry Kotas, Phyllis Ortega, Regan Capps, Fernando Pimentel, Gretchen Testerman, Jana Purdy

****Holy Name sponsors the Club 50 drawing. For only \$45 you will have six chances for 9 months to win \$100 or \$50. That is 54 chances to win! Talk to a Holy Name member for tickets. The first drawing is October 9.**

Community Ministry needs—**Canned Ravioli and Tomatoes** for the month of September. You can place your donation in the basket in the entrance of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

Funeral Information—the funeral for

(+)Jack Pepler is as follows:

Rosary—Sunday, 6pm, at St Rose of Lima Mass—Monday, 10:30am, St Rose of Lima

(+)Jack Schuster: no plans yet.

The Year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis is almost over, but there are still many people who have not heard our Lord's message of healing and forgiveness. Women and men have been wounded by the loss of their children by an abortion. HOPE & HEALING. Consider attending the Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat which addresses the soul wounds that run deep in many women and men who are suffering with the psychological or spiritual pain of abortion. These, as well as memories of condemnation, abandonment, pain, and confusion are handled with care and replaced by the healing presence, love, and mercy of Jesus Christ. The next retreat is held during the weekend of October 21-23. Deadline for the retreat is October 7. Contact Lori at 303.904.7414 or Edie at 303.775.4108

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Over the past two weeks we have all seen the historic flooding in Louisiana. As many as 60,000 homes have been damaged or destroyed. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is announcing an emergency collection to assist the victims of the 2016 Louisiana floods. Saint Rose of Lima parish will send a special gift but you are encouraged to do your part as well. You can send your gift to Louisiana Flood Relief, 1300 S Steele Street, Denver CO 80210

The Catholic Foundation - - Creating a will is one of the most important ways to record and remember what matters most to you— personally, financially, and spiritually. It is an opportunity to make perhaps the most significant charitable gifts of your lifetime to strengthen Saint Rose of Lima Parish and School Endowment Fund and the Catholic Community. We are so grateful to the many who have gone before us and also those who have chosen to remember us in their wills. Saint Rose of Lima Parish and School Endowment Fund partners with The Catholic Foundation to provide for our future financial needs. Please consider making a gift or designating a bequest in your will for our fund at The Catholic Foundation. To learn more, contact Jean Finnegan at The Catholic Foundation at 303.468.9885 or visit their website at www.TheCatholicFoundation.com

