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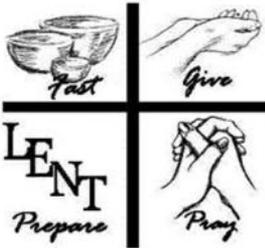
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*“God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their (our) trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us.*

**2 Corinthians 5:18**

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Joshua 5:9, 10-12

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you." While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated the Passover on the evening of the fourteenth of the month. On the day after the Passover, they ate of the produce of the land in the form of unleavened cakes and parched grain. On that same day after the Passover, on which they ate of the produce of the land, the manna ceased. No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan

**Responsorial Psalm: PS PS 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7**

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.

Let my soul glory in the LORD;  
the lowly will hear me and be glad.

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

Glorify the LORD with me,  
let us together extol his name.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy,  
and your faces may not blush with shame.

When the poor one called out, the LORD heard,  
and from all his distress he saved him.

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Brothers and sisters: Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

**Verse before the Gospel:**

I will get up and go to my Father and shall say to him:  
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

## Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

† Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So to them Jesus addressed this parable: “A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, ‘Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.’ So the father divided the property between them.

After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to



his senses he thought, ‘How many of my father’s hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers.”’ So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.’ But his father ordered his servants, ‘Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.’ Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing.

He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, ‘Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’ He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, ‘Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.’ He said to him, ‘My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.’”

**FOR REFLECTION:** Today’s Gospel gives us the parable of the Prodigal Son. This parable has been called the greatest short story ever written. No matter how often we read it, or hear it, we cannot help but be deeply moved. In my today’s reflection I would like to focus on two personalities in this parable: the prodigal (younger) son and the father. Let us begin with the youngest son.

A certain man had two sons. The elder boy was a very hard, conscientious worker. The younger boy was a day dreamer. He loved to sit out in the front of the house and watch the caravans go by to the fabulous cities of the far-east. He was tired of the monotony of the same fields, the same flocks, the same daily duties.

He thought of himself: my youth is passing away in this village without anything that can make me exited. I am tied to this place; I have to obey all these rules of my father that I do not either understand. Filled with self-pity he goes to his father and asks for his share of the inheritance. He wants to start his own independent life-different than this one he already has.

We can well imagine the sorrow of the father, as he reluctantly gives his son the inheritance. And so the young man sets out on his way to the big city. A country boy with a lot of money does not have a hard time finding friends who will help him spend this money. So he begins to “live it up.” Before too long his money runs out. He soon discovers that with his money go his friends.

He’s not the big hero anymore, he is just another bum. At this time a famine hits the country and he finds himself in want. Knowing nothing but farming, he hires himself out to one of the farmers of the place, who puts him out in the pigsty to feed the pigs. Let us now picture to ourselves this young man, alone, hungry, penniless, far from home. I think this is the picture of every sinner, of everyone of us when we run away from God!

There are not many visitors to a pigsty, so this young man has a lot of time to think. His thoughts go back to his home, his father, his brother, the happiness he once had. He goes home. As he turns the last bend in the road, the father who has been waiting all this time for him, sees him coming down the road. He runs down the road, embraces his son and kisses him. The father shouts orders to the servants. “Bring out the best robe and clothe him with it, put a ring on his hand, shoes on his feet, kill the fatted calf. Let us celebrate, for this my son was dead and has come back to life again, was lost and is found.”

Isn’t that the story of me and you? Isn’t that the story of every one of us? How many times have we left the “bread” of our Heavenly Father’s house, rules of our faith for something that seemed to be better for us but it wasn’t? And how many times have we come back and received from our Father in heaven the same welcome as this young man? 70 x 7 times?

But the parable does not end with the return of the prodigal son. It is also about the father. I think this parable is more about the father’s unconditional love than the sins of his son. It is about our heavenly Father. It is all about the fidelity of the love of God. It is all about the divine mercy. One of the most startling images of God the Father in all of the Sacred Scriptures is the image of the Running Father. This is because during Jesus’ time, running is not something a father, a head of a household does. A person of high importance does not run; others run to him to serve him or run from him to carry out his orders. For such a person, to run would mean throwing away his dignity. In this parable Jesus teaches us that God the Father loves us unconditionally with a love we can never earn or be worthy of. He is not ashamed of us. He loves us with our strengths as well as our weaknesses. We would not always meet success and we are not exempted from tasting defeat, sorrow, anguish, disappointments, sickness and depression. We cannot escape misunderstanding, rejection, and irritation. But Jesus assures us that even in all of these, his Father’s love is strong enough to sustain us.

In all our troubles let us always remember that God’s love is constant and that He loves us not because of what we are but because of Who He is.

God loves us unconditionally, totally and without reservation.

Let us remember that He is always waiting for us (even running to us) ready to forgive us, to give us a worm hug and to say to us: My child I am happy to have you back home. I love you. In all our troubles, let us remember the picture of the Running Father.

## Parish News

- **Today's Mass Intention:** For Mark Calo. Req. by Kathy and Family.
  - **Coffee Hour :** Kathy and Family.
  - **Next Sunday Mass intention:** For Byers and Martel Families. Req. by Peter Byers.
  - **Coffee Hour:** (Passion Sunday Breakfast).
  - **Today there will be a collection for the Mission Fund following mass.**
  - **Choir rehearsal Monday 9am. Thank you.**
  - **Monthly Parish Committee Meeting** will be held Tuesday, March 8th, at 6pm.
  - **Ecumenical Lenten Service at our Parish** will be held on Thursday, March 10th. All parishioners are invited and asked to bake. It will be a good opportunity to all of us to talk about our faith and our parish to others. Please find time and join us for common prayer.
- There are no Station of the Cross this Friday!** Because of our Ecumenical Service on Thursday we will not be having Stations on Friday. Here is a link to the First Station of the Cross nicely done by Catholic.org - it is a 2-3 minute meditation and I hope you enjoy it: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cuc1Xaz6Rdl&index=6&list=PL58g24NgWPIxIOD1VXDei9TngqVR-ITj>
- **Ladies Sodality dues for 2016 is \$5. Please see Sally. Thank you.**
  - **Annual Passion Sunday breakfast** will be held on Sunday, March 13th, following mass. You can't miss it!
  - **The Ladies are collecting items for an 'Easter Goodie Basket'** for the Providence Street Firemen. Please leave your donation in the basket in the vestibule. Thank you!
  - **Meal in the Upper Room Service.** The Faithful of the Northeast Seniorate are invited to join the Blessed Trinity Parish in Fall River, MA, for a Meal in the Upper Room Service on Passion Sunday - March 13, beginning at 4:30 in the afternoon. This is a special meal during which we commemorate the Last Supper that our Lord shared with his apostles on the night before his crucifixion. Registration no later than Wednesday – March 9. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this Meal/Service please ask Fr. Henryk.
  - **Pray for comfort, and healing for our sick Parishioners, Relatives and Friends:** Robert Jones, Barbara Rutka, Mitch Sherman, Mary Bibeault, Roy Watson, Fred Baker, Beatrice Bielat, Julia Hutnak, Phyllis Zielonka, Mary Stefanick, Evelyn Tenczar, Edna Nawrocki, Katherine Kirk, George Giguere, Fr. Jan Wilczek.

In Loving Memory of Our Grandparents and Uncle  
**LAWRENCE&JOSIE KUREK & L. MICHAEL KUREK**  
Chris, Nicole, Jeff, Charlotte, Tom, Kerri,  
Elizabeth, Christopher, Matthew. Eric, Jacob & Michael- Great Grandchildren

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Son, Eddie

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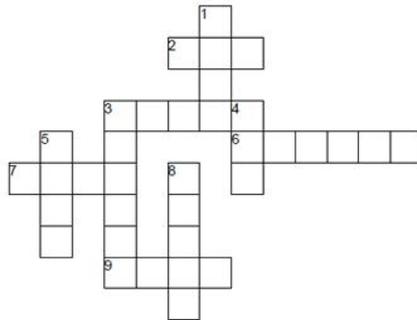
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William & Alison Abramek & Family

# The Parable of the Lost Son



So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. Luke 15:20 (NLT)

The puzzle is based on Luke 15:11-32



## ACROSS

2. Farm animals with pink, brown, or black skin, short legs, and a flat nose.
3. A large special meal to celebrate something or honor someone.
6. A large amount of money and other valuable possessions.
7. To not be able to be found. (I \_\_\_\_ my dog.)
9. A piece of jewelry, generally made of precious metal and worn on the finger.

## DOWN

1. To touch or press your lips against another person as a greeting or to express love.
3. A male parent.
4. The number that is equal to one plus one.
5. Your male children.
8. When something which was lost has been relocated. (I \_\_\_\_ my dog).

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FEAST

KISS  
FOUND

RING  
LOST

WEALTH  
PIG

FATHER  
SONS

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**Next Sunday Readings: Isaiah 43:16-21,  
Philippians 3:8-14, John 8:1-11**

**Our Saviour's Parish Schedule:**  
**SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING - Sunday-9:00 AM**  
**HOLY MASS - Every Sunday-10:00 AM**  
**COFFEE HOUR – Sunday-11:00 AM**  
**SICK CALLS – Anytime-day or night**  
**BAPTISMS -By Appointment**  
**NEW PARISHIONERS- Call Rectory**