



Filled with Compassion

Too many people think of God only as one who is offended when we make a mistake and who is ready to exact punishment for that offense. The three stories in today's Gospel passage tell a different story. They tell how, when we make a mistake, God runs after us to bring us back. The description "filled with compassion" (Luke 15:20), which describes the sentiments of the Samaritan, is really a description of God.

In Hebrew, compassion or mercy comes from the word for "womb," and it describes the intimate bond between a woman and the life in her womb. Though the Greek word in the New Testament is not related to womb, it does mean deep inner sentiment. The word conveys the deep sentiment the Samaritan felt for a perfect stranger, the deep sentiment of the distraught father with his prodigal son, the deep sentiment of God for every one of us.

These three Gospel stories highlight another important point: The compassion was not a response to repentance. The lost sheep, the negligent woman, and the wayward son were all somehow responsible for their predicaments, but nothing was held against them. Nor did they have to correct their error before the situation was corrected. None of this mattered. This was Jesus' way of saying that God's compassion is there even before we ask for it, because compassion or mercy is not simply an act; it is the intimate and lasting love that God has for us.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ✦ Reflect on this passage from Isaiah 49:15:
"Can a mother forget...the child of her womb?"
- ✦ Where might you show compassion to others?

[Jesus said,] "...There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance."

LUKE 15:7



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Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of September 12, 2022

Monday	9/12			+ No Mass
Tuesday	9/13	8:00 am	STM	+ No Mass
Wednesday	9/14	5:30 pm	HT (Rosary before mass)	+ No Mass
Thursday	9/15	9:00 am	HT	+ No Mass
Friday	9/16	8:00 am	STM	+ No Mass

Mass Intentions for the weekend of September 17-18, 2022

Saturday	9/17	4:00 pm	St. Thomas More	+ Dennis & Lori Domkuski
Sunday	9/18	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	+ Norma Templeton
		10:30 am	St. Patrick	+ Virginia Lucas
		5:00 pm	St. Thomas More	+ For the Parishioners



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

Eucharistic Revival

As Catholics, we believe that the Eucharist is the 'source and summit of the Christian life' in that the Eucharist is the culmination of God's saving actions in Jesus Christ and of our worship and union with Him who leads us to the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. All the other sacraments are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it.

As the Eucharistic Revival continues across the country and our Diocese, we wanted to share with you some updates and some news regarding the Revival:

The Diocese of Peoria is asking pastors to select two parishioners who will be local contacts and the beginnings of a Parish Committee for the Eucharistic Revival. They will be invited to a Eucharistic Encounter on Saturday, October 29th in Peoria. Mass will begin at 11:00am at the Cathedral and then the Encounter will continue with lunch and talks.

Any related expense will be reimbursed by our churches.

"GROWING DISCIPLES" is the theme
for this year's **ADA CAMPAIGN**

The annual Diocesan Appeal is the yearly campaign that supports all the work that Christ has asked us to do in serving our fellow man here in the Diocese of Peoria. It includes ministries that bring comfort to our seniors, food and shelter to those in need, education to all who desire to join the Catholic Faith, training to our young seminarians, Pre-Cana for engaged couples, adult faith formation, and importantly, leadership in our schools so that the next generation will carry on the Catholic Faith that we so lovingly cherish. Every parishioner is prayerfully asked for financial support. As you think about your donation for this year, we would like to thank you for your continued support with our ADA goal, especially this past ADA campaign which was a huge success.

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**PRIESTS'
RETREATS**

Daily Masses

Father Thaddeus will be on a Retreat next week, Sept 12 - 16. There will be no daily masses.



Sun, Sept 11th ~ Registration
Sun, Sept 18th for K-4th grade
Sun Sept 25th for 5th-8th grade

Classes are alternating Sundays at
Cherry Church Hall from
9:30 am — 10:30 am
Contact the church to register.

You're Invited to:

Parish of the Nativity of Our Lord Luncheon
Held in the Parish Hall at
510 Richard A Mautino Drive, Spring Valley IL
Thursday, September 29, 2022
11:00 am—1:00 pm
Cost—\$10.00

LATEST OFFERING'S

WEEKEND SEPT 4TH

HT— \$1441.00
SP— \$681.00
STM— \$1256.75



In order to stay compliant with diocesan guidelines, STM needs more money counters on Sunday or Monday. Contact Julie to volunteer.

CONFESSIONS

CONFESSIONS ON
SAT, SEPT 17TH
ARE CANCELLED. THE NEXT
CONFESSIONS WILL BE SAT,
SEPT 24TH 10:30-11:15 AT
ST PATRICK IN THE CHAPEL

Dear Padre,

My child's godparents make no attempt to build a special relationship with her. I've talked to them about it, but it didn't help. Can I replace them?

When my niece, Hayley, was five, she asked me to be her "step-godfather" because she didn't know who her godfather was. The family friend my sister invited to be Haley's godfather has moved out of state and seems to have forgotten that Haley is his godchild.

Godparents have responsibilities beyond baptism day. The Code of Canon Law says a godparent also "helps the baptized person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it" (872). A godparent should be present for the child's first Communion and encourage the child to live a Christian life as he or she grows older.

While neglectful godparents may not be replaced, parents are not limited to asking only two godparents to help their child grow in the faith.

"The whole ecclesial community bears some responsibility for the development and safeguarding of the grace given at baptism" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1255). Parents can and should ask others to help support their child's

faith development as he or she grows up: a teacher, a grandparent, or a friend in the town where your child has gone away to college. After all, children are baptized into a community of believers, and we all have the responsibility to help children—and one another—lead Christian lives.



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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Your children will receive their Christian identity today. And you, parents and godparents, must safeguard this identity. This is your task throughout your lifetime: to protect the Christian identity of your children. It is a daily commitment: to make them grow with the light they will receive today.

ADMINISTRATION OF BAPTISM, JANUARY 9, 2022

Calendar

Monday

SEPTEMBER 12

Weekday

1 Cor 11:17–26, 33

Lk 7:1–10

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 13

St. John Chrysostom,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church

1 Cor 12:12–14, 27–31a

Lk 7:11–17

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 14

Exaltation of the
Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b–9

Phil 2:6–11

Jn 3:13–17

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Cor 15:1–11

Jn 19:25–27 or

Lk 2:33–35

Friday

SEPTEMBER 16

Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and
Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

1 Cor 15:12–20

Lk 8:1–3

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 17

Weekday

1 Cor 15:35–37, 42–49

Lk 8:4–15

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 18

Twenty-fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Am 8:4–7

1 Tm 2:1–8

Lk 16:1–13 or 16:10–13