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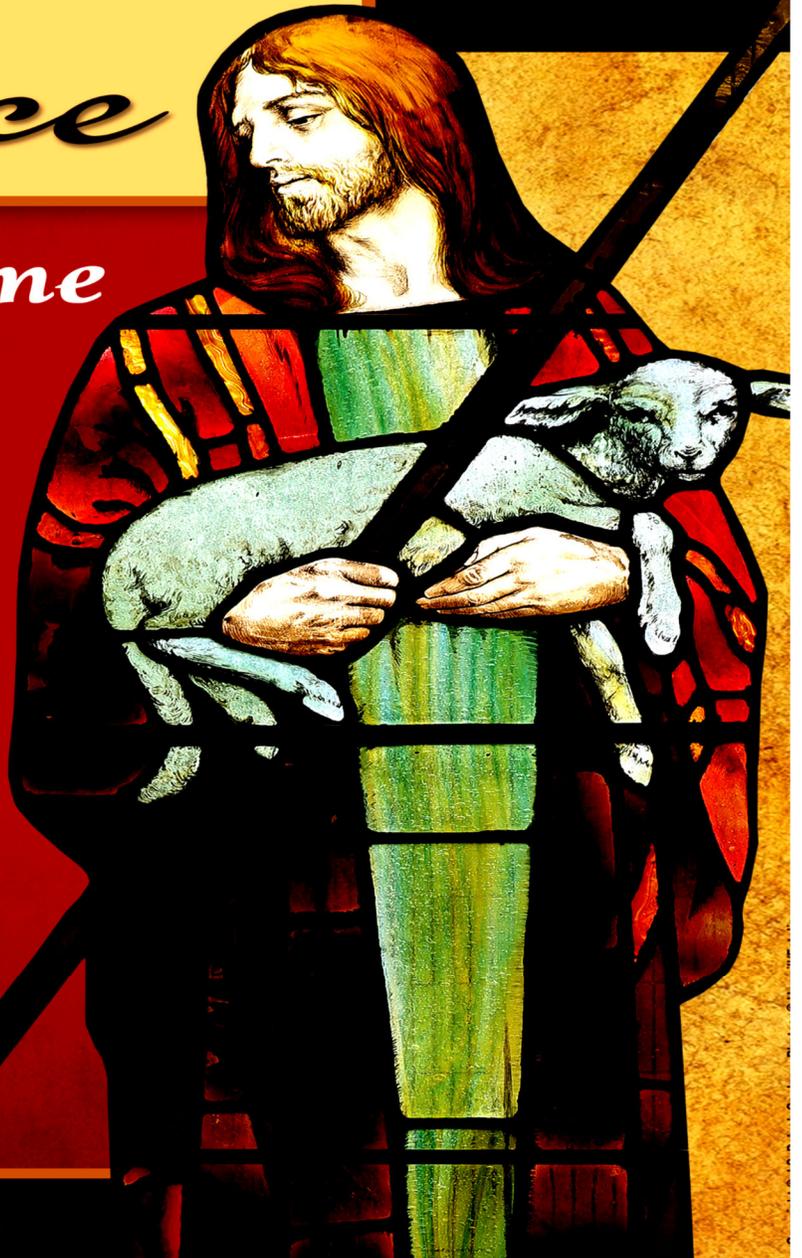
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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

“*Rejoice*

*with me
because I
have found
my lost
sheep.*”

Luke 15:6



SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

Mass Times

Mon-Fri: 7:00 & 8:30 am

Saturday: 8:30 am

Wednesday: 7:00 pm in Spanish

Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm in English

7:00 pm in Spanish

Sunday

6:45 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am 11:00 am
and 6:00 pm and 12:30 pm in Spanish

Sign Language 1st Sunday 11:00 am

Vietnamese Mass 4th Sunday 3:30 pm

Confession

Saturday in the Church

9:00 am and 3:45 pm English

6:15 pm Spanish

1st & 3rd Wednesdays

2:30 pm in the Convent Chapel

Anointing of the Sick

Every 1st Saturday after the 8:30 am

Mass or by appointment: 925-447-1585

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

24/7 in the Chapel. For after hours
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Reflect &

Lost and Found By Opening the Word

First Reading

Because Moses interceded, the LORD relented and did not punish the people (Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14).

Moses Maimonides, a twelfth century philosopher and rabbi, points to the incident of the golden calf as a turning point in the life of Israel. The Egyptians and Canaanites worshiped bull or calf deities as symbols of fertility, wealth, and power. Yahweh, on the other hand, had just led the Jewish people out of Egypt, demonstrating not merely a power in nature but the Power behind nature. Yahweh had demonstrated that he was the God of gods in the clearest way possible by defeating the powerful gods of Egypt.

But, cast into doubt by Moses' long absence on Mount Sinai, the people had Aaron form the likeness of a calf as an object of worship. Despite all that God had done for them, they fell back on the comfortable patterns of their former lives in Egyptian slavery. Ironically, Yahweh seems to have in effect said, "If you want to live like slaves you will, but you'll be slaves to a law that Moses will give you rather than to the gods of Egypt." We sometimes fall into the same temptations as Israel. We fail in faith and start to rely on our own power or the power that we can derive from nature rather than to give ourselves in loving trust to God. He has saved us before and will do so again, as long as we don't give ourselves over to the worship of created things; to do so only leads to slavery.

Second Reading

Paul expresses his gratitude for being appointed to the ministry (1 Timothy 1:12-17).

In this reading, St. Paul exemplifies the necessity of our depending not on our own power but on the mercy of God. Paul's fierce loyalty to the law and the God of the law had led him to reject the claims of Christ. Paul wasn't seeking Christ but Christ found him. He blinded Paul for a time so that he might see in a new way when he received the Gospel.

It's vital we remember that Israel proved time and time again to be unworthy of the task God set before her. Paul, likewise, protests that despite the task that has been set out for him, he's the worst of sinners. We, too, have received our salvation and faith without any merit on our part. Despite our sin, we've been chosen, grafted onto Israel. Israel is rightly proud of its irrevocable status as the chosen people; we're rightly proud of all of the wonderful things that we've been given as Catholics. We fall into blindness, however, when we begin to think that any of that which we're proud of is ours by right and not by grace. When we fail to give glory to God for his gifts, we also fail in being "an example to those who would later have faith in him and gain everlasting life." The best example we can offer is that of mercy at work in us.

Gospel

There is great rejoicing in heaven when a sinner repents (Luke 15:1-32 [1-10]).

There's good reason to believe that Luke uses this story as a parable of the eventual offer of salvation to the Gentiles. In his Gospel, he shows a dual interest in telling the Jewish story and the world story. The parable of the prodigal son is told to an audience of Pharisees but with tax collectors and sinners gathered around as well. Jesus first tells two stories about one lost sheep and one lost silver piece. Then Jesus proposes the story of a father

Discuss

who had two sons, one of them the prodigal. If a sheep or a coin are worth the struggle to save it, certainly a human soul—a son’s soul—is worth the same.

Indeed the prodigal leaves the family and thereby falls into the position of a servant, the same as that of someone who’s dead or outside the covenant family of Israel. Despite the servant status he has earned himself outside of the covenant family, the father welcomes the prodigal son back to the covenant family life. The parable suggests that whether one is a member of the covenant family of Israel who has fallen out of the covenant or one who’s beyond the reach of the covenant promises made to Israel, as is the case with the Gentiles, there’s the same kind of joy before the angels of God over one repentant sinner (see Luke 15:10).

For Meditation & Discussion

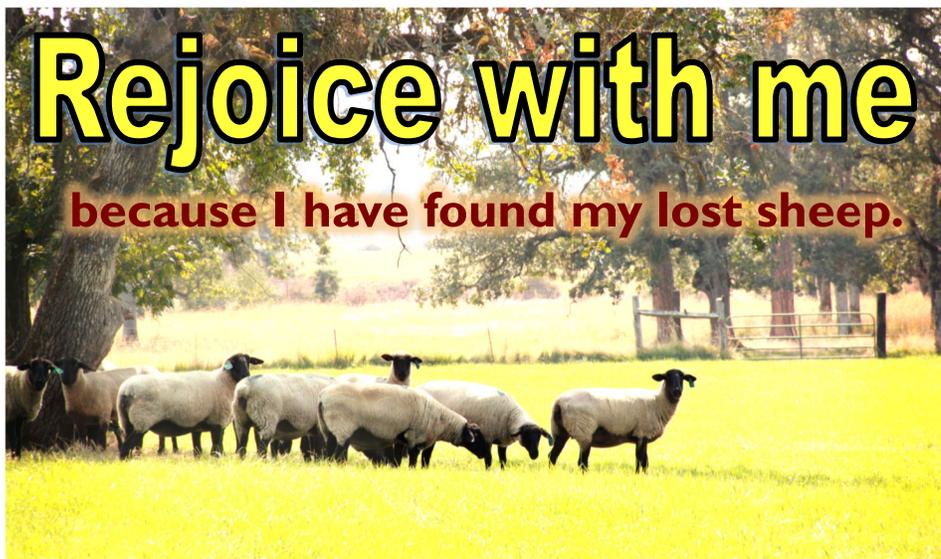
Most of us can relate to the image Jesus is trying to paint in the Gospel reading. He pursues us when we are lost. And like the widow searching for that lost coin, sometimes that involves diligent searching and searching, turning the whole house upside down in the process. For some of us, God has searched

us and pursued us with great diligence. In what ways has God pursued you while you were away from him? How has God been like a good shepherd who found you and returned you to the fold?

Seeing God’s incredible mercy in our own lives is what motivates us with love and compassion to see others. For a disciple, we are not only meant to experience God’s search for us until we are found, we are meant to share his heart for others.

How is God inviting you to share his heart in your own life? Have you seen people in your life that God has given you a desire to see “found”?

Opening the Word offers prayers and insights for the Sunday Scriptural lessons. Featuring videos designed to facilitate thought and discussion for faith formation, Personal Prayer Journals and a Group Leader’s Guide, Opening the Word helps you to make the most of the Sunday readings. Opening the Word is one of many programs available at Formed.org.



Sunday Readings 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 11, 2016

First Reading -- Because Moses interceded, the LORD relented and did not punish the people (Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14).

Psalm -- I will rise and go to my father (Psalm 51).

Second Reading -- Paul expresses his gratitude for being appointed to the ministry (1 Timothy 1:12-17).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15

Saints and Special Observances

Monday: The Most Holy Name of Mary

Tuesday: St. John Chrysostom

Wednesday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Thursday: Our Lady of Sorrows

Friday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian

Saturday: St. Robert Bellarmine; Blessed Virgin Mary

Prayers

Pray for Our Parish

In thanksgiving for those who have returned to the faith after a time away.

In thanksgiving for those who have received Christ's love and mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

For all those who are in sacrament preparation classes: couples preparing for marriage, parents preparing for their child's Baptism, children preparing for First Communion, teens preparing for Confirmation, and adults preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion.

For the adults who have been "found" and will register to join a Bible Study group.

For all those who do not yet know Christ, that may receive an awareness of the Good Shepherd who is seeking them.

For our new evangelization ministry at St Michael's that is in the early stages of formation.

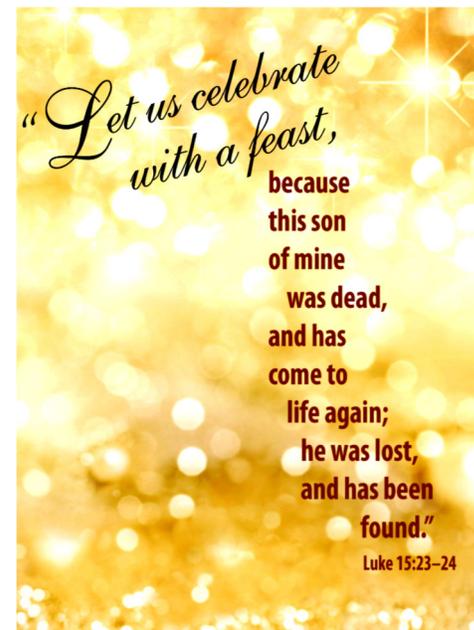
For our new sister in residence, Sr Childiebere Onyewuchi, Holy Family Missionaries of Mercy, whose mission is to minister to those in prison.

For our clergy, staff, ministry leaders and school staff and teachers, that they may be continually blessed with the graces necessary for seeking the lost.

Remembrance of 9/11

Our national memory will keep this day holy for generations to come, as we remember the innocent dead. Our memories of the attack on our nation are intertwined with memories of how we human beings are natural symbol-makers. In one parish, as a candlelight vigil ended, the assembly, without being instructed, took their candles and stood shoulder to shoulder, down the steps and along the city streets for a quarter mile. Slowly, people came out of their houses bearing tapers and candles. In the first hours of crisis, we stood vigil, we prayed from the heart, and we celebrated the human ability to draw light out of terrible darkness.

Stories of that terrible day necessarily



drift to tales of heroism, courage, dignity, faith, solidarity, hope, community. The church learned long ago through hard experience that "the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church." Perhaps the victims of 9/11 have gifts to bring that we are only just discovering as believers in a just and loving God. They are teaching us still, and today is a day for lighting candles at the table and being silent for a moment before the abundance of God's gifts. Today reminds us that we are capable of acts of indescribable beauty even in the face of great evil.

Send prayer requests to:
Prayers@StMichaelLivermore.com

Mass Intentions

Saturday 9/10

8:30am Ramiro Resendiz †
5:00pm Tri Nguyen †
7:00pm Leonides Morales and
Jose Avina

Sunday 9/11

6:45am Juergen Bunschus
8:00am Fely Flores †
9:30am Harry and Steven Kraft †
11:00am Antony Pham Van Hoi †
12:30pm Pedro Franco †
6:00pm Jose Garay, Sr. †

Monday 9/12

7:00am Thomas Sheehan †
8:30am Mikey Kalchik

Tuesday 9/13

7:00am Hector Hernandez †
8:30am Arnado B. Gorospe

Wednesday 9/14

7:00am James Halter †
8:30am Carolos Santos, Jr. †
7:00pm Ronald Moore and father †

Thursday 9/15

7:00am Fr Ralph Zimmerman
8:30am Andreas Mandelenis

Friday 9/16

7:00am Janice Alvarez †
8:30am Frederich G Zamora and
Valentin & Germana Buendia †

Saturday 9/15

8:30am Richard Boerger †
5:00pm Juana Guzman †
7:00pm Ruben Gonzalez

Bible Study

The Church "forcefully and specifically exhorts all the Christian faithful. . . to learn the surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ, by frequent reading of the divine Scriptures. Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.

Catechism of the Catholic Church #133

Register to Join a Small Group Bible Study Today

As we see in the Gospels, Jesus taught His disciples in small groups. Although He could have preached to millions at a time, He chose a small group to teach, prepare, and empower His closest followers for ministry. He calls us all to discipleship in the same way.

We have available fantastic study programs by Ascension Press that use Jesus' model for learning, by gathering people into small groups. The video lectures beautifully lay out content and teaching, but it is in the small group that participants make it part of their lives by engaging in a discussion of pertinent questions and learning from one another.

Small groups of 4-8 people meet in group members' homes on days and times that work best for them. Each participant prepares for class by following homework assignments in their workbook. When they gather, they discuss the session's Scripture readings and watch the video lecture streaming online from any device.

Register today at the tables after Mass, or online at StMichaelLivermore.com. Participants will be assigned to groups this week, and a "Getting Started" meeting will be held on September 17 at 9 am in the Convent or September 22 at 6 pm in the Convent. Support for groups is available year round. Call or text Tina Gregory at 925-961-7231 with questions.

Collection Report

8/21/16 Collection: \$13,394.23

8/28/16 Collection: \$15,170.72

Weekly Average: \$21,337.48

Maintenance to Date: \$44,266.29

Faith Direct for August - \$10,744.00

Thank you for your generous offerings for the operation costs of our parish. Our bare minimum amount to function is about \$22,000 per week.

To set up regular offerings, please call 92-447-1585 x 10.

Music Ministry News

Welcome back to our Chamber Choir at 11:00 am and Lifeteen Choir at 6:00 pm today! New members are always welcome to join either group! The time commitment varies, but is generally no more than 3 hours per week, including rehearsal and Mass. The Chamber Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:30- 9:00 and the Lifeteen Choir rehearses on Sunday afternoons at 4:30 pm – both in the choir loft.

Children's Choir rehearsals begin September 19 and will sing for their first Mass on October 2 at 9:30 am. Information packets (with a calendar of dates and registration information) are available in the Parish, School and Faith Formation offices.

If you have any questions, please contact our Director of Music, JaNet Hancock at 925-292-5071 or Music@StMichaelLivermore.com



Grief Support Group **Saturday, September 17** **St Charles Borromeo**

For those who have lost a loved one, it can be healing to meet with others on the same journey. The Grief Support Group meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month in the St Ignatius room of the Keeley center from 10 am to 11:30 am. This is a safe, confidential and understanding group where you can share your experiences.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, September 17. If you are new to the group, please contact Claire La Scola, the group facilitator, at 925-447-9800 or clairelascola@gmail.com.

Memorial of St. Robert Bellarmine **Saturday, September 17**

St Bellarmine was an Italian Jesuit and a Cardinal. He was one of the most important figures in the Counter-Reformation. He ranks among the church's greatest men, illustrious for learning as well as for piety, humility, and simplicity of heart.

Getting Started Meeting for Small Groups **September 17 at 9 am or** **September 22 at 6 pm**

For those who have registered to be a Group Host for a small group, plan to attend one of the Getting Started meetings to get all the info you need, including how to choose a study, how to order workbooks and how to keep your group engaged.

Other members of your group are welcome to attend.

Contact Tina by calling or texting 925-961-7231

Watch for Your Small Group Assignment **Week of September 11**

If you registered to be in a Small Group either online or at Mass, watch your email inbox this week to see the group you have been assigned to join. If you are a group host, you will receive an email with the members of your group. Please plan to attend the "Getting Started" meeting either on September 17 at 9 am or September 22 at 6 pm in the Convent.

Call or text Tina Gregory with questions at 925-961-7231

Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary **Monday, September 12**

The church remembers that there is no such powerful help in any name, nor is there any other name given to men, after that of Jesus, from which so much salvation is poured forth upon men as from the name of Mary.

Memorial of St John Chrysostom **Tuesday, September 13**

John Chrysostom, c. 349 – 407, Archbishop of Constantinople, was an important Early Church Father. He is the patron saint of preachers and speakers.

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross **Wednesday, September 14**

We recall three historical events: the finding of the True Cross by Saint Helena; the dedication of churches on the sites of the Holy Sepulchre and Mount Calvary; and the restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem by the emperor Heraclius II. The feast also celebrates the Holy Cross as the instrument of our salvation.

Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows **Thursday, September 15**

The title, Our Lady of Sorrows, given to our Blessed Mother focuses on her intense suffering and grief during the passion and death of our Lord.

Memorial of Saints Cornelius and Cyprian **Friday, September 16**

The Church commemorates two friends in the service of Christ and his Church. Cornelius, was the twenty-first Pope who had to oppose Novatian, the first anti-pope, who believed that apostates who repented could not be forgiven. He was helped by St. Cyprian.

Upcoming



**St Michael School
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Saturday, September 24
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**St Michael Parish Fall
Festival**
October 1 & 2
St Michael School Courtyard

Fun for the entire family! Come enjoy
games, live entertainment and ethnic
foods from our diverse parish cultures.
There will be a raffle drawing, a silent
and live auction and a dinner dance.

All proceeds benefit Michael Parish.

Bayou Dinner Dance
Saturday, October 1

All are invited to have a night of fun,
food and music with fellow parishion-
ers and friends at the Knights of Co-
lumbus Fall Festival Bayou Ball and
Dinner Dance. There is a family seat-
ing and an adult seating for dinner.

Tickets are on sale after Mass in the
Courtyard. All proceeds from the Par-
ish Fall Festival benefit St Michael's.

**Faith Formation Classes
for First-Fifth Grade
Students**
Wednesday October 5

Classes in English begin
on Wednesdays 4:00 - 5:30 pm, start-
ing October 5th. Classes in Spanish
are on Fridays 5:00 - 6:30 pm, starting
October 7th. If you haven't yet regis-
tered your child, please visit the faith
formation office today.

**Religious Vocation
Discernment Weekend
Retreat**
October 7-9 in Los Altos Hills

Have you ever thought
about becoming a Sister?
Single Catholic women ages 18-40 are
invited to a prayerful and reflective
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tober 7-9, 2016, Los Altos Hills, CA.
For reservations and more information
contact Sister Lisa Laguna, D.C. at 650
-949-8890, or visit
[www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com/
retreats/](http://www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/)



Pubic Rosary
Saturday, Oct 15
Carnegie Park at 11:45 am



Save the date and plan to join us to
pray for peace in the world by praying
the rosary in public at Carnegie Park.

**The Holy Spirit ALIVE in
Scripture**
Tuesday, October 18
6:30 pm in the Church

Come experience how to unleash the
Holy Spirit in your life, making Scrip-
ture come alive! Deacon Steve Greco,
our special guest speaker, will teach on
the power of the Holy Spirit, and how
the healing power of the Lord restores
His people. **This event is a must for
Small Groups studying the Bible.**

6:30 pm: Songs of praise and worship
7:00 pm: Talk
7:45 pm: Healing Service

**Worldwide Marriage
Encounter Weekend**
November 18-20

St. Paul reminds us that
Christ will strengthen us
and that there is abundant
grace, faith and love available to us
through Christ Jesus. All of this is
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and in our marriages.



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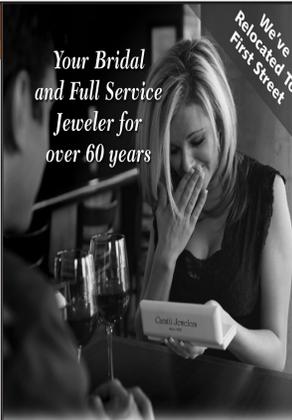


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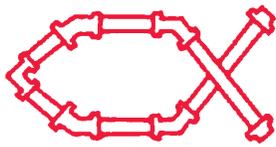
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Alégrense conmigo, porque ya encontré la oveja que se me había perdido



EMPEZANDO CON IMÁGENES DE LO QUE ESTÁ PERDIDO

La primera pregunta de Jesús parece sencilla: "¿Qué persona entre ustedes teniendo cien ovejas y una de ellas está perdida no dejaría las noventa y nueve en el desierto e iría a buscar a la que se perdió hasta que la encuentre?" ¿Pero acaso muchos de los pastores tendrían temor de dejar a tantas ovejas seguras para buscar a una perdida? Más gentilmente, el pastor que Jesús pone como ejemplo regresa con la oveja sin que la

lleve a empujones, al contrario, "se la pone sobre sus hombros con gran alegría" como la imagen del Buen Pastor de la cruz que usa el Papa Francisco. Luego Jesús pregunta a esos hombres piadosos y religiosos cuya oración diaria de Berakah bendice a Dios "por no haber nacidos mujer" que imaginen a una mujer preocupada por que perdió una moneda. ¿Podría Jesús ser desafiante con aquellos que se vanaglorian de ser muy religiosos pedirles que imaginen a Dios ser como las personas que ellos desprecian? Hoy, Jesús nos pide: si Dios es como ese pastor y esa mujer, ¿acaso no estamos todos como Dios? En este Año jubilar de la Misericordia, debemos seguir el ejemplo de Dios al amar "buscando cuidadosamente" lo que esté perdido, luego celebrar con los ángeles jubilosos cuando la misericordia de Dios, que a menudo nos encuentra, que encuentre a quien juzga a otras personas como tontas, indignas o insignificantes.

UNA CONMOVEDORA IMAGEN DE UNA PERSONA PERDIDA

¿Qué tan "perdido" el hijo más joven estaba, malgastando el dinero de su padre, cuidando animales impuros y luego

regresando a casa, sin haberse arrepentido sino solamente por interesado. Que tan generoso padre, corriendo a abrazar al hijo "perdido" y "encontrado", perdonado inmerecidamente y sin condiciones. Que hijo mayor y amargado, diciendo que lo que parece una ayuda leal hacia su padre solo era trabajo hecho a regañadientes y renegando de su hermano como "su hijo" que "gastó tu fortuna con prostitutas". Para desafiarlos, Jesús no termina la parábola con el perdón y la reconciliación. Las primeras dos historias de Jesús nos enseñan, muchas veces esa enseñanza encontrada en la misericordia de Dios, ser "buscadores de ovejas" y "mujeres barredoras" en este Año Jubilar de la Misericordia, compasionadamente buscando a quienes están perdidos y quien Dios necesita encontrar. Pero la última historia de Jesús nos desafía a resolver que, cuando alguien regresa después de vagabundear en diferentes lugares, despilfarrar pecaminosamente tanto, el abrazo cálido de Dios abraza nuestro amor incondicional que alegremente les dará la bienvenida al hogar

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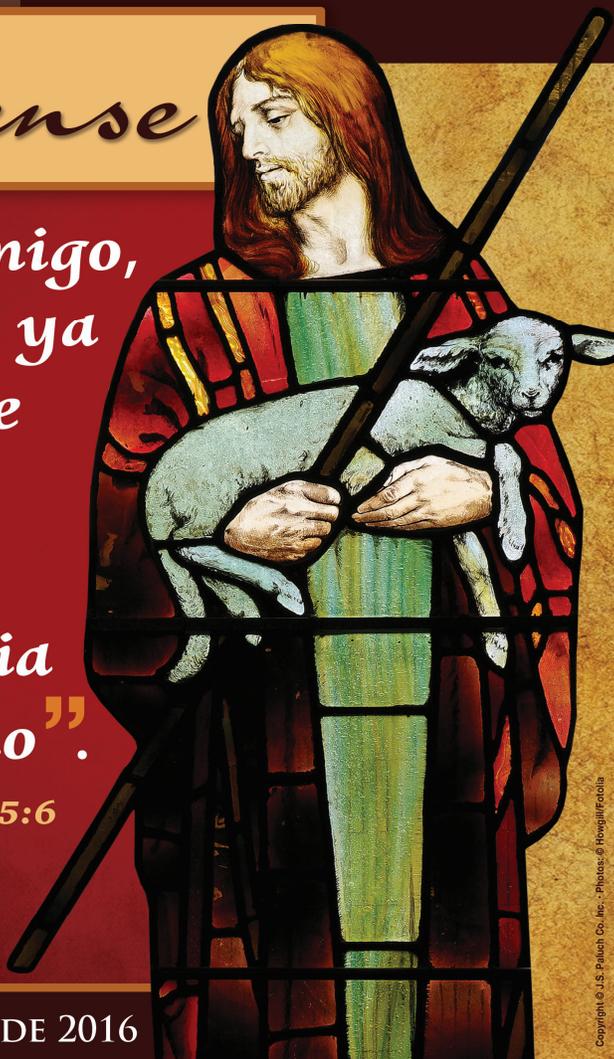
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