

To the Heights

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sunday Mass Readings

First Reading:

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 50(51): 3-4, 12-13, 17,19

Second Reading:

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Gospel:

Luke 15:1-32

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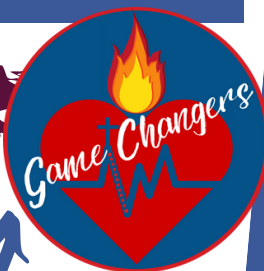
Ascend Youth Ministry



"Rejoice with me, I have found my sheep that was lost."

Game Changers

The Catholic Church's Liturgical Calendar is crammed full of inspirational saints and heroes, or as we like to call them, **Game Changers!** Check them out on our web page!



12 Sept

The Most Holy Name of Mary

13 Sept

St John Chrysostom

14 Sept

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

15 Sept

Our Lady of Sorrows

16 Sept

Ss Cornelius and Cyprian

17 Sept

St Robert Bellarmine / St Hildegard of Bingen

Check out our free resource packs for these feasts!

Reflect



1. Why did the Pharisees complain in this Gospel?
2. What was the reaction of the shepherd when he found his missing sheep?
3. Why did the lady in the second parable want to celebrate?
4. When did the younger son decide to return home in the third parable?
5. Do you know what prodigal actually means? Look it up!
6. What was his father's reaction to his return?
7. How was Jesus answering the Pharisees' complaint with these parables?

CHECK IT OUT: CALLED TO MORE



"Called to More is a Catholic apostolate based in Dublin, Ireland. "Our mission is to help you know your faith as a way of life and a relationship with God. At Called to More, we believe God has individually and uniquely called you to know Him, to love Him, to share Him with others, and to live with Him in complete joy forever. We are reminding you of this call – your call – to something more."



"I'd leave 99, leave them all behind to find you."

Audio Adrenaline

THE ONE WHO NEEDS IT MOST

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Puzzled?

FIND THE FOLLOWING WORDS RELATED TO THE GOSPEL IN THE WORD SEARCH. CHECK IF YOU KNOW HOW THEY LINK TO THE STORY!

angels | angry
calf | celebrate
clasped | coin
father | found
hundred | lamp
lost | ninety nine
pharisees
pigs | prodigal
rejoice
repentant
ring | robe
sandals
sheep | shepherd
shoulders
son | squandered
sweep
tax collector
tenderly
welcome

T Q G J U S K H F S N G B F D E C T
G A P P L G U M M V G O C O R M L N
K X X E U N R E J O I C E U E O A A
X N G C D P E E W S L T P N H C S T
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Z I N R O L A E I R E K R Y S P O E
R E A N N U R T C P Q Z I M R Y S R
A F F A P L B Y H T R G S V S G V C
B U X K Y E Y Y K E O J E R P I N H
E N I N Y T E N I N R R E S B M F A
L R Q L X P Z H Q K J D S A I N A S
E O S A N D A L S R L O D G W J J L
X R S E O C G R L U P R O D I G A L
X I D T F E Q F O C E L E B R A T E
T T Q O I C K H D E R E D N A U Q S
B K D I G H S J R V F L A C Y M M O

Pick one line from the gospel to reflect on this week!



TUNE OF THE WEEK

Leaving 99



Audio Adrenaline



WEEKLY CHALLENGE:

Ask Jesus to show you how to increase your capacity to receive His love, like a diver increases his lung capacity the deeper and longer he practices diving. be consistent and honest in your prayer.

Check out our weekly resource pack on pg 3-4!

WATCH



Does God love some people more?
(Fr Mike Schmitz)



Jesus, when I feel alone, fill my heart with your loving presence; when I feel afraid, draw me close to You; when I feel worthless, remind me of the price You paid for me on the Cross. Amen



WHAT'S ON

Monthly Cherished Evening of Prayer & Fellowship for women aged 18-50, Mon 12th Sept at Holy Family Mission. Rosary @7.30pm, Mass @ 8.00pm followed by tea/coffee and lots of chat! For more info contact Shauna (087) 1378364.

"Get used to Different" - Weekend Retreat based on "The Chosen" TV Series: Sept 30th - Oct 2nd. Glencomeragh Retreat Centre. Full Board Accommodation €195. To book (052) 6133181 or email info@holymission.ie / For more info on the retreat 087 4042784 / www.waterfordlismore.ie

The Chosen: Zoom Series, Season 2: TUESDAY nights, 8 - 9.15pm, 4 - 29 October - www.waterfordlismore.ie for more information or [click here to sign up](#)

OH, THE OVERWHELMING, NEVER-
ENDING, RECKLESS LOVE OF GOD
OH, IT CHASES ME DOWN, FIGHTS
'TIL I'M FOUND, LEAVES THE
NINETY-NINE
CORY ASBURY



LEAVING 99

LUKE 15:1-32



ICEBREAKER



- **What is the most panicked you've ever been by losing something (or by being lost)? How did you react?**
- **Did you find it again? Did someone find you?**
- **What was your reaction then?**

WATCH THIS VIDEO FROM FR MIKE SCHMITZ (DOES GOD LOVE SOME PEOPLE MORE THAN OTHERS?) AND REFLECT ON THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW:



God's love has equal _____ for all people.



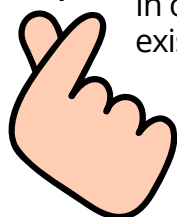
God is perfect, God is _____, God IS _____.



God is the only n _____ being.

Everything else is contingent: this means it did not have to _____, it is not _____.

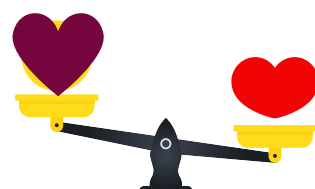
God loves you with a _____, _____ and _____ love.



The only reason we exist is because God _____.

In one sense, because God IS love, He "has to" love everyone. However, none of us had to exist. We are contingent beings - so we are not _____.

God loves everyone with the same intensity, but He loves us to varying degrees, according to our need.

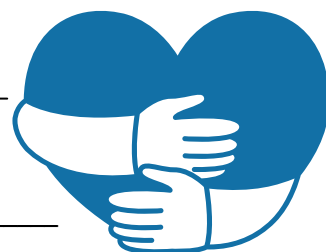


Fr Mike makes reference to the parable of the lost sheep.

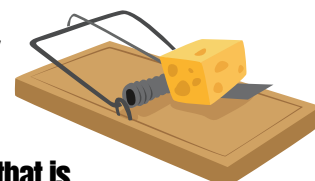
What does the lost one need, that the other 99 didn't?



- The more I need God, the more _____
- The more I need His strength, the more He gives me _____
- The more I find myself in weakness, the more I get His _____



We can fall into the trap of thinking God's love is based off our performance, our strength, our _____. The exact opposite is true! God loves us more if we _____ more.



If God wants to use us more, He'll give us more grace. If He wants to give you a mission that is bigger than you, He'll give you even more grace to accomplish that mission!

Pause

CAN YOU THINK OF ANY SAINT OR HERO OF FAITH WHOSE LIFE ILLUSTRATES THAT POINT?

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LEAVING 99

LUKE 15:1-32



The limiting factor is not God's offer of love, but rather our _____ to enter into that love.

Explain Br Timothy Danaher's analogy of Jack and Jill at the game in your own words to explain capacity for love.

What is the good news for each of us?

How does our "love capacity" grow and increase?

What is the challenge for each of us?



Now Read *Luke 15:1-32*



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MISSION!

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PRAYER TIME!

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CREATE A PLAYLIST TO LISTEN TO AS YOU REFLECT ON GOD'S INFINITE LOVE FOR YOU



- Audio Adrenaline: Leaving 99
- Cory Asbury: Reckless Love
- Maverick City: Communion
- Sarah Kroger: Belovedness
- Stefany Gretzinger: No Fear in Love
- Bethel Music: Goodness of God
- Hillsong: Broken Vessels
- Jesus Culture: Your Love Never Fails