

### 12 things you need to know about the Prodigal Son Part 2

#### 7. What do the actions of the prodigal son teach us?

They teach us the depths to which our own misuse of freedom will bring us. If we are bent on leaving God, things will go badly for us. We will be humiliated in the uncaring world. The farther we get from the Father's loving care, the worse off we will be, and our best course is to return to God and his forgiveness.

#### 8. What does the father do next?

When the prodigal son returns to his father, something significant happens. While he is still at a distance, the father sees him, has compassion upon him, runs to him, hugs him, and kisses him. This is *far* from the humiliating reunion that the son might expect based on his previous audacious and insulting treatment of his father! The returning son must have been astonished! But he continues by beginning to recite his pre-scripted speech to his father, and he manages to get the first *two* parts of it out. He says:

(a) "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you" (v. 21a),

(b) "I am no longer worthy to be called your son" (v. 21b).

But before he can say the *third* part--before he can ask to be treated merely as a servant--the father interrupts things and takes them in a *very* different direction. Rather than treating his younger son as a mere servant, he turns to the actual servants and orders a celebration.

#### 9. What do the actions of the father teach us?

The first lesson is that the father *will not* treat a son as a hired servant. The younger son is *still* a son!

As a result, his return is something to be celebrated! He is to wear a fancy robe! A fancy ring! Shoes! There is to be a fancy feast for everyone! There is to be music and dancing! Why? Because "This my son was dead, and is alive again" and "He was lost, and is found." This shows us God's reaction when we return from being lost in sin. He doesn't begrudge us what we have done. He doesn't take us back reluctantly. Like the father in the parable, he takes us back *joyously! Eagerly!* But this is not all there is to the story . . .

#### 10. What does the older brother do next?

There is usually at least one major lesson per parable for each major figure in it, and now we come to the lesson that the older brother can teach us. He didn't demand his inheritance. He stayed faithful to his father. And now he is angry. Why should his younger, *wasteful, sinful* brother receive such a reception by their father? The older brother is so angry that he refuses to go inside and join the party. Naturally, his father hears about it and comes to talk to him. When that happens, we discover that he's not just angry with his brother, he's angry with his father, too. He points out that he has never disobeyed his father's commands but that his father has never given him a kid (a young goat) so that he could slaughter it and have a party with his friends. In contrast, the younger brother has "devoured your living with harlots" (wasting a third of the father's estate!), but when he comes back "the fatted calf" (that is, the best, most tender and delicious animal, specially raised to be so) is killed! The older brother sees this difference in treatment as a manifest injustice toward him and is angry with his father because of it. As we will see, he even seems to be worrying about his own security in the family since the father is showing such seeming favoritism to the younger son.

#### 11. What does the father do?

The father tells the son three things. First, he tells him: "Son, you are always with me." This seems to be a reassurance to the elder son that he has not lost his place in the family. His place is secure. Second, he tells him: "and all that is mine is yours." This is because the division of property has already taken place. The younger son took his third, so the two-thirds that remain will go entirely to the older son. This means that the current celebration does not represent a threat to the older brother or his inheritance. Instead, it is a celebration of joy occasioned by the return of the son. Thus the father thirdly tells him: "It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found."

#### 12. What are the spiritual lessons for us?

From this parable we can draw a number of spiritual lessons: We can be a genuine son of the Father--who is spiritually "alive"--and be "lost" through sin. We can turn our backs on our heavenly Father and leave him of our own free will. Mortal sin is a real possibility. Mortal sin inevitably lands us in a far worse state than we were in originally. We can, however, return to the Father and be accepted by him with great joy. In fact, he is ready and eager to accept us back and forgive us, no matter what we've done. Christians who have never fallen should not resent those who come back. They should share in their Father's joy. Their own place is secure and their heavenly reward is not threatened. God loves them just as much as he loves those who come back through a dramatic conversion.

Jimmy Akin, *National Catholic Register*

**Schedule of Events:**

**Monday April 8**

5:30 Confessions

6 p.m. Mass

**Tuesday, April 9**

7:30 a.m. Confessions

8 a.m. Mass

**Wednesday, April 10**

7:30 a.m. Confessions

8 a.m. Mass

6 - 8 pm "The Light is on for you"

**Thursday, April 11**

7:30 a.m. Confessions

8 a.m. Mass

**Friday, April 12**

5 pm Children's Way of the Cross

6 pm Mass/Way of the Cross

**Saturday, April 13**

3:30 Confessions

4 p.m. mass

**Sunday, April 14 (PALM SUNDAY)**

7:30 a.m. Confessions

8 a.m. Mass

9:30 Confessions

10 a.m. Mass

11 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

**KC Chicken dinner pickup**



**MASS INTENTIONS**



**For the Week of April 9, 2019 –April 14, 2019**

**8:00 A.M. – Tuesday April 9**

**All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:**

*Parishioners of St. Ann, Rai & Thaddeus Pellegrin,*

**8:00 A.M. – Wednesday April 10**

**All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:**

*Parishioners of St. Ann, Annie Guilfou(B) Shirley Peterson, L.D. Scott & Donaldson family*

**8:00 A.M. – Thursday April 11**

**All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:**

*Parishioners of St. Ann, Holy Souls in Purgatory,*

**Friday, April 12**

**All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:**

*Parishioners of St. Ann, Emsy, Beldon Foret & Sons,*

**4:00P.M. - Saturday, April 13**

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**8:00A.M. - Sunday, April 14 -Palm Sunday**

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**10:00A.M. - Sunday, April 14 - Palm Sunday**

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**MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF April 7, 2019**

The Sanctuary light and Altar Bread are in memory of **Mr. Melvin Hebert** requested by Jim & Michelle Mitchel.  
The Altar candles are in memory of **Mr. Earl Duhon** requested by Wayne & Judy Duhon.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**March 30 & 31 2019:** Envelopes: \$3424.00 +Loose: \$651.00+ \$762.09 (Online)

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**NEW PROCESSIONAL CROSS:**

St. Ann would like to thank Grant & Alice LeBlanc and the Fabre family for the new Processional Cross. It is in loving memory of Mrs. Cele Fabre.  
Thank you for your support and commitment to St. Ann.

**PASCHAL CANDLE:**

The new Paschal Candle is in memory of Michael Bascle thanks to a donation from Dickie & Sharon Bascle.

**CHRISM MASS:**

The Chrism Mass is one of the most beautiful liturgies which the faithful may experience in the liturgical year. At the Chrism Mass, in addition to priests reaffirming their ordination promises, the Bishop will bless the oils to be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the year. All the faithful of our Diocese are encouraged to participate in this very inspiring liturgy on Thursday April 18, 2019 at 10:30 AM.

-Rev. Glen LeCompte

**Mother's Tea:**

The Ladies Altar Society is hosting a Mother's tea on May 4 after the 8 a.m Mass.  
Sign-ups and more information are available in the back of church.

**CHURCH CLEANING: Week of April 13- Connie & Alton, Ralph & Darlene, Connie L, HL & Yvonne**

MASSES	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	COMMENTATOR/ LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
<u>April 13 &amp; 14</u> SATURDAY 4:00P.M.	Sue, Steve Yvonne, Alton	Randolph, Connie	Grace, Rebecca	Steve B., Dave, Ollie
SUNDAY 8:00A.M.	Tim, Mona Carol, Monique	David, Nick	Trenton, Volunteer	Doug, Numa, Claude
10:00A.M.	Lisa, Leroy, Mindy, Cindy	Connie D, Sofie	Alexis, Brooke, Anna, Peyton	Lanny, Volunteer

