

# September 11, 2016

**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Lectionary: 132**

**Reading 1** [Ex 32:7-11, 13-14](#)

The LORD said to Moses,  
“Go down at once to your people,  
whom you brought out of the land of Egypt,  
for they have become depraved.  
They have soon turned aside from the way I  
pointed out to them,  
making for themselves a molten calf and  
worshiping it,  
sacrificing to it and crying out,  
‘This is your God, O Israel,  
who brought you out of the land of Egypt!’  
“I see how stiff-necked this people is,”  
continued the LORD to Moses.  
Let me alone, then,  
that my wrath may blaze up against them to  
consume them.  
Then I will make of you a great nation.”

But Moses implored the LORD, his God,  
saying,  
“Why, O LORD, should your wrath blaze up  
against your own people,  
whom you brought out of the land of Egypt  
with such great power and with so strong a  
hand?  
Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac,  
and Israel,  
and how you swore to them by your own  
self, saying,  
‘I will make your descendants as numerous  
as the stars in the sky;  
and all this land that I promised,  
I will give your descendants as their  
perpetual heritage.’”  
So the LORD relented in the punishment  
he had threatened to inflict on his people.

**Responsorial Psalm** [Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19](#)

R. (Lk 15:18) **I will rise and go to my father.**

Have mercy on me, O God, in your  
goodness;  
in the greatness of your compassion wipe  
out my offense.

Thoroughly wash me from my guilt  
and of my sin cleanse me.

R. **I will rise and go to my father.**

A clean heart create for me, O God,  
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.

Cast me not out from your presence,  
and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

R. **I will rise and go to my father.**

O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.  
My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit;  
a heart contrite and humbled, O God, you  
will not spurn.

R. **I will rise and go to my father.**

**Reading 2** [1 Tm 1:12-17](#)

Beloved:

I am grateful to him who has strengthened  
me, Christ Jesus our Lord,  
because he considered me trustworthy  
in appointing me to the ministry.

I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor  
and arrogant,

but I have been mercifully treated

because I acted out of ignorance in my  
unbelief.

Indeed, the grace of our Lord has been  
abundant,

along with the faith and love that are in  
Christ Jesus.

This saying is trustworthy and deserves full  
acceptance:

Christ Jesus came into the world to save  
sinners.

Of these I am the foremost.

But for that reason I was mercifully treated,

so that in me, as the foremost,  
Christ Jesus might display all his patience as  
an example  
for those who would come to believe in him  
for everlasting life.  
To the king of ages, incorruptible, invisible,  
the only God,  
honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Alleluia [2 Cor 5:19](#)**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

God was reconciling the world to himself in  
Christ  
and entrusting to us the message of  
reconciliation.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel [Lk 15:1-32](#)**

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 he addressed this parable.  
“What man among you having a hundred  
sheep and losing one of them  
would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert  
and go after the lost one until he finds it?  
And when he does find it,  
he sets it on his shoulders with great joy  
and, upon his arrival home,  
he calls together his friends and neighbors  
and says to them,  
‘Rejoice with me because I have found my  
lost sheep.’  
I tell you, in just the same way  
there will be more joy in heaven over one  
sinner who repents  
than over ninety-nine righteous people  
who have no need of repentance.

“Or what woman having ten coins and  
losing one

would not light a lamp and sweep the house,  
searching carefully until she finds it?  
And when she does find it,  
she calls together her friends and neighbors  
and says to them,  
‘Rejoice with me because I have found the  
coin that I lost.’  
In just the same way, I tell you,  
there will be rejoicing among the angels of  
God  
over one sinner who repents.”

Then he said,  
“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.'"