



The St. Thomas More Society will be sponsoring the Celebration of the Red Mass on October 4, 2019, with Archbishop Rodi being Celebrant at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, beginning at 12:00 p.m. This Special Mass asks for God's blessings on our Judicial System and elected officials.

If you would like to join the St. Thomas More Society, or participate more fully in the Red Mass Celebration, please contact Brenda Hetrick at 251-341-0405.



Father Joseph Aytona, of the Fathers of Mercy, will be visiting Mobile to present a three-night Eucharistic Mission on September 16, 17 and 18 at 7pm at St. Ignatius Parish in Mobile. The Mission topics will include: The Eucharist: Source of Miracles; Being a Living Tabernacle through Holy Communion; and Eucharistic Adoration: Conversion & Transformation. All are welcome to attend!

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Catholic Parish



SEPTEMBER 15
2019
23RD SUNDAY
ORDINARY TIME

Sonship Restored

Strangely enough and discouragingly often, we find the attitude of the older son from the Prodigal Son parable in the Church. The righteous believers who have always belonged can be jealous and look down upon the poor sinner who comes later and gets the same reward.

Yet, the attitude of all of us toward those who are spiritually, morally, or materially needy should be that of the loving father so wonderfully shown in the statue by Francesco Messina.

The sinner comes back in shame, weakness, and obvious failure. His very act of returning is a cry for help, support, and understanding. The father offers his mercy and compassion without questions, without an interrogation. His shoulder is never too proud, too hard, or righteous to be refused as a pillow for the humiliated soul who returns broken, pillaged, and ruined by sin.

Messina chose to show the father and son naked because it symbolizes mankind stripped to its essence. And in this you reveal greatness. Humanity is noblest when admitting its weakness. Humanity is greatest in its ability to show mercy and lift the downtrodden. The father-son relationship is most beautiful when it is being reconciled and restored.

We should always rejoice at the return of a prodigal child, and we should always honor a forgiving parental heart. "We must celebrate and rejoice," said the father. If we are convinced of this, we now have a charge: Go out and find the lost coin and welcome back the lost sheep with humility and joy!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Do I have a welcoming spirit about me, always looking to build up and be positive?

Do I live gospel charity and love with all its consequences?



Piece: Prodigal Son, 1956
Artist: Francesco Messina
Location: Vatican Museums

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY
VIGIL MASS
5:30PM

SUNDAY
MASS
8:30AM & 11:00AM

MONDAY
COMMUNION SERVICE
8:00AM

TUESDAY
MASS
5:30PM

WEDNESDAY
MASS
8:00AM

THURSDAY
MASS
8:00AM

FRIDAY
MASS
8:00AM

MONTHLY

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION
8:30AM TO NOON

FIRST SATURDAY
MASS
8AM

FIRST WEEKEND
ALL MASSES

LITANY TO THE SACRED
HEART OF JESUS

HOLY DAYS & SOLEMNITIES
8:00AM & 6:00PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
SATURDAY
4:30PM-5:15PM
OR BY APPOINTMENT

18th Annual Benefit Night - A Night to Remember November 8, 2019

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church - 1621 Boykin Blvd. Mobile, AL
\$120.00 - 2 Chances for \$10,000 - 2 to Dine with Beer & Wine
Doors Open at 6:00pm - Dinner Served at 6:45pm

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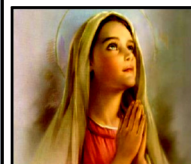
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September 20, 2019

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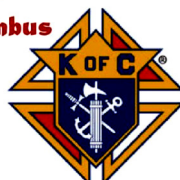
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Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
September 15, 2019

Are We "Older Sons"?

By Mary Katharine Deeley

A preacher at a prayer service read the story of the Prodigal Son. The story was so familiar, I tuned out until he reached the part about the reaction of the elder son complaining about his brother's treatment. The preacher continued, "So the father responded, 'You are absolutely right: Let's send him away again.'" The congregation looked startled as this unfamiliar version rang in our ears. The preacher said, "That's the way I always thought the story should have gone." He continued to reflect on the passage and our all-too-

human reaction to a father who seems to spoil his younger kid rotten. The more he talked, the more I realized that there is a little of the elder son in all of us. We want to be rewarded, and we want those who are wrong to be punished.

I think today's account in Exodus was written from that perspective. God, as we understand him, wants to strike down all those who made the golden calf—and rightfully so. But Moses reminds God of his promise to Abraham, a memory of love so powerful that God cannot destroy his children regardless of his anger. We don't see how the Prodigal's father responded when his younger son first left. Maybe he was angry or disappointed as we might have been. Rather, we see that his love was so powerful that the son is welcomed back and falls to his knees in relief and contrition.

"It's pure grace that the father didn't react as we might have," said the preacher, "Thank God." And he read the rest of the passage as it had been written. +

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A Word from Pope Francis

Emails, text messages, social networks, and chats can be fully human forms of communication....Social networks can facilitate relationships and promote the good of society, but they can also lead to further polarization and division between individuals and groups. The digital world is a public square...where we can either encourage or demean one another.

—Fiftieth World Communications Day, January 24, 2016



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Am I too eager to advocate punishment instead of forgiveness?
- Before meting out punishment, do I pause to recall my own sins and failings?

Why Wait for Marriage (or Marry at All)?

Couples who live together before marriage generally divorce at higher rates than couples who don't.

By Jim Healy, PhD

My parents were married in 1960. They said, "We didn't know anybody living together, and our friends didn't either." Few could claim that today. There are now millions of cohabiting opposite-sex couples in America, and most who marry this year (including Catholics) will have lived together first.

As a Church, how do we make sense of this? More personally, how do we respond if our children or acquaintances choose to cohabit? When we listen to cohabiting couples, they offer multiple reasons for living together. These range from wanting to be together more, sexual accessibility, economic necessity, wanting to "take the next step" in commitment, testing for compatibility, and reducing the possibility of divorce. So it's important not to assume that we know why a couple is living together until we ask.

Implicit in the reasons given by many couples are questions about commitment. In a country where the divorce rate for first marriages hovers between 40 and 50 percent, cohabitation seems like a perfect way to test if a relationship is "marriage-



worthy." The social sciences, though, clearly tell us that cohabitation actually has the opposite effect.

After years of research, it still appears that couples who live together before marriage generally divorce at higher rates than couples who don't. Why? Because cohabiting couples blend their lives

in such a way that it's difficult to leave, even if it's clear that one should. When, as often happens, an ultimatum is offered ("Either we marry or somebody needs to move out"), the path of least resistance is to marry. Moving in with somebody you're not sure you want to marry makes it more likely, not less, that you'll marry the person against your better judgment.

If that research isn't convincing, the theological arguments may be more compelling. We Catholics believe that marriage is a sacrament—a primary way of showing God's faithful, creative love to the world. We believe that, when we make love, we are offering each other not just an action or a moment, but our entire lives, in imitation of the way Jesus offered his life for us. The Catholic Church says cohabitation is wrong, not because it increases human happiness, but because it limits it.

So how do we treat cohabiting couples who come to the Church requesting marriage? In St. John Paul II's words

about cohabiting couples, we are to "make tactful and respectful contact with the couples concerned, and enlighten them patiently, correct them charitably and show them the witness of Christian family life, in such a way as to smooth the path for them to regularize their situation" (*Familiaris Consortio*, 81).

In other words, we welcome them. We help them assess their readiness for marriage. We offer them the richness of our teaching on sexuality and marriage, and we challenge them with it—as we do with anyone preparing for marriage. We allow them to marry in the Church, inviting them into ongoing evangelization within our parishes.

What about parents, who are torn on how to react when their adult children choose cohabitation? Many parents who have navigated this challenge offer this advice: Be clear about your own beliefs and why you hold them, "living the truth in love" (Ephesians 4:15).

And stay emotionally connected with your children. Tell them what you believe without repeating it whenever you see them. Your willingness to consider their viewpoints will win you the right to share your own perspectives. +

PRAYER

Lord, I am grateful for your gentle, guiding ways. Save me from losing myself in the things of the world.

Help me to find my way to your heart of goodness.

—From *Grateful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

WEEKDAY READINGS

September 16–21

Monday, Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian:
1 Tm 2:1–8 / Lk 7:1–10

Tuesday, Weekday:
1 Tm 3:1–13 / Lk 7:11–17

Wednesday, Weekday:
1 Tm 3:14–16 / Lk 7:31–35

Thursday, Weekday: 1 Tm 4:12–16 / Lk 7:36–50

Friday, Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions:
1 Tm 6:2c–12 / Lk 8:1–3

Saturday, St. Matthew:
Eph 4:1–7, 11–13 / Mt 9:9–13

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September 15, 2019

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BAKE SALE



September 21st and 22nd (A Fundraiser for Benefit Night 2019)

We need cakes, pies, cookies, and candies.
Please contact Sallie Washington
our Bake Sale Coordinator at 251-471-5096
to let her know what you'll be able to provide. If
you're not a baker cash donations are accepted. And
then, be sure to come to the Masses the weekend of
the 21st and 22nd to purchase the bakes!

The majority has spoken! The casino trip will be
October 8th from 9am to 4pm. The cost is \$20.00
(with \$10.00 free play) and,
the proceeds will go to help cover the costs of
Benefit Night 2019
Contact the church office or Patsy Ownby
(251-454-5961)
if you are interested.
There is also a sign-up sheet in the cryroom.
We need a minimum of 35 participants!



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MINISTER'S SCHEDULE 9/21/19 9/22/19

Sat. 9/21 5:30pm

Ushers

D. O'Rourke
L. Thompson

Lectors

- 1) C. Peloux
- 2) E. Coldsmith

Extraordinary Ministers

A. Kenny
B. Kenny
G. Peloux
B. Burton
J C Martin
S. Washington

Sun. 9/22 8:30am

Ushers

C. Boney
L. Loftin

Lectors

- 1) B. Moseby
- 2) A. Kleinschrodt

Extraordinary Ministers

P Dumas
M. Brierly
J. Moore
L. Lovvorn
Need substitute
Need substitute

Sun. 9/22 11:00am

Ushers

L. Lartigue
B. Williams

Lectors

- 1) L. Dowell
- 2) S. Dowell

Extraordinary Ministers

M. Portella
E. Lipscomb
B. Gonzales
MM Collier
A. Tomas
D. Ladnier

*quarterly schedule available
on the church website*

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 16

8:00 AM
COMMUNION SERVICE

TUESDAY 17
SEPTEMBER

5:30 PM
+ LUZ BISHOP

WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 18

8:00 AM
FATHER'S DAY
REMEMBRANCES

THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 19

8:00 AM
+ LEONA TIPP

FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 20

8:00 AM
THE LADIES OF OLL
WHO WORK IN THE
BACKGROUND

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 21

5:30PM
THE SHUT-INS OF OLL

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 22

8:30AM
+ GOLDIE KLUMPP

11:00 AM
FOR PARISHIONERS



Church Office Hours

Tuesday-Friday 8:30am to 4:30 pm

Lunch Daily at 1:00pm

Pastor's Office Hours

By Appointment

Prayer List

Rhonda Adams, Tim Anderson, Dale Andrews, Karen Andrews, Richard Anthony, Margaret Arns, Vivian Bacot, Bob Balzli, Anita Barclay, Campbell Berger, Katherine Berger, Dorothy Bertagnoli, Don Bertagnoli, Chloe Beshears, Bodeem Blankenship, Blake Blackston, Bethany Ann Boltz, Clement Boney, Toni Boney, Logan Bowers, Sara Bratt, Kateria Brewer, Jason Brown, Jean Brown, Paul Burch, Sr., Pat Burch, John Buhring, Lorrie Burgess, Conrad Burkhardt, David Burris, Marguerite Burris, McKenzie Butterwick, Boatie Campbell, Wendi Campbell, Frankie Cayton, Ami Cheatham, Mary Myers Clark, Rick Claxton, Theresa Coleman, Garrett Colvin, Evelyn Cooper, Helen Couch, Anita Cowart, Claudia Daniel, Patricia Davis, Susie DeWitt, Teresa Dezenburg, Lemuel Dickinson, Daniel Dorrierty, Roberta Dukes, Dodie Dumas, John Dumas, John Edwards, Josh Ellis, George Erickson, Johnny Finch, Lynne Floyes, Raymond Floyes, Betty Foster, Ellyn Fowler, Louise Frontz, Randy Fuller, Janet Gafford, Tim Frontz, Logan Frye, Ron Garrick, Tony Golemon, Guillermo Gomez, Marilu Gomez, Joyce Goodman, Walter Grimes, Richard Guess, Greg Hampton, Irene Guess, Margaret Guess, Colleen Hill, Kate Hodge, Diana Holifield, Keith Holified, Randy Hooks, Buddy Hulan, Alaina Hulse, Chrissy Irby, Elyssa Jacobs, Erin Jackson, Henry Johnson, Joshua Johnson, J.S. Johnson, Kaleb Johnson, Ginny Johnston, Mary Ann Keith, Billy Kenny, Patrick Kenny, Marshall Kern, Ed Kimbrough, June King, James King Jr., Philip Larson, Polly Lartigue, Alfred Leonard, Matthew Lewis, Diane Little, Nancy Cowart Little, Beth Ellen Lloyd, John Loden, Fred Lorge, Joan Lorge, Paul Lyle, Amanda McDonald, Charles McDonald, Lisa McDonald, Shirley McDonald, Donna Magaldine, Mary Martin, John Martin, Paul Martin, Trissie Martin, Kamden McKeough, Stephanie Melton, Helen Merchant, Dolores Merren, May Merren, Faye Methaney, Alana Voivedich Mey, Louis Meyers, Priscilla Miller, Jean Morgan, Archie Moore, Margaret Moore, Marcie Morrow, Cindy Mount, Garrett Mount, Ernestine Murrill, Rose Marie Murphy, Blake Myers, Johnathan Myers, Michael Myles, Paul Naylor, Tiffany Neese, Wally Neese, Ella Rose Norris, Kelly North, Mike Nunnery, Darlene O'Rourke, Agnes Parker, Summer Patterson, Alex Paneda, Lita Paneda, Barbara Phillips, Randy Phillips, Dana Pickel, Sue Pitt, Lorraine Carol Provost, Tracey Ransom, Rennie Pitt, Jr., Glenda Pose, Elizabeth Purcell, Holley Reese, Serina Reeves, Gerald Resso, Belinda Richard, Terri Richey, Jimmy Robinson, Marlen Rodriguez, Robert Salva, Jun Santiago, Richard Santiago, Michelle Saynor, Laura Lee Seargent, Grayson Scott, Patsy Sealy, Simon Schum, Stevie Shaw, Kay Shaw, Briley Shirah, Dorothy Simon, Cindy Snow, Larry Snow, Allison Spillman, Curtis Steiner, Rita Steiner, Cheryl Stewart, Sally Stokely, Todd Stringfellow, Chuck Sullivan, Ronald Summerlin, Cecilia Taylor, Charles Taylor, Barbara Thomas, Eddie Thomas, Gwen Thomas, Rita Tillman, Robert Todd, Belinda Tomplait, Cecil Tucker, Dede Unger, Tyler Upton, Nita Van Devender, Norma Villanueva, Anna Visperas, Rudy Visperas, Ida Vrazel, Frances Ward, Wayne Ward, Gary Warner, Albert Washington, Sallie Washington, Brad Wells, Mark Westbrook, Ralph Wheat, Marlene Whisenant, Leroy Wiese, Stephen Weise, Kenny Wiggins, Buddy Wilder, Heather Willamor, Bubba Williams, Kelly Wilson, Shelly Wilson, Agnes Worley, Ashley Wypick, Carol Ziebert, Christopher Zimerman.

Pray For Our Active Military

Austin Booth
Army

Dominic French
Army

Jordan Guidry
Marines

Austin M. Goodin
Marines

Fr. Paul A. Halladay
Major US Army

Matthew Ladnier
Coast Guard

Kenneth L. McAlman
1st Lt. US Army

Captain Alex Mileszko
Army

Corie Demetri Mitchell
Army

Kevin O'Rourke
Coast Guard

Sam Schoolfield Jr.
Marine Reserves

Sam Schoolfield Sr.
Marines

Jerrick Thompson
Army Reserves

2019 Collections

Regular & Holy Days Collection

9/8/19 \$3,206.00
2019 Total Regular Collection
\$143,669.94

Parish Project Collection

9/8/19 \$20.00
2019 Total Parish Project Collection
\$23,033.00



The SUNDAY Ministry Schedules for
October, November, and December are
available in the cryroom or online at
www.ourladyoflourdescatholicparish.com
*Holy Days and Christmas Schedules
will be published at a later time*

September 2019

The Next Benefit Night Meeting will be September 18th at 6pm in the Parish Hall.
Volunteers are Needed!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Mass 8:30am and 11:00am	2 Communion Service 8am	3 Altar Society Mass Daughters of Mary Men of St. Joseph 9:00am 5:30pm 6:00pm 6:00pm	4 Mass 8:00am	5 Mass 8:00am	6 Mass Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30am—noon 8:00am	7 1st Saturday Mass 1621 Drawing Sacrament of Reconciliation Vigil Mass 8:00am 9:00am 4:30pm-5:15pm 5:30pm
8 Mass K of C Monthly Breakfast 8:30am and 11:00am 9:30am	9 Communion Service 8am	10 Young at Heart Mass Daughters of Mary Men of St. Joseph 12:00noon 5:30pm 6:00pm 6:00pm	11 Mass Liturgy Committee 8:00am 6:00pm	12 Mass 8:00am	13 Communion Service 8:00am	14 Fr. Marcin Vacation Sacrament of Reconciliation Vigil Mass Father Michael Kellerher 4:30pm-5:15pm 5:30pm
15 Fr. Marcin Vacation Mass K of C Monthly Meeting Ladies Auxiliary Meeting Father Michael Kellerher 8:30am and 11:00am 9:45am 9:45am	16 Fr. Marcin Vacation Communion Service 8am	17 Fr. Marcin Vacation Mass Daughters of Mary Men of St. Joseph Fr. Dan Good 5:30pm 6:00pm 6:00pm	18 Fr. Marcin Vacation Mass Father Norbert Jurek Benefit Night Committee Meeting 6:00 PM Parish Hall 8:00am	19 Fr. Marcin Vacation Mass Father Norbert Jurek Family Life 8:00am 6:00pm	20 Fr. Marcin Vacation Mass Father Norbert Jurek 8:00am	21 Sacrament of Reconciliation Vigil Mass Bake Sale Benefit Night Fundraiser (After Mass) 4:30pm-5:15pm 5:30pm
22 Mass Bake Sale Benefit Night Fundraiser (After Each Mass) 8:30am and 11:00am	23 Communion Service 8am	24 Mass Daughters of Mary Men of St. Joseph 5:30pm 6:00pm 6:00pm	25 Mass St. Vincent de Paul 8:00am 6:00pm	26 Mass 8:00am	27 Mass 8:00am	28 Sacrament of Reconciliation Vigil Mass 4:30pm-5:15pm 5:30pm
29 Mass 8:30am and 11:00am	30 Communion Service 8am					