Monday SEPTEMBER 12 Weekday 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33 Lk 7:1-10 Tuesday SEPTEMBER 13 St. John

Tuesday SEPTEMBER 13 St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday SEPTEMBER 14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross Nm 21:4b-9 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17

Thursday SEPTEMBER 15 Our Lady of Sorrows 1 Cor 15:1–11 Jn 19:25–27 Lk 2:33–35

Friday SEPTEMBER 16 Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs 1 Cor 15:12–20 Lk 8:1–3

Saturday SEPTEMBER 17 Weekday 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49

Lk 8:4-15

Sunday SEPTEMBER 18 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Am 8:4-7 1 Tm 2:1-8 Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

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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 youngest kid rotten. The more he talked, the

more I realized that there is a little of the eldest son in all of us. We want to be rewarded and we want those who are wrong to be punished.

I think today's Exodus account is 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

do see that his love was so powerful, 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

"What is God's plan? It is to make of us all a single family of his children, in which each person feels that God is close and feels loved by him."

— General Audience, May 29, 2013



## Twenty Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

*September 11, 2016* 



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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Every Friday Adoration from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m
SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION
Both Before Mass and by Appointment.

Mass Schedule for this Week
Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule
Sun 7:30 am Our Parish Family
St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions
Sat 5:00 pm +Julia Peronne
Sun 9am +Sr M Held and P Merrill

Mon 8 am +Sr M Held and P Merrill Tue 8 am +Sr M Held and P Merrill Wed 6pm +Sr M Held and P Merrill Thu 8am +Sr M Held and P Merrill Fri 8am +Sr M Held and P Merrill

#### From Father Khoa's Desk...

#### Dear Parishioners and Friends,

"The Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, 'This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

Jesus knew these self-righteous religious leaders were complaining. And he knew they needed to learn a lesson. So, in addition to giving a lived example of welcoming the company of "tax collectors and sinners," Jesus also directly taught the skeptics about the importance of welcoming those who have been lost.

Today's Gospel gives a powerhouse lineup of three parables that all teach a similar message: rejoice over the lost sheep, rejoice over the lost coin, and rejoice over the return of the lost son. The theme can be summarized in the simple directive: rejoice don't reject. When someone who isn't part of the "fold" appears in church, this is cause for rejoicing! It should not be cause for gossip, sideways glances, or nervous whispers about what to do or say. Rather a genuine smile and word of welcome would be in order at the very least, and a heartfelt invitation to join the community would be totally appropriate.

Too often we become complacent about our Christian company. We get used to seeing the same people every Sunday and forget about the "lost" men and women who are outside the bounds of our comfort zone. Jesus gives us the image of an active shepherd who goes "after the lost one until he finds it," and a diligent widow who will "sweep the house, searching carefully" until she finds her coin. He tells us of a father who "ran to his son, embraced and kissed him," in spite of the separation they had faced. We too are called to take initiative in seeking out those who are lost,

and to rejoice heartily when they finally do come back home.

May God bless all of us!

#### ...Fr. Khoa

#### †With Sympathy †

Fr Khoa and the community of St. Ann and OL of Chartres Parish extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Elizabeth Necaise, who passed away on Fri Sept 9, 2016. May she rest in Eternal Glory and may her loved ones receive God's consolation and peace. Please keep Liz and her family in your prayers.

Altar Society: meet this Sunday.

**Parish Council:** meets next Saturdays.

<u>Parish Picnic:</u> will be on Sunday Sept 25, 2016. We invite everyone to come to this occasion to enjoy the foods, faith, family, and fellowship. There will be only one Mass 10 am on Sunday Sept 25, 2016. It will be held in the Pavilion. No other Masses will be held that weekend. Meat and drinks will be provided. The following is a list of what parish members need to bring A-K-SALADS (lettuce, potato, macaroni, pea, pasta, etc); L-M- Desserts; N-Z- Veggies. Any questions call: Beverly Saucier 228-832-4968.

<u>CCD:</u> CCD will start **this Sunday September 11**. Please contact Robert Lizana.

**RCIA:** RCIA classes will begin **this Wed**, **Sept 14**. For more info, please contact **Henrietta.** 

<u>Garage Sale:</u> will be on October 8 and 15. Please contact **Beverly** and **Loretta**. Thank you.

**Bible Study:** We begin to study **Gospel of Luke: the gospel of Mercy this Tues Sept 13.** Please join us. Classes are on **Tues at 9am and Wed at 6:30pm**. For more information, please contact **Ruth and Henrietta.** 

MASS	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MIN.	SERVERS	USHERS	GIFT B.
Sat Sept 10 5pm	Mike West	Ellen West , Sharon Ladner , Doris Snowden	Austin Scarengoas	Doug Kernie	Jim & Jan Estrada
Sept 11 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Terry Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Sept 11 9am	Kim Wood	Robin Peterson, Carolyn Brewer, Dale Babin	Nick Conner	Robert Will Burke	Lester Palmer Family
Sat Sept 17 5pm	Richard Dunlap	Lenell King W C King, Kay VanPelt	Austin Scarengoas	Doug Kernie	Mike & Dianne Mays
Sept 187:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Terry Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Sept 18 9am	Lisa Cuevas	Chantel Crabtree, Susan Peleaz, Marlow Ladner	Carson Keegan	Robert Jimmy	Tyler & Gina Leveret Family

#### ST. ANN ACTIVITIES.

#### Donations during the summer

During the summer, please remember that the Parish operates year round including summer time. Please don't forget that your weekly offering is always very important to keep normal operations steady. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

#### ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:\*\*

75Identifiable: \$1,472.00; Loose: \$1,532.00; Total: \$3,004.00; Children: \$13.60; Catholic University: \$208.00.

#### OL OF CHARTRES STEWARDSHIP:

Identifiable: \$95.00; Loose: \$143.00; Total: \$238.00, Catholic University: \$25.00

\*\*Amount needed weekly \$2,908.84.

Thank you for your generosity.

<u>Church Cleaning:</u> Thank you Doug and Sharon Ladner for cleaning the church on Aug 28 and Sept 4. Kay and Gerald Van Pelt will clean the church on Sept 11 + 18. Thank you.

<u>Catholic Students</u> of our parish to receive subsidy are: Sarah Thomas, Kennedy + Car + Keegan Leverette, Jacob Estrada, Tucker + Ella Enroth, C. + C. + L Broom, Austin Scarengoas, Will Dreher, L & V Jeanfreau, and Nick Quintini. Please contact me this week if your children/grandchildren are not on the list. **VISITATION OF THE SICK:** Please keep the parish office informed so we may minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing facility. For those wishing to receive the Eucharist contact the parish office, 832-2560.

**Bereavement Committee:** Please contact **Sharon Leimer** at 539-9928. Lasagna, green salad, rolls, and deserts will be provided for the funeral reception upon request. Thank you.

#### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MARRIAGE

Church regulations require at least six months of preparation for a wedding. Our advice is to call well in advance of that time if you wish to reserve a wedding date and receive info: one's own parish clergy are expected to supervise your Catholic prenuptial preparation and to officiate at the wedding.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:

Leslie Cuevas, William DeMello, Dcn Jack Hunter, Lee James, Darlene Billingsley, Victoria Moran, Jerry Malley, Vivian Clifford, Ezekiel Rutherford, John Moran, Jerry Rutland, Regina Franke, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Debbie Bowen, Larry Shruff, Andrew Fillengame, Melissa Peterson, Madison Phelps, Breanna Ladner, Curtis (Cubby) Ladner, Gerald Barrilleaux, Greg West, and Hollis Moran.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS † PLEASE FILL OUT A NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM AND SUBMIT TO PARISH OFFICE FR. KHOA WOULD BE HAPPY TO VISIT WITH YOU AND HELP YOU ASSESS YOUR SPIRITUAL NEEDS.