

## Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 15, 2019

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me.— *Psalms 51:12*

### LOST AND FOUND

Welcome to “Lost and Found Sunday”! Just in case being in church makes us proudly consider ourselves especially religious, today’s Gospel suggests that we’d be wiser to admit that we’re sometimes lost. Then we’ll eventually be happily counted among Jesus’ “found,” because today Jesus focuses on a lost sheep, lost coin, lost son. Jesus does so because the Pharisees and scribes, proudly considering themselves especially religious, “began to complain” that Jesus “welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So Jesus warns them—and us—to stop judging others. Marvel instead that God’s amazing grace has found us! Indeed, we should become Jesus’ friends lovingly trying to find others. So Exodus asks, if God “relented in punishment” and pardoned us, shouldn’t we forgive fellow sinners graciously? Even Paul admits his “arrogance” as “foremost among sinners.” We too, happy at being “mercifully treated,” should share with everyone else Jesus’ unfailing patience.

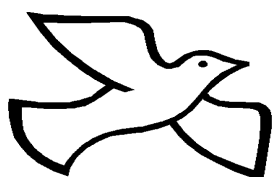
### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Although New Year’s Day has been fixed firmly on January 1 for several hundred years, Labor Day has the feel of a great dividing line between leisure and routine. The pace of life has since picked up, and new schedules and commitments crowd us. In the background is God’s call to consider the third commandment, still life-giving and binding, to make holy the Lord’s Day by worship and rest. Jews see the Sabbath, Saturday, not so much as a day of worship, but as a day of rest, a day of renewing friendship with God by delighting in the beauty of creation and the joy of family and friends. It is a day for contemplating the wonder of God’s creation, but not disturbing it.

For Christians in the first three centuries, the Lord’s Day, Sunday, was not for rest, but worship. It was a regular work day. People met before dawn, and after Eucharist hurried off to daily routines. Today we come to Mass, but many hurry off to essential work, not a day of rest. The Lord’s Day is not the Sabbath, but we can enhance Sunday’s ability to transform us if we consider embracing some Sabbath values: having a family meal, going for a walk in a beautiful place, making room in our lives to open ourselves more fully to holiness of life in Christ.

### Mass Intention

John Booker



### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — “Why should your wrath blaze up against your own people, whom you brought out of Egypt?” (Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14).

**Psalm** — I will rise and go to my father (Psalm 51).

**Second Reading** — The grace of our Lord has been abundant (1 Timothy 1:12-17).

**Gospel** — There is great rejoicing in heaven and among the angels when a sinner repents (Luke 15:1-32 [1-10]).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Sunday: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]

Sunday Sept 22nd the Bishop will be here to meet everyone, celebrate Mass and share a meal with us.

Please bring a covered dish or dessert the Church is getting the fried chicken.

### REMOTELY SPEAKING

Television remote controls encourage couch potatoes to exercise their options while broadening their base.

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday  
Monday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian  
Tuesday: St. Robert Bellarmine  
Thursday: St. Januarius  
Friday: Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gön and Paul Chông Ha-sang and Companions  
Saturday: St. Matthew

Deacon Moss class begins Sept 17th this Tuesday at 10:00 am The book’s title is “With Ever Lasting Love”

Everyone is invited to join in what is always an interesting learning experience.

### NEEDED

The thing that is most needed in homes today is a family.

Sept 22nd  
Lector Jeff  
E/M Florencia / Anita  
USHERS Peach / Marina Jesus  
Servers Ty, Jesus, and Bryan

Offertory 9/8/2019	
BUDGET	\$1351.00
ACTUAL	\$842.00
	-\$509.00
	B&M
	\$50.00
	National collection
	\$52.00

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### Remember In Prayer

Michaëlle Box, Fr Robert Ponticello, Emanel Milligan, Charley Therrell, Leonard Humble, Louis Humble Sr., Martha Jo Neuenschwander, Judy Hendricks, Paul Jelonek, Ann Christensen