

**Sunday, September 11, 2022**  
**The 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 1) Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14
- 2) 1 Timothy 1:12-17
- 3) Luke 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

**FOCUS:** There is much joy when the lost are found.

When we lose something, we tend to be tense and anxious until it is found. Then there is blessed relief! Similarly, when our relationship with God is broken, we feel a void that gnaws at our being until we remember that God's mercy endures forever. All we have to do is repent and seek reconciliation. And when that happens, God enfolds us with his love.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

In the first reading, Moses persuades God not to punish his errant people. In his First Letter to Timothy, Paul writes that he is grateful to be an Apostle, strengthened by Christ Jesus. In the Gospel, Jesus, tells the parables of the lost sheep, lost coin, and the prodigal son.

**UNIVERSAL PRAYER**

**PRIEST:** Let us bring our prayers to the Lord, confident in his promise to meet our every need.

- 1) For the Church, may God guide and strengthen her efforts to spread the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For an end to violence and terrorism in the world, may God's peace prevail in hearts everywhere, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who are grieving the death of a loved one, may God's Holy Spirit bring them comfort, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For we who worship and share community here, may the Holy Spirit continue to enkindle in us the fire of his love, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may the Lord God welcome them to his dwelling place where they may offer him continuous praise, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

**PRIEST:** Everlasting God, who sent your Son to bring us new life, we ask that you hear our prayers and answer them according to your will. Through Christ our Lord.