

Faith Sharing on Next Sunday's Gospel

September 12, 2010 – Forgiveness and Welcome

Take 10 minutes to share your faith with your family or friends, at the beginning of Parish Committee meetings, etc.

Opening Prayer:

O Lord, Your amazing grace – how I savor the sound - has saved a wretch like me! I was lost, but You found me; I was blind, but You opened my eyes. Your grace gave me the gift to reverently fear You as my Lord and Savior, yet that same grace relieved all my fears. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed! Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures; He will my Shield and Portion be, As long as life endures. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease, I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine; But God, who called me here below, Will be forever mine. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun. *(adapted from Hymn, Amazing Grace, words by John Newton)*

Proclaim the Gospel:

Luke 15:1-10 (**The Lost Sheep, Lost Coin**)
(Other readings: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17)

Invitation to Share:

What does today's Gospel teach us about seeking out the lost? Think about those close to you – family and friends, and those who are in need or hurting. How can I share the good news with them?

(adapted from PrayerTime, Cycle C)

Ending Prayer:

God of the lost, through the Incarnation of your Son, you free human beings from the ravages of sin, and you pour out your abundant mercy on the lost and the broken. Sinners find refuge in the shadow of your wings and you provide your people with an abundant harvest. Send workers into the world to seek out the lost and offer life to sinners. Direct our efforts and purify our hearts as we go out seeking the lost sheep of this world. May your Spirit empower us to become more effective ambassadors of your compassion. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord. Amen.

(from PrayerTime, Cycle C)

If you would like to learn more about faith sharing opportunities or resources, contact Julie Allington – 838-8324

