

# SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

Fourth Sunday of Lent | Luke 15:1-3,11-32

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Today we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Lent. We read from the Gospel of Luke about "The Prodigal Son." In this Gospel reading, tax collectors and sinners gathered with others to hear Jesus speak. This caused the Pharisees and scribes – the holy men of Jesus' time – to complain. "Why would Jesus eat and speak with sinners?" When Jesus walked the earth - people were labeled and ignored if they were considered "unworthy." Jesus answered them with a story to illustrate the unconditional love of our Heavenly Father:

*A man had two sons: one good and loyal, and one wild and ungrateful. The "prodigal" son asked for his father's money, left his home, lost everything and eventually decided to beg forgiveness and come home. When he did this, his brother – the good son who had always remained loyal – was disturbed at his father's immediate acceptance of the son who had made so many bad choices. The father answered him, saying, "My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."*

Just as that son was welcomed home when he chose the wrong path in life and repented, we are forgiven by God when we express true sorrow for the sins we commit!

## FAITH IN ACTION

- ★ This parable reminds us to seek God's forgiveness in the sacrament of Reconciliation! If you have not gone to confession in a while, ask your parents to take you before Easter! God is always waiting to fill your heart with forgiveness and love!

