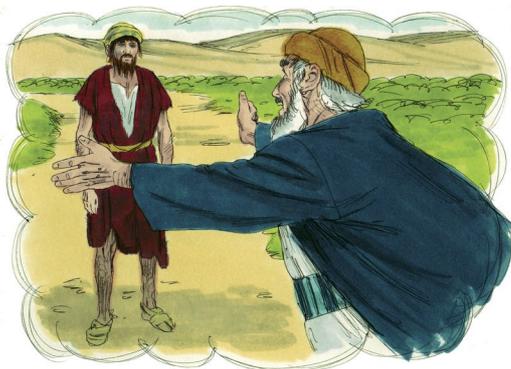


# Grow & go

A weekly resource for everyday evangelizers

**Scriptures** for the this Sunday of can be found [here](#)



This week's readings again focus on the mercy of God and our response to God's invitation to follow His ways. In the Gospel, commonly known as the Prodigal Son, but called the Merciful Father by Pope Francis, we hear that God's mercy and love for us is lavish, regardless of our sins,

as long as we are willing to ask forgiveness and change our hearts.

- Do you relate best to the returning son, the older brother or the father in this story?
- Take time this week to share a meal with friends or family to strengthen relationships
- Pope Francis says, "God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of asking His mercy." Reflect on the great gift of mercy God offers us.

## Laetare Sunday

The 4th Sunday of Lent is also know as Laetare Sunday. The priests may choose to wear rose vestments on this Sunday; we are called to rejoice that we are at the midpoint of Lent. The opening antiphon for this Sunday starts with the word "REJOICE!" Listen to it [here](#).

## Forgiveness

What would happen to our hearts if, when someone hurts us, we listed all the good things that person has done? [Listen to this](#) Christian song on forgiveness.

## Confirmation Names

Taking a saint's name at Confirmation is one of the customs of the Church. Many people take a new name, while others use the name their parents gave them. [Here's a little information](#) about taking a new name.

## Upcoming Events

**Stations of the Cross** are prayed every Friday evening at 7 pm in the Church. Join us!

**Our Parish Reconciliation Service** is April 7, 6:30 pm in the Church. Join us to celebrate God's mercy. Several priests will be available for individual confessions.