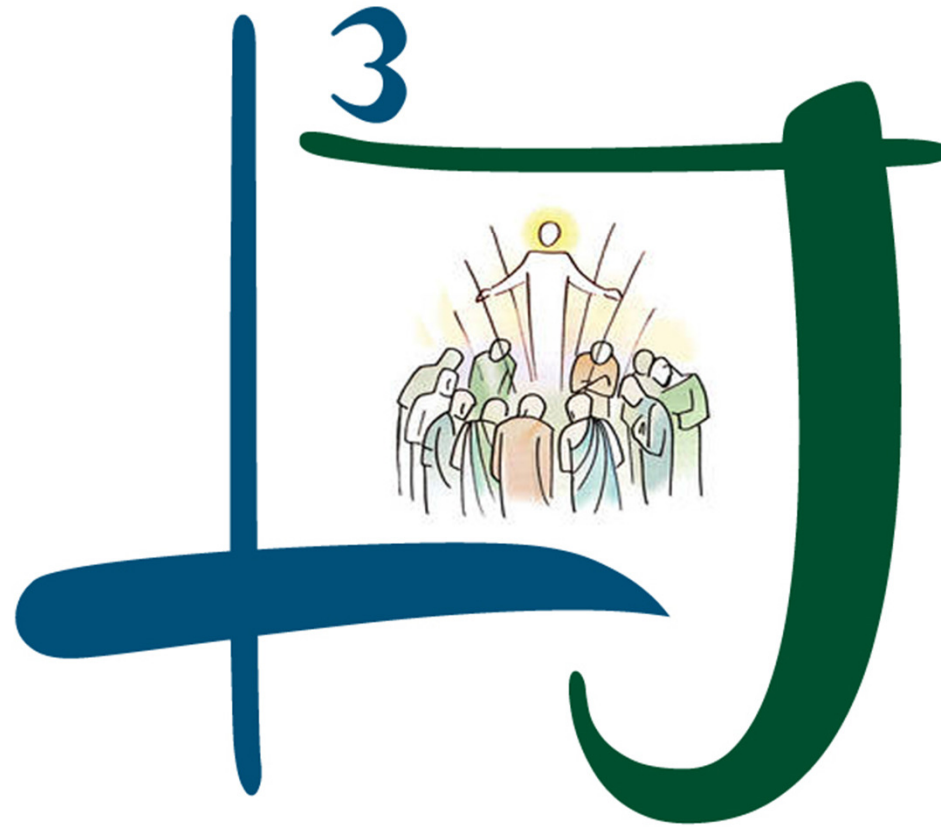


Loving
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Returning
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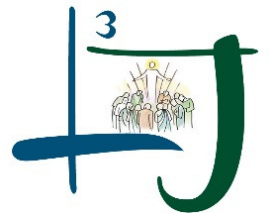
Luke 15:11-32

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Learning to love like Jesus

Parables

- *Reveal or explain a spiritual truth*
- *Usually have one main point*
- *Not every detail has significant meaning*
- *There aren't "secret or hidden meanings"*



We All Have Walked Away From God

The Story

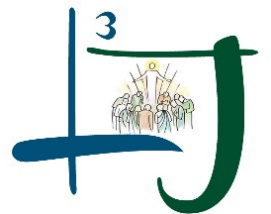
~Father gave him freedom

~Father gave him his inheritance

~Father allowed him to walk away

“He went away sad because he had great wealth...”

Mark 10:22



God Eagerly Desires For His Children To Return To Him

God acts in many ways

~Draws: John 6:44

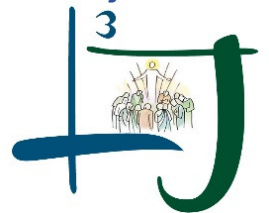
~Convicts: John 16:8

~Enlightens: Eph 1:19

~Meets us: John 15:20

*“He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish,
But everyone to come to repentance.”*

2Peter 3:9



God Unconditionally Forgives Those Who Return To Him

The Father:

~Loved him BEFORE his repentance

~Loved him without condition

~Restored him to the family

~Expected OTHERS to welcome him as well

*“I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of
God over one sinner who repents!”*

Luke 15:10

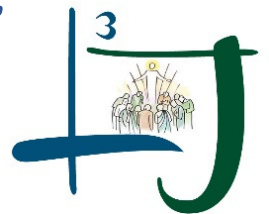


God Rejoices And Celebrates When The Lost Return To Him

- *Rejoicing over lost being found is the theme of all 3*
 - ~*Killed the fatted calf*
 - ~*Threw a party*
 - ~*Refused to give in to those who didn't understand*

“But we HAD to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.”

Luke 15:32



Today's Challenges

- *Understand the need*
- *Return if you are away*
- *Reach out if you know someone lost*
- *Be one of the 35*

