

## Lectio Divina

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| ➤ Read and re-read, out loud and slowly the Gospel                       | ➤ Pray - Thanksgiving - Repentance - Petition         |
| ➤ Meditate on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life | ➤ Action - Attitude (Call to change / to act / to do) |
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**March 6<sup>th</sup> 2016 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent - Year C - Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32**

In this week's gospel we get a look into the lifestyle of Jesus. He is dealing with the 'tax collectors and sinners' people who were considered 'outsiders' by the Pharisees. The main passage in this week's gospel is the story of the Prodigal son. This is very well known and is the longest parable in the gospels. We have the Father and his two sons. The youngest one gets his inheritance and goes off and squanders it all while the older son stays at home and works hard on the farm. When the young son arrives home to great joy and celebration the older son feels very annoyed. The Father explains to him "you are always with me and all I have is yours; but we must rejoice over your brother who was lost and is found.

In this year of mercy the Father shows us how to forgive and welcome those who were lost and have returned. Who are the people in our lives who have welcomed us and made us feel part of the 'Family of God'?

**Prayer:**

Thank you Lord for the people who have taught us what true forgiveness is by their unconditional love and open hearts always accepting us just as we are.  
Forgive us Lord for the times we did not welcome people into our community or groups because we were comfortable with the people there.

Lord help us all to remember the statement of Jesus "Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate and show compassion to all those who need it especially people who feel on the outside because of class, colour or creed.

