

LIVING WITH CHRIST THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 14:	Fourth Sunday in Lent (C) - violet or rose
Monday 15:	Ferial - purple
Tuesday 16:	Ferial - purple
Wednesday 17:	Ferial - purple
Thursday 18:	Ferial - purple
Friday 19:	St. Joseph, husband of Mary, patron of the universal Church, principal patron of Canada - white
Saturday 20 :	Ferial - purple
Sunday 21:	Fifth Sunday in Lent (C) - violet



Lenten Prayers for Today

2. A Father Had Two Sons...

Lord,
If it ever happened that I forget
your Gospels,
I would like to have this passage engraved
on my heart:

A father had two sons...

Here perhaps is the most beautiful word
that I have found to describe God,
And respond to a question
that often torments me:
Who is God who on some days
I feel is more absent than present?

And then to answer my question
you tell this story:

A father had two sons,
two challenging sons.

One wanted his freedom at all costs,
And found that he was caught up
in a vortex of destruction.
The other, a model son,
Stayed at home and worked hard
all the time,
Yet found himself on a slippery slope
leading toward jealousy.

And the father, somewhat delirious with joy,
Was ready to do whatever necessary
to meet each son halfway.

To one he said: *Let us eat and feast
for you have come back
to us and to life...*

To the other: *My child,
everything I have is yours...*

Thank you Lord.
If I have grasped this story,
You are never absent from our lives.
One word suffices
to respond to my question
And describe who you are
and your love for us: *Father!*

Father Jacques Houle, c.s.v.
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