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As the liturgy of this day lays great stress on the contrast between the two brothers, Esau and Jacob, and between the faithful son and the prodigal, it is possible that underneath there lies an allusion to that executioner, Who expiated his crime by baptism and penitence.

We ourselves were once a long way off, lIke the prodigal son, and if we now belong to the household of the faith it is because the Good Shepherd has brought us back to the fold.

We must try to smooth away difficulties, to help on conversions, and to imitate the angels of God, who rejoice with Jesus in heaven over one repentant sinner.

INTROIT Psalms 18: 8 Lex Dómini irreprehensíbilis, convértens ánimas: testimónium Dómini fidéle, sapiéntiam præstans párvulis. (Ps. 18: 2) Cæli enárrant glóriam Dei: et ópera mánuum ejus annúntiat firmaméntum. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spirítui Sancto, sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Lex Dómini irreprehensíbilis, convértens ánimas: testimónium Dómini fidéle, sapiéntiam præstans párvulis.	The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul; the decree of the Lord is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple. (Ps. 18: 2) The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul; the decree of the Lord is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.
COLLECT Da, quæsumus, Dómine, nostris efféctum jejúniis salutárem: ut castigátio carnis assúmpta, ad nostrárum vegetatiónem tránseat animárum. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.	Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that our fasting may be beneficial to us, so that by chastising our flesh we may obtain strength for our souls. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.
For St. Gabriel Deus, qui beátum Gabriélem dulcíssimæ Matris tuæ dolóres assídue recólere docuísti, ac per illam sanctitátis et miraculórum glória sublimásti: da nobis, ejus intercessióne et exémplo; ita Genetrícis tuæ consociári flétibus, ut matérna ejúsdem protectióne salvémur: Qui vivis et regnas, cum Deo Patre in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.	God, Who didst teach blessed Gabriel, diligently to ponder the sorrows of Thy most sweet Mother, and Who hast gloriously exalted him as a saint and worker of wonders: vouchsafe to be moved by his merits and prayers, and to grant unto us so to mourn with Mary Thy Mother, that her maternal care may ensure our salvation. Who lives and reigns with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.
LESSON Genesis 27: 6-40 In diébus illis: Dixit Rebécca fílio suo Jacob: Audívi patrem tuum loquéntem cum Esau fratre tuo, et dicéntem ei: Affer mihi de venatióne tua, et fac cibos, ut comédam et benedícam tibi coram Dómino, ántequam móriar. Nunc ergo, fili mi, acquiésce consíliis meis: et pergens ad gregem, affer mihi duos hædos óptimos, ut fáciam ex eis escas patri tuo, quibus libénter véscitur: quas cum intúleris et coméderit, benedícat tibi, priúsquam moriátur. Cui ille respóndit: Nosti, quod Esau, frater meus, homo pilósus sit, et ego lenis: si attrectáverit me pater meus et sénserit, tímeo, ne putet me sibi voluísse illúdere, et indúcam super me maledictiónem pro benedictióne. Ad quem mater: In me sit, ait, ista male díctio, fili mi: tantum audi vocem meam, et pergens affer quæ dixi. Abiit, et áttulit, dedítque matri. Parávit illa cibos, sicut velle nóverat patrem illíus. Et véstibus Esau valde bonis, quas apud se habébat domi, índuit eum: pelliculásque hædórum circúmdedit mánibus, et colli nuda protéxit. Dedítque pulméntum, et panes, quos cóxerat, trádidit. Quibus illátis, dixit: Pater mi! At ille respóndit: Audio. Quis es tu, fili mi? Dixítque Jacob: Ego sum primogénitus tuus Esau: feci, sicut præcepísti mihi: surge, sede, et cómede de venatióne mea, ut benedícat mihi ánima tua. Rursúmque Isaac ad fílium suum: Quómodo, inquit, tam cito inveníre potuísti, fili mi? Qui respóndit: Volúntas Dei fuit, ut cito occúrreret mihi quod volébam. Dixítque Isaac: Accéde huc, ut tangam te, fili mi, et probem, utrum tu sis fílius meus Esau, an non. Accéssit ille ad patrem, et palpáto eo, dixit Isaac: Vox quidem vox Jacob est, sed manus manus sunt Esau. Et non cognóvit eum, quia pilósæ manus similitúdinem maióris exprésserant. Benedícens ergo illi, ait: Tu es fílius meus Esau? Respóndit: Ego sum. At ille: Affer mihi, inquit, cibos de venatióne tua, fili mi, ut benedícat tibi ánima mea. Quos cum oblátos comedísset, óbtulit ei étiam vinum. Quo hausto, dixit ad eum: Accéde ad me, et da mihi ósculum, fili mi. Accéssit, et osculátus est eum. Statímque ut sensit vestimentórum illíus fragrántiam, benedícens illi, ait: Ecce, odor fílii mei sicut odor agri pleni, cui benedíxit Dóminus. Det tibi Deus de rore cæli, et de pinguédine terræ abundántiam fruménti et vini. Et sérviant tibi pópuli, et ad orent te tribus: esto dóminus fratrum tuórum, et incurvéntur ante te fílii matris tuæ. Qui male díxerit tibi, sit	In those days, Rebecca said to her son Jacob: I heard your father tell your brother Esau: Bring me some game; prepare some savory food for me to eat, and then I will bless you in the sight of the Lord before I die. Now, my son, do what I tell you. Go to the flock and bring me two choice kids that I may make of them savory food for your father, such as he likes. Then bring it to your father to eat, that he may bless you before he dies. Jacob said to his mother Rebecca: But Esau my brother is a hairy man, while I am smooth. If my father touches me, it will seem to him that I am mocking him. Thus I shall bring a curse on myself instead of a blessing. His mother replied: Let the curse fall on me, my son! Do but listen to me; go, get them for me. He went, selected them, and brought them to his mother, who prepared savory food such as his father liked. Then Rebecca took the best clothes of her elder son Esau, which she had in the house, and put them on her younger son Jacob. She put the skins of the kids on his hands and over the smooth parts of his neck. Then she gave her son Jacob the savory food and bread she had prepared. He went to his father and said: Father! He answered: Here I am. Who are you, my son? And Jacob said to his father: I am Esau, your firstborn. I have done as you told me; sit up, please! Eat again of my game, that you may bless me. Isaac replied: How did you find it so quickly, my son? He answered: The Lord your God let me come upon it. Then Isaac said to Jacob: Come close that I may touch you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not. Jacob went close to his father. Isaac touched him and said: The voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau. - He did not recognize him because his hands were hairy like those of his brother Esau; so he blessed him. - Isaac said: Are you really my son Esau? Jacob answered: Yes, I am. Isaac continued: Set your game near me, my son, that I may eat it, and bless you. He set it before him and he ate of it, and he brought him some wine, which he drank. Then his father Isaac said to him: Come close and kiss me, my son. He came close and kissed him. When he smelled the fragrance of his garments, he blessed him and said: The fragrance of my son is like the fragrance of a field which the Lord has blessed! God give you dew from heaven, and fruitfulness of the

ille maledíctus: et qui benedíxerit tibi, benedictiónibus repleátur. Vix Isaac sermónem impléverat, et egrésso Jacob foras, venit Esau, coctósque de venatióne cibos íntulit patri, dicens: Surge, pater mi, et cómede de venatióne fílii tui, ut benedícat mihi ánima tua. Dixítque illi Isaac: Quis enim es tu? Qui respóndit: Ego sum fílius tuus primogénitus Esau. Expávit Isaac stupóre veheménti, et ultra quam credi potest, admírans, ait: Quis ígitur ille est, qui dudum captam venatiónem áttulit mihi, et comédi ex ómnibus, priúsquam tu veníres? Benedixíque ei, et erit benedíctus. Audítis Esau sermónibus patris, irrúgiit clamóre magno, et consternátus, ait: Bénedic etiam et mihi, pater mi. Qui ait: Venit germánus tuus fraudulénter, et accépit benedictiónem tuam. At ille subiunxit: Juste vocátum est nomen ejus Jacob: supplantávit enim me en áltera vice: primogénita mea ante tulit, et nunc secúndo surrípuit benedictiónem meam. Rursúmque ad patrem: Numquid non reservásti, ait, et mihi benedictiónem? Respóndit Isaac: Dóminum tuum illum constítui, et omnes fratres ejus servitúti illíus subiugávi: fruménto et vino stabilívi eum, et tibi post hæc, fili mi, ultra quid fáciam? Cui Esau: Num unam, inquit, tantum benedictiónem habes, pater? mihi quoque óbsecro ut benedícas. Cumque ejulátu magno fleret, motus Isaac, dixit ad eum: In pinguédine terræ, et in rore cæli désuper erit benedíctio tua.	earth, abundance of grain and wine. Let nations serve you, peoples bow down to you. Be master of your brothers; may your mother's sons bow down to you. Cursed be those who curse you, blessed be those who bless you. Isaac had pronounced the blessing and Jacob had just left his father's presence, when his brother Esau returned from hunting. He also prepared savory food and brought it to his father, saying: Sit up, father, and eat of your son's game, that you may bless me. His father Isaac said to him: Who are you? He answered: I am Esau, your firstborn son. Isaac was greatly disturbed, and asked: Who was it, then, that hunted game and brought it to me? Before you came I ate heartily and then blessed him; and he shall be blessed. On hearing his father's words, Esau uttered a very loud and bitter cry, and said to him: Father, bless me too. But he answered: Your brother came deceitfully and received your blessing. Then he said: Must he, true to his name Jacob, supplant me now a second time? He took my birthright and now he has taken my blessing. He added: Have you not reserved a blessing for me? Isaac answered Esau: I have appointed him your lord, and have given him all his brothers as servants. I have enriched him with grain and wine; what then can I do for you, my son? But Esau said to his father: Have you only one blessing, father? Bless me also, my father. And Esau wept aloud. His father Isaac answered him: Without the fruitfulness of the earth shall your dwelling be; without the dew of the heavens above.
GRADUAL Psalms 91: 2-3 Bonum est confitéri Dómino: et psállere nómini tuo, Altíssime. Ad annuntiándum mane misericórdiam tuam, et veritátem tuam per noctem.	It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to Thy name, Most High. To proclaim Thy kindness at dawn and Thy faithfulness throughout the night.
GOSPEL Luke 15: 11-32 In illo témpore: Dixit Jesus pharisǽis et scribis parábolam istam: Homo quidam hábuit duos fílios, et dixit adolescéntior ex illis patri: Pater, da mihi portiónem substántiæ, quæ me cóntingit. Et divísit illis substántiam. Et non post multos dies, congregátis ómnibus, adolescéntior fílius péregre profèctus est in regiónem longínquam, et ibi dissipávit substántiam suam vivéndo luxurióse. Et postquam ómnia consummásset, facta est fames válida in regióne illa, et ipse cœpit egére. Et ábiit, et adhaesit uni cívium regiónis illíus. Et misit illum in villam suam, ut pásceret porcos. Et cupiébat implére ventrem suum de síliquis, quas porci manducábant: et nemo illi dabat. In se autem revérsus, dixit: Quanti mercennárii in domo patris mei abúndant pánibus, ego autem hic fame péreo? Surgam, et ibo ad patrem meum, et dicam ei: Pater, peccávi in cælum et coram te: iam non sum dignus vocari fílius tuus: fac me sicut unum de mercennáriis tuis. Et surgens venit ad patrem suum. Cum autem adhuc longe esset, vidit illum pater ipsíus, et misericórdia motus est, et accúrrens cécidit super collum eius, et osculátus est eum. Dixítque ei fílius: Pater, peccávi in cælum et coram te, iam non sum dignus vocari fílius tuus. Dixit autem pater ad servos suos: Cito proférte stolam primam, et indúite illum, et date ánulum in manum ejus, et calceaménta in pedes ejus: et addúcite vítulum saginátum et occídite, et manducémus et epulémur, quia hic fílius meus mórtuus erat, et revíxit: períerat, et invéntus est. Et cœpérunt epulári. Erat autem fílius ejus senior in agro: et cum veníret, et appropinquáret dómui, audívit symphóniam et chorum: et vocávit unum de servis, et interrogávit, quid hæc essent. Isque dixit illi: Frater tuus venit, et occídit pater tuus vítulum saginátum, quia salvum illum recépit. Indignátus est autem, et nolébat introíre. Pater ergo illíus egréssus, cœpit rogáre illum. At ille respóndens, dixit patri suo: Ecce, tot annis sérvio tibi, et numquam mandátum tuum præterívi, et numquam dedísti mihi hædum, ut cum amícis meis epulárer: sed postquam fílius tuus hic, qui devorávit substántiam suam cum meretrícibus, venit, occidísti illi vítulum saginátum. At ipse dixit illi: Fili, tu semper mecum es, et ómnia mea tua sunt: epulári autem et gaudére oportébat, quia frater tuus hic mórtuus erat, et revíxit: períerat, et invéntus est.	At that time, Jesus spoke to the Pharisees and Scribes this parable: A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father: Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me. And he divided his means between them. And not many days later, the younger son gathered up all his wealth, and took his journey into a far country; and there he squandered his fortune in loose living. And after he had spent all, there came a grievous famine over that country, and he began himself to suffer want. And he went and joined one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his farm to feed swine. And he longed to fill himself with the pods that the swine were eating, but no one offered to give them to him. But when he came to himself, he said: How many hired men in my father's house have bread in abundance, while I am perishing here with hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and will say to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men. And he arose and went to his father. But while he was yet a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with compassion, and ran and fell upon his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. But the father said to his servants: Fetch quickly the best robe and put it on him, and give him a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet; and bring out the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; because this my son was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And calling one of the servants he inquired what this meant. And he said to him: Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has got him back safe. But he was angered and would not go in. His father, therefore, came out and began to entreat him. But he answered and said to his father: Behold, these many years I have been serving you, and have never transgressed one of your commands; and yet you have never given me a kid that I might make merry with my friends. But when this your son comes, who has devoured his means with harlots, you have killed for him the fattened calf. But he said to him: Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours; but we were bound to make merry and rejoice, for this your brother was dead, and has come to life; he was lost, and is found.
OFFERTORY Psalms 12: 4-5 Illúmina óculos meos, ne umquam obdórmiam in morte: ne quando dicat inimícus meus: Præválui advérsus eum.	Give light to my eyes that I may not sleep in death lest my enemy say, I have overcome him.
SECRET His sacrifíciis, Dómine, concéde placátus: ut, qui própriis orámus absólvi delíctis, non gravémur extérnis. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǽcula sæculórum.	Appeased by these sacrificial gifts, O Lord, grant that we who pray for absolution from our own sins may not be burdened by those which are foreign to us. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.
For St. Gabriel Salutárem hóstiam in memóriam sancti	Make us, O Lord, who offer Thee the

Gabriélis tibi, Dómine, offeréntes, fac nos sacrifícium mortis tuæ rite recólere: ac, méritis perdoléntis Vírginis, ejúsdem sacrifícii fructum copióse percípere: Qui vivis et regnas, cum Deo Patre in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǽcula sæculórum.	saving host in memory of St. Gabriel, daily to recall the sacrifice of Thy death; and by the merits of the sorrowful Virgin abundantly to receive the fruit of the same sacrifice. Who lives and reigns with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.
PREFACE OF LENT Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutáre, nos tibi semper et ubíque grátias ágere: Dómine sancte, Pater omnípotens, ætérne Deus: Qui corporáli jejúnio vítia cómprimis, mentem élevas, virtútem largíris et prǽmia: per Christum Dóminum nostrum. Per quem majestátem tuam laudant Ángeli, adórant Dominatiónes, tremunt Potestátes. Cæli cælorúmque Virtútes ac beáta Séraphim sócia exsultatióne concélebrant. Cum quibus et nostras voces ut admítti júbeas, deprecámur, súpplici confessióne dicéntes:	It is truly fitting and just, proper and beneficial, that we should always and everywhere, give thanks unto Thee, holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God. Who by this bodily fast, dost curb our vices, dost lift up our minds and bestow on us strength and rewards; through Christ our Lord. Through Whom the Angels praise Thy majesty, the Dominations adore, the Powers tremble: the heavens and the hosts of heaven, and the blessed Seraphim, together celebrate in exultation. With whom, we pray Thee, command that our voices of supplication also be admitted in confessing Thee saying:
COMMUNION Luke 15: 32 Opórtet te, fili, gaudére, quia frater tuus mórtuus fúerat, et revíxit: períerat, et invéntus est.	You ought to rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead, and has come to life; he was lost, and is found.
POSTCOMMUNION Sacraménti tui, Dómine, divína libátio, penetrália nostri cordis infúndat: et sui nos partícipes poténter effíciat. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǽcula sæculórum.	May the sacrament of which we have partaken, O Lord, penetrate the depths of our hearts and make us share in its strength. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.
For St. Gabriel Quas tibi, Dómine, in festivitáte sancti Gabriélis Confessóris tui, pro collátis donis grátias ágimus: súscipe propítius per manus gloriósæ semper Vírginis Maríæ; ex qua carnem illam assumpsísti, cujus in hoc salutári convívio merúimus gustáre dulcédinem: Qui vivis et regnas, cum Deo Patre in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǽcula sæculórum.	The thanks which we offer to Thee, O Lord, in the festivity of St. Gabriel, Thy confessor, for the gifts we have received, do Thou graciously receive at the hands of the glorious ever-virgin Mary: of whom Thou didst take that flesh whose sweetness we have deserved to taste in this healthful banquet. Who lives and reigns with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.
PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE Humiliáte cápita vestra Deo. Famíliam tuam, quǽsumus, Dómine, contínua pietáte custódi: ut, quæ in sola spe grátiæ cæléstis innítitur, cæléstí étiam protectióne muniátur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǽcula sæculórum.	Bow your heads to God. Guard Thy household, we beseech Thee, O Lord, with lasting kindness, so that those who rely entirely upon the hope of heavenly grace may indeed be supported by heavenly protection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.