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The Prodigal Son.

"A certain man had two sons: and the younger of them said to his father: Father, give me the portion of substance that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his substance. And not many days after, the younger son, gathering all together, went abroad into a far country: and there wasted his substance, living riotously.

"And after he had spent all, there came a mighty famine into that country; and he began to be in want. And he went and cleaved to one of the citizens of that country. And he sent him into his farm to feed swine. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks the swine did eat; and no man gave unto him.

"And returning to himself, he said: How many hired servants in my father's house abound with bread, and here I perish with hunger? I will arise and I will go to my father, and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee: I am not worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

"And rising up he came to his father. And when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and was moved with compassion, and running to him fell upon his neck, and kissed him. And the son said to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, I am not now worthy to be called thy son.

"And the father said to his servants: Bring forth quickly the first robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it, and let us eat and make merry: Because this my son was dead, and is come to life again: was lost, and is found." -- Luke, xv, 11-24.

With Trinity Sunday only three days away it behooves us to consider the following points in this parable:

1. The son deliberately chose to go away from his father, and to take his inheritance now rather than later;
2. He deliberately wasted the good gifts his father had bestowed upon him, spending them on sin;
3. Misfortune tried him, but it did not bring him to his senses until he starved;
4. His father never forgot him, and his eyes always straining for his lost son, he saw him "when he was yet a great way off;"
5. While his father's forgiveness was complete, it did not come until the son returned to seek it;
6. The son was restored again to fortune as well as to the good graces of his father.

You Don't Have to Make the Jubilee.

The indifference of the students to the Jubilee indulgences makes one wonder. What are we coming to? Our Blessed Lord said, "Cast not your pearls before swine." It is typical of human nature to despise free gifts. But remember this: you don't have to make the Jubilee. You can go to Purgatory and pray a thousand years for a drop of water to cool your tongue, and your prayers there will do no good. You have a chance now to secure remission of temporal punishment due forgiven sin; if you don't want it, let it go.

Once Over.

The Jubilee may be made any time this year, not necessarily this week. A week is set aside for it to emphasize it.

The four visits a day need not be made on consecutive days. They must be made to the church at Notre Dame, or to four churches down town.