

Caritas Fellowship  
Parables #1 (Intro)  
24 Sept 2009

**MARK 4.10-14**

And when he was alone, those around him with the twelve asked him about the parables. 11 And he said to them, "To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside everything is in parables, 12 so that

"they may indeed see but not perceive,  
and may indeed hear but not understand,  
lest they should turn and be forgiven."

13 And he said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? 14 The sower sows the word...

**MORPHEUS—*THE MATRIX***

Unfortunately, no one can be told what the Matrix is. You have to see it for yourself.

**2 SAMUEL 12.1-7**

And the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. 2 The rich man had very many flocks and herds, 3 but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him. 4 Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him." 5 Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die, 6 and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

7 Nathan said to David, "You are the man!"

**FLANNERY O'CONNOR**

A story is a way to say something that can't be said any other way, and it takes every word in the story to say what the meaning is.

**CRAIG BLOMBERG, *Interpreting the Parables***

St. Augustine provided the classic example of ancient allegorizing with his interpretation of the parable of the good Samaritan: the wounded man stands for Adam; Jerusalem, the heavenly city from which he has fallen; the thieves, the devil who deprives Adam of his immortality; the priest and Levite, the Old Testament Law which could save no one; the Samaritan who binds the man's wounds, Christ who forgives sin; the inn, the church; and the innkeeper, the Apostle Paul! Some lesser known but equally imaginative examples include Irenaeus' treatment of the laborers in the vineyard—the parable depicts those who have been saved at different periods of world history, while the denarius with which each is rewarded, engraved with the royal image, stands for God's royal son and the immortality he conveys. Or again, Gregory the Great explains the farmer's threefold coming to the barren fig tree in search of fruit as God's bestowing humanity with reason, law, and grace, respectively.

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**OF INTEREST?**

**"My Conversion from Islam"**, Fr David Byantoro

Monday, 28 September, 7.00pm

Church of the Holy Communion (218 Ashley)

**Oyster Roast**—Church of the Holy Communion

Sunday, 11 October, 2.00pm—\$20

Bowens Island

**The Vengrov Torah**

Sunday, 18 October, 2.00pm

Brith Sholom Beth Israel Synagogue (182 Rutlege)

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                  9.00am, Breakfast  
                  9.20am, Christian Education for all ages  
                  10.30am, Solemn High Mass

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                  8.00am, Mass

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