

## Comparison of Prodigal Son and the Sacrament of Penance

### STORY

1. Father's unconditional love for his son and his free will to choose
2. Son sins against the Father and the whole household is affected
3. Feeds swine – unclean & despised animal to the Jews
4. Son is lost in sin
5. Son returns Home to the Father
6. The Father clothes the son with clean garments
7. Welcomes with a banquet
8. The Father represents God
9. Father is always looking out for his son's return – no grudges

### SACRAMENT

- a. We receive Holy Communion
- b. Priest represents God in the whole community
- c. God recovers the lost
- d. Sin affects the whole community – There is no private sin
- e. God is always willing to forgive every sin
- f. God's unconditional love for us and our free will to choose
- g. We return to the Church with Confession
- h. Priest places cloth on our head for absolution
- i. Sin makes us unclean