Thursday of the Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time

Gospel text (*Lk* 15:1-10): The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So Jesus addressed this parable to them. “What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it? (…). I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance."

The "original sin": Oh happy fault!

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Today, the Lord’s words enlighten us to pierce the mystery of evil. If God is all good, why does He allow evil? Even more so: why the "original sin"? A first answer: after having completed the creation, God did not retreat. There we have the impressive work of redemption!

In creation everything points to our divine filiation: children of God! And, therefore, free, with all its consequences: God allows man to "upset" His plans. Yes, God has allowed Adam —with the "original sin"— to tear down His project, but on the condition of creating something new and better: God responded by surrendering Himself more vehemently in the person of Christ.

—My God, I want to sing —as in the Paschal Vigil— "Oh, happy fault, which gained for us so great a Redeemer!", Your mercy, oh Lord!, is the biggest demonstration of the overwhelming force of Your love, and my conversion is the joy of Heaven.