



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

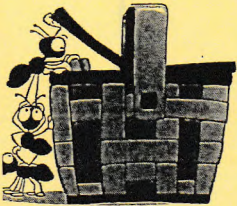
August 28, 2016

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

NEXT SUNDAY IS FOOD SUNDAY—Please bring some non-perishable food for the Immaculate Heart Parish Food Bank to help feed the hungry.

SIMPLE SUPPER COLLECTION will be taken next Sunday to support our two monthly dinners at Transition Projects. Baskets for your free will offering are at the entrances to the church.

RCIA, FIRST COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION CLASSES: If you or someone you know would like to participate in RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) or if you would like to enroll your child in a class for First Communion/First Reconciliation, please sign-up in the back of the church. (The sign-up sheet is on the table with the all those Catholic Updates.) We'd like to organize our classes for this fall as quickly as possible.



ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC is only three weeks away! Plan on being there – Saturday, September 17th on the lawn of the little house next door immediately following the 4pm Mass. Sign-up sheets are out! If you can help with the event (set-up, manage the food, clean-up) and/or contribute to the feast, please sign up.

ARE YOU MISSING A SPOON OR OTHER UTENSIL? It's hard to fathom, but we still have some unclaimed items from Fr. Jim's 40th ordination celebration in May. This is your last chance to retrieve these items before they find a new home.

UNBOUND PRESENTATION SEPTEMBER 10 & 11: We have extended an invitation to Rev. Richard Bayuk CPPS to come to our parish on the weekend of September 10-11, 2016. Father Bayuk will speak about the work being done by Unbound (previously known as CFCA), a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that has served more than 600,000 children, youth and elderly in 20 developing countries since 1981—empowering them to make more choices in their lives, live with dignity and reach their potential. Join us in welcoming Fr. Bayuk and hearing more about this worthwhile organization.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND – SEPTEMBER (already?) 4th:

9:00 AM: Coleen & Jim Connolly 11:00 AM: Mary Ann & Kevin Billings

Please come early. If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please make sure you find a substitute. Thank you!

At the banquet of life, we do not hesitate to elbow other people out of the way to get the best places. But Jesus shows us how different this is from the kingdom. To enter his reign, we must be humble. Gospel humility is not a religious sado-masochism motivated by self-hatred or obsequiousness. Assertiveness and humility are not mutually exclusive. They both require that we be true to our dignity as image of God. Jesus who was in the form of God left the first place to take the last. That is why "God highly exalted him" (Phil 2:6-9).

In a second meal image, we find another warning against clever calculation. Our invitation list must include those who have no means to repay us. Christ, who is found in these least ones (Matthew 25:31-46), will return the invitation in the banquet of the kingdom.

LITURGICAL READINGS

- Today: *Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.* Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/
Psalm 68/ Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a/ Luke 14:1, 7-14.
- Monday: *The Passion of St. John the Baptist.* 1 Corinthians 2:1-5/ Psalm 119/
Mark 6:17-29.
- Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 2:10b-16/ Psalm 145/ Luke 4:31-37.
- Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9/ Psalm 33/ Luke 4:38-44.
- Thursday: 1 Corinthians 3:18-23/ Psalm 24/ Luke 5:1-11.
- Friday: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5/ Psalm 37/ Luke 5:33-39.
- Saturday: *St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church.* 1 Corinthians 4:6b-15/
Psalm 145/ Luke 6:1-5.
- Next Sunday: *Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.* Wisdom 9:13-18b/ Psalm 90/
Philemon 9-10, 12-17/ Luke 14:25-33.

Collection for Last Sunday: \$ 3609.00 Thank You!

The Church email is back in operation. Thanks for your patience.

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 8:30 a.m.

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Reconciliation: Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

Baptism and Anointing of the Sick: Please call the parish office.

Marriage: Six months' notice required.

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PARISH STAFF

Rev. James Martin Kolb, C.S.P., Pastor

Elizabeth Duncan, Parish Assistant - 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

Reflection

Today's gospel is about the vice of self-promotion. In Jesus' time, the individuals living in the Judean society and culture were in a constant struggle for more "personal honor," but always at the expense of someone else. One example is reflected in today's gospel. It shows people jockeying for the best places at a banquet – not so subtly, either, because it caught Jesus' attention. By their own actions of "self-promotion" they were patting themselves on the back, in effect claiming they were "better" than those located farther down the feeding trough.

When Jesus comments on this banquet scenario, he is not giving a lesson in table manners. Notice that he tells a parable, meaning there is a specific point he is going to be making. In this case, he is contrasting the virtue of Humility with the vice of Pride. The lesson is about the great danger in presuming (and acting on that presumption) that we are "better" than someone else; the parable calls us to avoid the vice of self-promotion. The Book of Proverbs reminds us that pride precedes the disaster and the fall (16:18), and our First Reading from Sirach stresses the need for great humility. There is no need for self-promotion through tooting your own horn. If you are deserving of honors, your responsible actions will be noticed and given the recognition they deserve.