

September 1, 2019

FAITH SHARING

The common theme of today's readings is the need for true humility which leads to a generous and blessed sharing with the needy. The readings also warn us against all forms of pride and self-glorification.

BIBLE READINGS

Sirach 3;17-18,20,28-29

The first reading, taken from the book of Sirach, reminds us that if we are humble, we will find favor with God, and others will love us.

Responsorial Psalm

R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

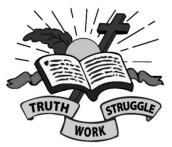
The second reading gives another reason for us to be humble. The author reminds us that Jesus was lowly, particularly in his suffering and death for our salvations so we should be like him in order to be exalted with him at the resurrection of the righteous. Paul also seems to imply that we need to follow Christ's example of humility in our relationships with the less fortunate members of our society.

Luke 14:1,7-14

Jesus explains the practical benefits of humility, connecting it with the common wisdom about dining etiquette. He advises the guests to go to the lowest place instead of seeking places of honor, so that the host may give them the place they really deserve. Jesus' words should prompt us to honor those whom others ignore, because if we are generous and just in our dealings with those in need, we can be confident of the Lord's blessings.

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22nd Ordinary Sunday

ENTRANCE HYMN (Zephaniah 2:3a; Psalm 149:40)

V. Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth, who have observed His law; seek justice, seek humility.

R. For the Lord takes delight in His people, honors the poor with victory.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Gospel

LK 14:1, 7-14

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke. **R. Glory be to You, Lord.**

On a sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully. He told a parable to those who had been invited, noticing how they were choosing the places of honor at the table. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited by him, and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say, 'Give your place to this man,' and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place. Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.'

Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table.

For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Then he said to the host who invited him, "When you hold a lunch or a dinner,

do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment.

Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind;

blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Gospel of the Lord. **R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?

When Christian Herter was governor of Massachusetts, he was running hard for a second term in office. One day, after a busy morning chasing votes (without lunch), he arrived at a church barbecue. It was late afternoon and Herter was famished. As Herter moved down the serving line, he held out his plate to the woman serving chicken. She put a piece on his plate and turned to the next person in line. "Excuse me," Governor Herter said, "do you mind if I have another piece of chicken?" "Sorry," the woman told him. "I'm supposed to give one piece of chicken to each person because you are going to get other food items also from other servers." "But I'm starved, and I love chicken," the governor said. "Sorry," the woman said again. "Only one to a customer. "Governor Herter was a modest and unassuming man, but he decided that this time he would throw a little weight around. "Do you know who I am?" he said. "I am the governor of this state!" "Do you know who I am?" the woman retorted. "T'm the lady in charge of the chicken. Move along, mister."

Today's Hymns

Processional Hymn #1 – Hymn Of Faith (verses 1 & 4)

Hymn to the Holy Spirit #144 – Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn #221 Turn Your Eyes To Jesus

Communion Hymn #155 Hallowed Be Forever

Recessional Hymn #151 O Ever Holy Sacrament * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday, August 31 22nd Ordinary Sunday 5:30 PM – Holy Mass

Saturday, September 7 23rd Ordinary Sunday 5:30 PM – Holy Mass

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Our email has been changed to pastor@oursaviorpncc.org

PASTOR'S DIRECT PHONE NUMBER

In case of all regular Parish issues please call Fr. Mariusz at 215-535-4978. This number is always linked to pastor's cell phone, so in case of real emergency please also use this number.

PASTOR'S ADDRESS

Fr. Mariusz lives at St. Valentine's PNCC Rectory. 2330 Margaret St. Philadelphia, PA 19137

BULLETIN INFORMATION

If you have any information which supposed to be in our parish bulletin, please call or email Fr. Mariusz. Due date for each bulletin is always Friday, 4:00 p.m.

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters: Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish; For the health and wellbeing of Howard Friedman, Michael and Bernice Muha, Stanley Sostak, Janet Caruso, Michael and Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Anthony Tonzini, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Duane Schulte, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Stefan Revesz, Stephanie Besterci, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, John Smith, Ernie Hoffman, John and Jane Aldershoff, Peggy Harris, Ina Reese, Bob Stutz, Tom Goff, Milton Keiles, Claire Armstrong, David Gavenda, Michelle Freer, Kay Stampone, James Stenz, Dorothy Nabinger, John Russell, Ronald Brower, Dorothy Zytczk. Jan Cherneski.

For the repose of the soul of Irene Jugan, Joseph Sub. **Our Father...**

INTENTION FOR THE HOLY MASS TODAY:

[†] Helen J. Kubinski (1st Anniversary of Death) - requested by Jane & John Aldershoff

ST. VALENTINE'S PNCC PARISH PICNIC

St. Valentine's Parish, Philadelphia, invites for the Annual Parish Picnic.

Sunday, September 15, 2019

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass, 1:00 PM – Picnic St. Valentine's Cemetery & Pulaski Park, 875 Mill Rd, Bensalem, PA 19020

Delicious Polish Food, golabki, pierogi, kielbasa etc. Raffle tickets available. Thank you in advance for your generosity, cooperation and support.

MEASURE OF GREATNESS

Greatness is not measured by how much we gain, but by how much we give. How many millionaires has America produced over the past two centuries? I don't know the figure. Tens of thousands, I'm sure. Of those millionaires who are dead, how many can you name? Not very many. Most of them are gone. Forgotten. All their toys are back in the box. Somebody else lives in their magnificent homes. Everything they worked for has turned to dust – except for the few who learned the lesson that greatness is measured not by what you gain, but by what you give. Would Carnegie and Vanderbilt and Rockefeller be remembered if their names were not engraved on public buildings, libraries and universities? Would we have any idea who old Joe Kennedy, "with all his millions of dollars," was, if his boys had not devoted themselves to public service? And a century from now, whose names will live on after all the lifestyles of today's rich and famous have faded into obscurity? Albert Schweitzer? Mother Teresa? Mahatma Gandhi? Martin Luther King, Jr.? The number will be few. Some great scientists, a few artists, a political leader here and there -- in every case I can promise one thing. Each of them will be a person who gave more to the world than he or she received.

