

22 Sunday Ord Time Year C August 28, 2016



Judy and Mariano, along with Juliana attended my first Mass in Clarks Point. Mass there is every Friday at noon, weather permitting.

HOLY ROSARY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Four major projects are under way: New flooring for the church, new roof, handicap ramp, and painting the outside of the Church.

A new website is under way for Holy Rosary Parrish, Saint Paul Mission. The website address will be holyrosaryalaska.org.

Please let me know if there are any people that need to be confirmed or baptized.

Priest retreat Sep 5-9 in Anchorage.

Mission talk in Bethesda, Maryland, St. Bartholomew, Sep 17-18. Deacon Harry Moore will be doing a Communion service at Saint Theresa on that weekend.

SAINT PAUL MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

I hope to fly to Igiugig Monday or Tuesday as there are some teenagers their in need of confirmation.

I flew to Clarks point but missed Mass because I was waiting for the fog to lift. I ended up taking communion to Judy, Diane (her son), and Arora. I celebrate mass in Dillingham at Holy Rosary this week and there will be a communion service at Saint Theresa in King Salmon/Naknak.

HOMILY

22 Ord C DLG 2016 Humble, Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19&22-24; Luke 14:1&7-14

SEMINARY WEAKNESS

In the seminary we had intellectual, spiritual, pastoral, and human formation. Human formation provided opportunities for personal growth and character development. In other words, we had to confront our weaknesses. It was

pointed out to me that I was rigid, very structured, not open to change, and inflexible. All my ducks have to be in a row. The downside is that if one duck gets out of line, I might fall to pieces. I learned to confront and accept my weaknesses. I learned that I could use my weakness to help others.

WEAKNESSES LEADS TO HUMBLE

Knowing we have weaknesses humbles us. The dictionary says that the word humble is marked by humility, meekness, and modesty in behavior. When someone points out our weaknesses we can do one of two things: get defensive and angry or turn on the humbleness switch.

DEFENSIVENESS OR HUMBLENESS

Getting defensive is not the best choice because we push people away from us. Jesus wants us to humble ourselves. Being humble allows us to calm down those who are angered. Humble people are able to mend relationships rather than destroy them.

HUMBLE SITUATIONS

Ever heard of a humble situation? Humble situations are things like injustice, poverty, or abuse. A humble situation is not so good, but a humble person is. Ironically, it takes a humble person to see a humble situation.

TURN ON THE HUMBLENESS SWITCH

When we flip on the humbleness switch, we turn on compassion, love, patience, and understanding. We are able to detect injustice, inequality, unfairness, and prejudice with obscene clarity. Being humble inspires us to take action because we can easily see the work God wants us to perform.

HUMILITY AND SIRACH

When we conduct our affairs with humility, the reading from Sirach says, "You will be loved more than the giver of gifts, the greater you will be, and you will find favor with God."

GOSPEL AND HUMBLE

The Gospel tells us that humble people are rewarded. Jesus says, "When you are invited to a banquet go to the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, my friend, move up to the higher position."

THOSE HUMBLER WILL BE EXALTED

God chose the humble of the world, those who are nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something, so that no human being might boast before God. The gospel says, "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

HUMBLE BENEFITS

God promises to protect and free a humble person. God favors a humble person. God loves and consoles a humble person. God showers a humble person with graces. After suffering, God raises a humble person up to glory.

CONCLUSION

As we go through this week, let us think about the spiritual benefits that come from being humble. We are all made in God's image. We all have weaknesses and we all have strengths. The next time someone confronts you with a weakness, turn on the humbleness switch, you won't be sorry (477 Words)!

READINGS:

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

My son, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God. What is too sublime for you, seek not, into things beyond your strength search not. The mind of a sage appreciates proverbs, and an attentive ear is the wise man's joy. Water quenches a flaming fire, and alms atone for sins.

Hebrews 12:18-19&22-24

You have not approached that which could be touched and a blazing fire and gloomy darkness and storm and a trumpet blast and a voice speaking words such that those who heard begged that no message be further addressed to them. No, you have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and countless angels in festal gathering, and the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven, and God the judge of all, and the spirits of the just made perfect, and Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and the sprinkled blood that speaks more eloquently than that of Abel.

Luke 14:1&7-14

On a Sabbath he 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 everyone 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."

INTERCESSIONS:

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Celebrant

What we ask with humble hearts God will hear with infinite mercy.

Deacon/Lector

That all who share in the new covenant of Jesus remember to seek the lowest place at the table, let us pray to the Lord.

That government policies support and protect manufacturing efforts and jobs in our own country, we pray to the Lord.

That working conditions in our nation and overseas reflect true respect for the dignity of each person, let us pray to the Lord.

For those of our community who have died, and for comfort to those who mourn, we pray to the Lord.

In Silence let us now add our own intentions for our families, our community, our country, and the world.....We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant

God of Abraham, you know our works and our thoughts. Gather our prayers and shower down your blessings. We ask this through Christ our Lord.