

Bulletin 30 Ord C October 23, 2016, Grounded

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Archbishop's installation is Wednesday, November 9, 2016, at Our Lady of Guadeloupe in Anchorage at 2:00 PM.
2. I finished my first monthly Saint Paul Mission newsletter with pictures and commentary. If you would like to subscribe, please let me know at holyrosaryalaska@hotmail.com.
3. My sister Brenda and Brother Skip will be visiting me next week for five days. They will be arriving this Sunday, Oct 23.
4. Donations for a gift for our new Archbishop are being accepted for another week. Please send donation to P.O. Box 810, Dillingham, AK 99576. Thank You

Baptism Last Friday at Clarks Point. Kyson Danny Ramodos:



Have a wonderful week. Peace and God Bless.

HOMILY: GROUNDED

Have you ever been grounded? It's not fun: no phone, no internet, no driving, can't go out with your friends, etc. Grounded teenagers are shut down from the most important aspect of their lives, socializing.

WHY ARE WE GROUNDED

We are grounded for a reason. The reason is we start to act like the Pharisee did in the gospel. Teenagers are grounded when they do something that is wrong, such as being reckless, immature, or immoral. The Pharisee in our gospel need to be grounded. He was being arrogant!

GROUNDED FOR SELF-IMPORTANCE

The Pharisee was a successful person but he let it go to his head. He made himself feel important by putting others down. In prayer, he reminded God just how great he was compared to others. He trusts too much in himself and very little in God.

GROUND HAS DIFFERENT MEANINGS

The word ground is used for many different things. Football uses the term intentional grounding when the quarterback throws the ball into the ground to keep from being tackled. Aircraft pilots can be grounded by the FAA. We walk on the ground. We grind coffee to make coffee grounds.

GROUNDED MEANS HUMBLE

To be grounded also means to be humble. From Humility comes the Latin word *humas*, meaning "close to the earth."

TAX COLLECTOR WELL GROUNDED

The tax collector in the gospel was well-grounded. He lived close to the earth. This means that he was non-judgmental, humble, and was aware he was a sinner. The Pharisee was flying high from the ground above everyone else. He felt he was better than everyone. He was judgmental, arrogant, and self-important. He was out-of-touch with his surroundings.

WE ARE SOMEWHERE BETWEEN

Most of us find ourselves somewhere between the grounded tax collector and the highflying Pharisee. Here are ways to become well-grounded individuals.

HOW TO BECOME WELL GROUNDED

Stop believing you are better than others. Stop judging. Do not make yourself seem more important than others by gossiping about them. Honor others by sharing your gifts. Be open to people in your life that make demands on you, especially the economically disadvantaged, disabled, elderly, and sick.

RESULTS OF WELL GROUNDED PEOPLE

Treating everyone we come into contact with honorably, fairly, and decently is a result of being well-grounded. Well-grounded people have an uncanny ability to use their God given gifts to make someone else's life a little better.

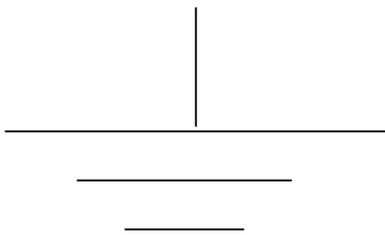
GROUNDING MY CHEROKEE

Once out in Dillingham, Alaska I began filling our Cherokee Warrior II with fuel. I suddenly stopped. I had forgotten to ground it. When a plane is not hooked to a ground wire sparks may ignite the fuel and cause an explosion.

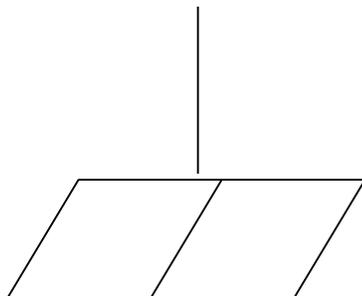
BE GROUNDED, DO NOT EXPLODE

Well-grounded people won't explode. Grounded people can expect to be filled with life and life abundantly. Do not forget to ground yourselves before you start each day. Praying, confessing your sins, and partaking in the Body and Blood of Christ is like hooking up that needed ground wire. It will keep you humble and down to earth. So, for your own good, I am grounding all of you for life (519 Words)!

Earth Ground – Trinitarian, threes, Fr. Son, HS



Single Point ground



READINGS

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18;

For he is a God of justice, who knows no favorites. Though not unduly partial toward the weak, yet he hears the cry of the oppressed. He is not deaf to the wail of the orphan, nor to the widow when she pours out her complaint; He who serves God willingly is heard; his petition reaches the heavens. The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest till it reaches its goal, Nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds, judges justly and affirms the right.

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18;

For I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance. At my first defense no one appeared on my behalf, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the proclamation might be completed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Luke 18:9-14

He then addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else. "Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity--greedy, dishonest, adulterous--or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.' But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

INTERCESSION

Celebrant

As we consider how far we are from God, let us pray for God's mercy for ourselves and for the world.

Deacon/Lector

For the Church, that it provide refuge and salvation to all people, let us pray to the Lord.

For government leaders, that they hear the cry of the poor and oppressed, let us pray to the Lord.

For those who enjoy material wealth: that they may learn to let go of the things they do not need, we pray to the Lord.

For those who are in need: that they may not be excluded from sharing in God's creation, we pray to the Lord.

For those who have died, May the mercy of God welcome them into eternal life, we pray to the Lord.

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

Celebrant

Heavenly Father, grant that our prayers may bring the world a little closer to the joys of heaven, we ask this through Christ our Lord.