"...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Luke 14:11
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 1, 2019

My child, conduct yourselves 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.

— Sirach 3:17-18

HUMILITY

Today’s reading from Sirach celebrates what will become the theme of today’s Gospel: humility. Pride causes us to demand from others an exalted estimate of our status, but humility allows us to see more clearly, it allows us a broader perspective. Humility promises us the favor of God and the love of those who know us.

The second reading is a study in contrasts: the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai and the giving of salvation on Mount Zion. The Law’s appearance is greeted with solemnity, mystery, ever fear. But Christians are not to be afraid. Coming to God’s mountain with Jesus, “the mediator of a new covenant,” is a happy, exuberant experience.

The parable in today’s Gospel concerns the danger of pride and the necessity of humility. The banquet setting, often used by Jesus, is a symbol of heaven’s abundance and of the fulfillment of God’s promises. The parable is not simply good advice on how to avoid embarrassment; it is about salvation.

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Pope Francis on Work

As we celebrate Labor Day this weekend, I thought it would be good to hear what the Pope and our Church teaches about work. In November of 2017, Pope Francis spoke at the conclusion of an International Conference at the Vatican on work and the worker’s movement. He said that “work is about more than just doing something for money, but about cooperating with Christ’s work of redemption in how we care for others and the earth. According to Christian tradition, (work) is more than a mere doing; it is, above all, a mission. We collaborate with the creative work of God when, through our work, we cultivate and preserve creation; we participate, in the Spirit of Jesus, in his redemptive mission, when by our activity we give sustenance to our families and respond to the needs of our neighbor. Jesus of Nazareth, who spent most of his life working as a carpenter, invites us to follow in his footsteps through work. This way, in the words of St. Ambrose, ‘every worker is the hand of Christ who continues to create and to do good.’” The Pope adds that the person “is not just work” and we need to cultivate other things that are basic to every human person, “such as family, friends, and rest.” That is why he stated, “It is important to remember that work must always serve the human person, and not the other way around.” Therefore, “we must question the structures that damage or exploit people, families, the companies and our mother earth,” he said. The Pope spoke out against utilitarian attitudes that see everything as justifiable for profit because money is their god and is indifferent to the worker’s working environment, forced child labor or pollution. On another occasion, Pope Francis said “I address a strong appeal from my heart that the dignity and safety of the worker always be protected” (Regina Caeli, 4/28/13). Ultimately, our Pope sees “Work is fundamental to the dignity of a person. Work, to use an image, ‘anoints’ us with dignity, fills us with dignity, makes us similar to God, who has worked and still works” (Feast of St. Joseph the Worker and World Labor Day, 5/1/13). So on this Labor day weekend, let us thank God for the gift of work (whether paid or unpaid), for not only does it give us dignity and allow us to use our gifts and talents, but it also enables us to cooperate with Him, in creating and renewing our world.

Greetings from Fr. Daniel Asue

–Fr. Daniel sends greetings. He completed the US Army Chaplaincy training course and is now stationed at Ft. Drum, New York, home of the Army’s 10th Mountain Division. Congratulations and thank you for your service, CH (CPT) Daniel Asue, US Army Chaplain Corps!

-Fr. Dan
St. Anne Bible Study: Every Wednesday at 7pm and every Friday at 9:30am. Please note that because of the popularity of this event, the classes have been moved from the rectory to a larger space in the Convent at 1330-14th Avenue.

Legion of Mary 7th Annual Conference
The San Francisco Senatus of the Legion of Mary invites all active and auxiliary members to join other members from the Western Region this big event. September 7, 2019 starting at 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at Santa Clara Convention Convention Center (Great America Theatre, 2nd floor), 5001 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara, CA. Call Raymond Frost at (415) 871-3893 for more information.

“Protect Our Kids” — Sex Education & Your Rights as Parents
Did you know that California now requires sex education in public and charter schools—and that the recommended curricula include pornographic content, graphic instructions, and aggressive promotion of morally objectionable concepts of human sexuality? What can we do to protect our children? Join a panel of experts to learn more and share your thoughts.
In Spanish: Sunday, September 8 2:00—4:00pm, St. Anthony Church, 3500 Middlefield Rd., Menlo Park.
In English: Thursday, September 12 6:30pm—8:30pm, St. Dominic Church, 2390 Bush St, SF

Support Groups — Fridays at St. Mary’s Cathedral Event Center, 1111 Gough St, SF, Monsignor Bowe Room (west side of parking lot level)
First Friday each month, 1:00 – 3:00 pm: “Strength for the Journey” is a free monthly support group for people with life-threatening illness. Diagnosis can be an opportunity to seek spiritual support through scripture, sacrament, and community.
Third Friday each month, 10:30am – 12:00 noon:
Grief Support Program: These sessions provide information on the grief process, and tips on coping with the loss of a loved one. No charge.
Facilitator: Deacon Christoph Sandoval.
For details, contact Sr. Elaine Stahl at 415-567-2020,

Last Week’s Collections
1st Collection, August 25, 2019—$3,068.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society—$1,234.00

This Week’s 2nd Collection
School Earthquake Retrofit Fund
Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2019
Campaign Goal—$50,289
Donations Received as of August 20—$26,569

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In observance of Labor Day, our Parish Office will be closed on September 2 and will reopen on Tuesday, September 3.

First Friday Devotion
This Friday, September 6th there will be an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8:45am Mass. Adoration will conclude with Benediction at 10:00 a.m.

September 1—7, 2019
Sunday, September 1
7:30 Paul Tran (D) Fr. Nascimento
9:00 Joseph Tsoy (D) Fr. Nascimento
10:30 Helmut Horn (D) Bishop Walsh
Noon Parishioners of St. Anne Fr. Zhai, SVD

Monday, September 2, Labor Day
No 6:30 Mass Today
8:45 Birthday, Estrellita Morales Fr. Zhai, SVD

Tuesday, September 3
6:30 Josie Rivero (D) and family Bishop Walsh
8:45 Joseph Chen (D) Fr. Nascimento

Wednesday, September 4
6:30 birthday, Juan Gorospe Bishop Walsh
8:45 Lisa Antonia Nascimento (D) Fr. Tieng, LRMS

Thursday, September 5
6:30 Paul Encarnacion (D) Fr. Nascimento
8:45 John & Marian Fox (D) Fr. Zhai, SVD

Friday, September 6
6:30 intentions, Marcia Rivero Bourne Fr. Tieng, LRMS
8:45 Birthday, Marilyn Reid Fr. Zhai, SVD

Saturday,
8:45 Confraternity of Saint Anne Fr. Zhai, SVD
5 p.m. Parishioners of St. Anne Fr. Tieng, LRMS

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ST. ANNE REGULAR SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass
Sat., 5pm; Sun: 7:30, 9, 10:30am & 12pm (Chinese)

Daily Mass
Mon - Fri: 6:30am & 8:45am
Sat: 8:45am (Devotion to St. Anne)

Holy Days of Obligation
6:30am, 8:45am, 12 noon & 6pm

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
1st Friday following 8:45am Mass until 10am

Reconciliation:
Sat., 4 - 4:55pm or by appointment

Baptism:
2nd Saturday @ 12:30pm
Preparation Class: 3rd Saturday @ 10am in Rectory

Office Hours:
Mon - Fri: 9am - 4:30pm
Church Hours: Mon—Fri: 8am-4pm
Sat.: 8am-6pm Sun: 7am-1:30pm

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