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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 16, 2013



Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus
Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

9:00 AM - "Hymn of Faith"

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READING I - 2 Sm 12:7-10, 13

Nathan said to David: "Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'I anointed you king of Israel. I rescued you from the hand of Saul. I gave you your lord's house and your lord's wives for your own. I gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if this were not enough, I could count up for you still more. Why have you spurned the Lord and done evil in his sight? You have cut down Uriah the Hittite with the sword; you took his wife as your own, and him you killed with the sword of the Ammonites. Now, therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah to be your wife.' Then David said to Nathan, 'I have sinned against the LORD.'" Nathan answered David: "The LORD on his part has forgiven your sin: you shall not die."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 32:1-2, 5, 7, 11

R. Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

Blessed is the one whose fault is taken away, whose sin is covered. Blessed the man to whom the LORD imputes not guilt, in whose spirit there is no guile.

R. Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

I acknowledged my sin to you, my guilt I covered not. I said, "I confess my faults to the LORD," and you took away the guilt of my sin.

R. Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

You are my shelter; from distress you will preserve me; with glad cries of freedom you will ring me round.

R. Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you just; exult, all you upright of heart.

R. Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

READING II - Galatians 2:16, 19-21

Brothers and sisters: We who know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. For through the law I died to the law, that I might live for God. I have been crucified with Christ; yet I live, no longer I,

but Christ lives in me; insofar as I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who has loved me and given himself up for me. I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

R./ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest/Lector: Verse. R./ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL - Luke 7:36-50

A Pharisee invited Jesus to dine with him, and he entered the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. Now there was a sinful woman in the city who learned that he was at table in the house of the Pharisee. Bringing an alabaster flask of ointment, she stood behind him at his feet weeping and began to bathe his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them, and anointed them with the ointment. When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner." Jesus said to him in reply, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Tell me, teacher," he said. "Two people were in debt to a certain creditor; one owed five hundred day's wages and the other owed fifty. Since they were unable to repay the debt, he forgave it for both. Which of them will love him more?" Simon said in reply, "The one, I suppose, whose larger debt was forgiven." He said to him, "You have judged rightly."

Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? When I entered your house, you did not give me water for my feet, but she has bathed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but she has not ceased kissing my feet since the time I entered. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she anointed my feet with ointment. So I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven because she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." The others at table said to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" But he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." This is the gospel of the Lord.

R/: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Jesus the all Beautiful"

OUR FATHER - Mass book page 95

COMMUNION HYMNS - "Christ Be Our Light"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Gather Your People"

St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!
This day is set aside to honor and pay tribute to our fathers both living and deceased.

May they be ever blessed and held in God's loving care. All are always invited to join in our breakfast after Mass in the Parish Hall. God Bless All!

SUMMER SOLSTICE

Sunday, June 21st, First day of summer!

To all, have a great summer season!

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY - Henri Nouwen

A reflection of faith and wisdom...

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

How does the Spirit of God manifest itself through us? Often we think that to witness means to speak up in defense of God. This idea can make us very self-conscious. We wonder where and how we can make God the topic of our conversations and how to convince our families, friends, neighbors, and colleagues of God's presence in their lives. But this explicit missionary endeavor often comes from an insecure heart and, therefore, easily creates divisions. The way God's Spirit manifests itself most convincingly is through its fruit: "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control" (Galatians 5:22). These fruit speak for themselves. It is, therefore, always better to raise the question "How can I grow in the Spirit?" than the question "How can I make others believe in the Spirit?"

HIS WORDS - WORD OF GOD

"For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." —Hebrews 4:12

GOD IN THE SMALL STUFF...

CHURCH: WHERE GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Ever so innocently, we've let our English language distort the meaning of the word church. Sometimes, that word means a place (as in "I left my Bible at church"). Other times, it refers to an activity (as in "What time does church start?"). Often church is used to describe an institution (as in "His behavior was frowned upon by the church"). While such definitions are appropriate, they miss the meaning of what church is all about.

The essence of church is your Christian family - those people around the world who follow Christ and commit themselves to Him and to each other. When the apostle Paul

wrote about the church, he wasn't talking about a building, an activity, or an institution. For Paul, the expression of church meant a personal relationship among Christians. He most often compared the church to a human body.

In a body, all the parts and details are important, and they function in harmony: • If one member of the body is injured or sick, then the entire body suffers. • The members must operate in unison, because if they try to go in opposite directions, they won't get anywhere. • Some members are more visible, while others play a vital role on the inside. But both types are necessary. There are no small parts in the body of Christ. • If every member were the same, the body would look really weird, and it wouldn't function very well. (Just imagine a five-foot, eight-inch ear. Oh sure, you would have excellent hearing, but try driving a car that way.)

The next time you go to church, don't look at the building or think about the schedule of events. Instead, look at the people. Appreciate them for who they are, what they need, and what they contribute to the "body". Then think about yourself. What is your role in the church? How do you fit in the body? Are you making a contribution to the over-all health and fitness of the body?

Being part of the church means a lot more than just attending a service on Sunday morning, tossing a few coins in the basket, and shaking the pastor's hand on the way out. Being part of the church involves an interactive relationship between people with Christ as their common bond with that definition, you Can't "walk out of the church" on Sunday morning. You are part of the body all week long!

The Gift of Laughter

Thank God for the gift of laughter—
It's a wonderful thing;
And for a brief, happy moment,
There's joy that it can bring.
It washes away all sadness,
If only for awhile—
It does away with loneliness,
So we can find a smile.
It's a gift quite nice from Heaven;
I'm sure God sends it, too;
So I thank Him for all laughter,
Which smooths my soul anew !

—Barbara A. Lott

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