

[121] **TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME C**

FIRST READING

Humble yourself and you will find favor with the Lord.

A reading from the book of Sirach

3:17-18, 20

My child, always be humble,
and all of God's people will love you.
The more important you are,
the more humble you should be.
This will please the Lord.
The Lord has great power,
and it is praised by those who are humble.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

68:3-4abcdef, 5-6abcd,9-10

R. (see 11b) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Our God, let your people be happy
and celebrate because of you.
Our God, you are the one
and we praise you.
Your name is the Lord,
and we celebrate
as we worship you.

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

Our God, from your sacred home
you take care of orphans
and protect widows.
You find families
for those who are lonely.
You set prisoners free
and let them prosper.

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

When your land was thirsty,
you sent showers

to refresh it.
Your people settled there,
and you were generous
to everyone in need.

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

ALLELUIA

Matthew 11:29ab

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Take my yoke upon you;
learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled,
and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

† A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

14:1, 7-14

One Sabbath Jesus was having dinner
in the home of an important Pharisee,
and everyone was carefully watching Jesus.

Jesus saw how the guests had tried to take the best seats.
So he told them:

“When you are invited to a wedding feast,
don’t sit in the best place.

Someone more important may have been invited.

Then the one who invited you will come and say,
‘Give your place to this other guest!’

You will be embarrassed and will have to sit in the worst place.

“When you are invited to be a guest,
go and sit in the worst place.

Then the one who invited you may come and say,
‘My friend, take a better seat!’

You will then be honored in front of all the other guests.
If you put yourself above others,

you will be put down.
But if you humble yourself,
you will be honored.”

Then Jesus said to the man who had invited him:

“When you give a dinner or a banquet,
don’t invite your friends and family
and relatives and rich neighbors.

If you do, they will invite you in return,
and you will be paid back.

When you give a feast,
invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.

They cannot pay you back.

But God will bless you and reward you
when his people rise from death.”

The gospel of the Lord.



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Prayer:

Dear God,
Thank you for loving us and for the many gifts you give us. Please help us to always remember they come from you and to share them with others.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen

Readings:

Sirach 3:17-18, 20
Psalm 68:3-4acdef, 5-6abcd, 9-10
Luke 14:1, 7-14

Reflection:

Humility and being humble is about recognizing that God is the one who has given us the gifts and talents we have as well as the many great things we have in our lives like our families, our friends, our homes, and our school. God gives us all of this because God loves us. Humility is also about sharing those gifts since God not only loves us but also loves everyone else. God lives in all of us so no one is better than anyone else. It is tempting to want to show-off whenever we receive a new toy, do better on a test than someone else or play really well and win a game. God does not want us to brag or to show-off, though. God wants us to share those victories and treasures with other people. It would make God happy to see us share our new toy especially with someone who doesn't receive many new things. It would make God happy to see us help someone who didn't do so well on a test since we understand the material and did well. It would make God happy to see us work extra with the kid on our team who doesn't play as well. God wants us to use everything that we are given to help others and make the world a better place.

Discussion:

1. What are some things that you can do really well?
2. As gifts from God, how can you use those talents to help others?

Activity: Recognizing God in Others

Materials: Drawing materials: paper, crayons, markers, etc.

Activity: As the children arrive for class or while you are discussing the lesson with the students, have someone place the name of each child on a separate piece of paper at the top in the center of the paper. When it is time for the activity, have the names face down and mixed up. Hand out the papers (make sure no one gets their own name). The assignment is to write or draw the gifts that person has been given by God or how they can see God in that person. For example, if they think that person is kind, they can draw a heart. If they think that person is a good athlete they can draw a soccer ball. At the end of the class, each person will give their paper to the person whose name is on it so they can see how others see God in them.