



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

STRENGTHEN YOUR DROOPING HANDS AND YOUR WEAK KNEES.
 MAKE STRAIGHT PATHS FOR YOUR FEET,
 THAT WHAT IS LAME MAY NOT BE DISJOINTED BUT HEALED.

Hebrews 12:12-13

August 25, 2013

~ Parish Life and Activities... ~

<p>REFLECTIONS ON THE REIGN OF GOD</p>	<p>A threefold message is developed in today's readings First, everyone is called to proclaim God's glory and receive salvation. Second, salvation is not for the unprepared. Like a loving parent, God gently corrects and disciplines those who have been called. Often, suffering may be part of the formation process. We learn to accept it as Jesus once accepted his cross. Third, some people who are treated with contempt and disdain by the self-righteous actually do have a place in God's kingdom. We need to take these lessons to heart. Recall your initial excitement upon hearing God's word. How has the Good News that once struck your fancy taken deeper root in your life? Look again at the crosses you have been given. How are others transformed when they see how you have accepted and grown from your sufferings? Finally, are there some people you imagine as not invited into God's kingdom? Why do you feel this way about them? For a moment imagine them on the inside and yourself on the outside. How can this be possible? Always try your best to enter by the narrow gate, gladly proclaiming God's glory.</p>
<p>SAVE THE DATE</p>	<p>Save the date of October 4 at 7:00p.m. when Fr. Felix Just, S.J. will present <i>"What Is Love Really? —A Look into the Gospels."</i> More information will become available as the date nears.</p>
<p>MARKET BASKET NEWS</p>	<p>Our Market Basket Collection of non-perishable foods and hygiene items will take place on the second weekend of September (7th & 8th) rather than this coming Labor Day weekend. <i>A very special thank you to everyone for your GREAT GENEROSITY last month!</i></p>
<p>NEWS RELEASE FROM USCCB</p> <p>MARCH ON WASHINGTON ANNIVERSARY: TIME TO MEET UNMET GOALS</p>	<p>WASHINGTON—The 50th anniversary of the August 28, 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom calls people to address poverty, racism and class inequality, said the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Cultural Diversity. The committee, which is chaired by Bishop Daniel Flores of Brownsville, Texas, issued its statement August 13, as the nation prepares to commemorate the event at which Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave his "I Have a Dream" speech on the National Mall. "We join our voices to those who call for and foster continued dialogue and non-violence among people of different races and cultures, and who work tirelessly for the transformative, constructive actions that are always the fruit of such authentic dialogue," the bishops said. "We rejoice in the advances that have occurred over the past 50 years, and sadly acknowledge that much today remains to be accomplished. However, we must always view the task that remains from the perspective of the continued call to hope and in the light of faith." The bishops cited both Dr. King, who said "We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope," and Pope Francis, who in his first encyclical, <i>Lumen Fidei</i>, declared that "Faith teaches us to see that every man and woman represents a blessing for me, that the light of God's face shines on me through the faces of my brothers and sisters." The bishops urged solidarity to meet the goals of the 1963 march. "We join the call for positive action that seeks to end poverty, increase jobs, eliminate racial and class inequality, ensure voting rights, and that provides fair and just opportunities for all," they said. The bishops' statement can be found at http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/cultural-diversity/resources/index.cfm.</p>
<p>REFLECTIONS</p>	<p>THE 22ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME First Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14</p> <p>"The banquet scene, found only in Luke, provides the opportunity for the teachings of Jesus on humility and presents a setting to display Luke's interest in Jesus' attitude toward the rich and poor." <small>(footnote from New American Bible.)</small></p> <p>How does today's parable relate to my own attitude toward the rich and poor? In what ways can I learn to be more meek and humble of heart.</p>

Coffee with the East Division Commander



August 29, 2013

9 a.m.

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Please Join Commander Paul LeBaron
for a Community Meeting
On Thursday, August 29, 2013

The topic of discussion
will be Narcotics/Street Drugs

Other Topics will be:

- Crime Trends in your neighborhood
- Learn how to stay safe and not become a victim of crime
- Community Watch - know what is happening in your community