

Theme Sharing

The 22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's Gospel (Lk 14: 1, 7-14), we find Jesus as a guest dining at the house of a Pharisee leader. Noting that the guests were choosing the best places at table, he recounted a parable in the setting of a marriage feast. "When you are invited by anyone to a marriage feast, do not sit down in a place of honour, lest a more eminent man than you be invited by him; and he who invited you both will come, and say to you, 'Give place to this man'.... But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place" (Lk 14: 8-10).

The Lord does not intend to give a lesson on etiquette or on the hierarchy of the different authorities. Rather, he insists on a crucial point, that of humility: "Everyone one who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted" (Lk 14: 11). A deeper meaning of this parable also makes us think of the position of the human being in relation to God. The "lowest place" can in fact represent the condition of humanity degraded by sin, a condition from which the Incarnation of the Only-Begotten Son alone can raise it. For this reason Christ himself "took the lowest place in the world the Cross and by this radical humility he redeemed us and constantly comes to our aid"

At the end of the parable Jesus suggests to the Pharisee leader that he invite to his table not his friends, kinsmen or rich neighbours, but rather poorer and more marginalized people who can in no way reciprocate (cf. Lk 14: 13-14), so that the gift may be given freely. The true reward, in fact, will ultimately be given by God, "who governs the world.... We offer him our service only to the extent that we can, and for as long as he grants us the strength"

Once again, therefore, let us look to Christ as a model of humility and of giving freely: let us learn from him patience in temptation, meekness in offence, obedience to God in suffering, in the hope that the One who has invited us will say to us: "Friend, go up higher" Indeed, the true good is being close to him. St Louis IX, King of France whose Memorial put into practice what is written in the Book of Sirach: "The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself; so you will find favour in the sight of the Lord" (3: 18). This is what the King wrote in his "Spiritual

Testament to his son": "If the Lord grant you some prosperity, not only must you humbly thank him but take care not to become worse by boasting or in any other way, make sure, that is, that you do not come into conflict with God or offend him with his own gifts"

Pope Benedict XVI

Stewardship

When you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind. (Luke 14. 13)

It is easy to confuse entertainment and hospitality such that we forget about hospitality altogether. When we prepare to receive our friends and family or others we want to impress by clearing our calendar, styling the house, and setting out the finest cuisine, that is entertainment. When we welcome an unexpected stranger into our messy home at an inconvenient time to share in whatever is on the stove, that is hospitality.

Monthly Prayers

Intention

September Intention

General: That people today, often overwhelmed by noise, may rediscover the value of silence and listen to the voice of God and their brothers and sisters.

Missionary: That Christians suffering persecution in many parts of the world may by their witness be prophets of Christ's love.

Year of Faith

Oct 11, 2012

Nov 24, 2013

Open the Door of Faith

The Goal for Year of Faith

in our parish:

Catechetical Studies Refresher;
Spend ten minutes a day to meditate on the Bible and to study the Catechism.

Faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. James 2:17

Year of Faith Passport by Centennial Committee

Have You Got your Passport? Pick up your Year of Faith Passport from your parish or the Catholic Pastoral Centre, and take time

to visit any of the 7 churches, along with special events in the diocese. Have your passport stamped at any of these churches or events, and then follow the instructions on the inside back cover of your passport. If you have questions please call the Pastoral Centre at 403-218-5500.

Parishioners can pick up the passport at Church entrances

Diocese Of Calgary

Secular Franciscan Order, Come

and See - Sunday, September 15, at 1:45pm - 2:45 pm at St. Luke's Parish, 1566 Northmount Drive NW - We are men and woman, singles and couples, young and old, from all walks of life, united in our desire to embrace the spirituality of St. Francis of Assisi. In responding to God's call in our lives, we strive to live a Gospel-infused life in our secular world, in our homes, communities and workplaces. Come and see if God is calling you to this way of life.

Contact Linda Schultz at 403-245-8549, linsch@telis.net or visit www.ofscalgary.com

A Day with the Psalms—Workshop for

Cantors. The Diocese of Calgary presents an in depth workshop in which cantors will have an opportunity to deepen their understanding and skill in singing the psalms. Saturday, September 21, 2013 (9-3), St. Martha's Church, Lethbridge and Saturday, September 28, 2013 (9-3), St. Luke's Church, Calgary. For information and to register visit: <http://liturgy.calgarydiocese.ca>.

Pope Francis's words

The light of faith illumines all our relationships and helps us to live them in union with the love of Christ, to live them like Christ.

Parish Activities

Tuesday evening Mass

Tuesday (7:00 pm) English Mass will be resumed from September 3.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on September 7

The September's Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on September 7 from 10am to 11am.

Fr. Nguyen will listen to Confession. Parishioners are encouraged to attend.

OLPH Outdoor Bazaar

OLPH TIA Fundraising Bazaar will be held on Sept 8 at the Parking lot from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There would be lots of snacks on hand, food & beverages for breakfast & lunch, guests can wander around the tables and shop for household items, tools, craft & art.

We sincerely urge all parishioners to donate their good condition used or new items for this purpose! Donations can be forwarded to church group representatives. For details please contact Parish Office. All are welcome to join the fundraising fun!

The Palio –

Diocesan Family Country Fair

Date: Saturday Sept.14

Place: Strathmore Rodeo Grounds

Tickets: Adult - \$10.00, Senior - \$5.00, Child - \$5.00.

Open air Mass with Bishop Henry at 11 a.m.; horse races begin at 1:30 p.m.

Pastoral Care Team will prepare lunch at cost of \$3/person; tickets can be purchased at Religious Article Center on September 1. The day is filled with fun activities for all ages. All funds raised will go directly to the building of new or repairing of existing parishes within the diocese.

Sunday School Registration

Sunday School Registration for Liturgy and Sacramental classes is on Sunday September 15 from 11:00am - 12:30 pm. Please contact Chrissy Leung, Sunday School Coordinator by phone (403) 500-1218, email, chrissy@gmail.com or Parish Office 403-265-7926 for details. First day of classes is on September 22.

RCIA Adult Catechumenate Class –

New Class Notice

The 2013 adult Catechumenate classes are now accepting new applications for enrolment. Any interested party, or adult Catholics who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, or Christians from other ecclesial communities considering to join the Catholic Church, please contact :

- The parish office [403-265-7926](tel:403-265-7926), or

- Joseph Yip [403-547-0618](tel:403-547-0618).

They may also pick up a 'RCIA Adult Catechumenate Class Application Form' at

the Church entrances, complete it and return to the parish office.

All parishioners are earnestly encouraged to play their role in evangelization and invite their friends

Together in Action 2013

Theme: "You will be my witnesses"

Our parish's final target is \$50,000. As of July 31, our campaign has received a total of \$ 25,502. We plead for your ongoing support. Donation envelopes can be picked up from both the front and the side entrances. Let's take action now!

Weekly Activities

Wed, Fri 4, 6

OLPH Senior Centre

Time: 9:00a.m.-12:00 noon

Place: OLPH Church Upper Hall

Saturday 7

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Time: 10:00a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Place: OLPH Church

Legion of Mary (meeting)

(Immaculate Heart of Mary Praesidium)

Time: 11:00a.m.

Place: K of C Room at OLPH Church

Sunday 8

OLPH Fundraising Bazaar

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00p.m.

Place: OLPH Church parking lot

Imitating Christ

Chapter 25 :

Zeal In Amending Our Lives

One day when a certain man who wavered often and anxiously between hope and fear was struck with sadness, he knelt in humble prayer before the altar of a church. While meditating on these things, he said: "Oh if I but knew whether I should persevere to the end!" Instantly he heard within the divine answer: "If you knew this, what would you do? Do now what you would do then and you will be quite secure." Immediately consoled and comforted, he resigned himself to the divine will and the anxious uncertainty ceased. His curiosity no longer sought to know what the future held for him, and he tried instead to find the perfect, the acceptable will of God in the beginning and end of every good work.

To Be Continued

Stories Faith Sharing

Our citizenship is in heaven

During high school, my closest friend and I took a pair of horses out for an afternoon ride. We slowly roamed through fields of wildflowers and wooded groves. But when we nosed the horses in the direction of the barn, they took off toward home like twin rockets. Our equine friends knew that it was time for dinner and a good brushing, and they could hardly wait.

As Christians, our true home is heaven (Phil. 3:20). Yet sometimes our desires tether us to the here and now. We enjoy God's good gifts—marriage, children, grandchildren, travel, careers, friends. At the same time, the Bible challenges us to focus on "things above" (Col. 3:1-2). Things above may include the unseen benefits of heaven: God's enduring presence (Rev. 22:3-5), unending rest (Heb. 4:9), and an everlasting inheritance (1 Peter 1:4).

Recently I read, "Believers desire the heavenly inheritance; and the stronger the faith is, the more fervent [the desire]." Several Old Testament believers mentioned in Hebrews 11 had strong faith in God that enabled them to embrace His promises before receiving them (v.13). One such promise was heaven. If we too put our faith in God, He will give us a desire for that "heavenly country" (v.16) and will loosen our grip on this world.

Read More Know More

Ten Commandments

The First Commandment

"Thou Shalt Not Have Strange Gods Before Me."

For an understanding of this Commandment, one must know how old it was violated. Some worshipped demons. "All the gods of the Gentiles are devils." This is the greatest and most detestable of all sins. Even now there are many who transgress this Commandment: all such as practise divinations and fortune-telling. Such things, according to St. Augustine, cannot be done without some kind of pact with the devil. "I would not that you should be made partakers with devils."

Some worshipped the heavenly bodies, believing the stars to be gods: "They have imagined the sun and the moon to be

the gods that rule the world." For this reason Moses forbade the Jews to raise their eyes, or adore the sun and moon and stars: "Keep therefore your souls carefully . . . lest perhaps lifting up thy eyes to heaven, thou see the sun and the moon, and all the stars of heaven, and being deceived by error thou adore and serve them, which the Lord thy God created for the service of all the nations." The astrologers sin against this Commandment in that they say that these bodies are the rulers of souls, when in truth they were made for the use of man whose sole ruler is God. Others worshipped the lower elements: "They imagined the fire or the wind to be gods." Into this error also fall those who wrongly use the things of this earth and love them too much: "Or covetous person (who is a server of idols)." Some men have erred in worshipping their ancestors. This arose from three causes.

(1) From Their Carnal Nature.--"For a father being afflicted with a bitter grief, made to himself the image of his son who was quickly taken away; and him who then had died as a man, he began now to worship as a god, and appointed him rites and sacrifices among his servants."

(2) Because of Flattery.--Thus being unable to worship certain men in their presence, they, bowing down, honored them in their absence by making statues of them and worshipping one for the other: "Whom they had a mind to honor . . . they made an image . . . that they might honor as present him that was absent." Of such also are those men who love and honor other men more than God: "He that loveth his father and mother more than Me, is not worthy of Me." "Put your trust not in princes; in the children of man, in whom there is no salvation."

(3) From Presumption.--Some because of their presumption made themselves be called gods; such, for example, was Nabuchodonosor (Judith, iii. 13). "Thy heart is lifted up and thou hast said: I am God." Such are also those who believe more in their own pleasures than in the precepts of God. They worship themselves as gods, for by seeking the

pleasures of the flesh, they worship their own bodies instead of God: "Their god is their belly." We must, therefore, avoid all these things.

主日分享

常年期第廿二主日 效法天主吧！

人們都在「留心觀察」耶穌。他們的動機並非出自善意，因為那些人不相信祂，巴不得能在祂言行上找出任何蛛絲馬跡，以使用來印證他們的不信。就在別有用心者觀察耶穌的同時，祂也在入微觀察，只不過祂的目的並非出於印證自己的負面偏見。耶穌像心靈醫生一樣看人，把我們的弱點與錯誤透視得一清二楚。祂一眼就看穿日常的虛榮與浮華，人人爭先恐後地往前擠，生怕搶不到筵席的上座。若是回想自己也會為了追求虛榮而爭坐首席，我們會不會羞愧得無地自容呢？

耶穌的好建議豈不是個巧妙的迂迴策略嗎？「你幾時被請，應去坐末席，等那請你的人走來給你說：朋友，請上坐罷！」其實這不是甚麼詭計，而是試金石。如果選擇下座，我可能沒被主人注意到，又被貴賓們忽視。那麼滯留末席時，我該抱著何種態度呢？咬牙切齒、垂頭喪氣？還是心甘情願呢？每個人都能從我的臉上看出端倪。我心裡是否真正懂得，別人給不給我一個上座無關緊要，重要的是我將怎樣站在天主的面前。

耶穌的觀察蘊含著深奧的意義。首先，祂所說的婚筵是天國筵席的預像與縮影。每當談起天國，祂特別喜歡用婚筵來形容。我們會不會驚訝於自己將來有機會參與天國筵席呢？讓我們這樣希望吧！誰能在天國坐首席呢？一定不是那些在地上總是爭先恐後搶上座的人；只有在天主眼中相稱的人才會被安排坐上座，或許就是那些擁有一顆偉大的心、但卻被別人視為卑微的人。

耶穌藉著第二個觀察暗示我們：你們的心中有太多的算計！「你請我的話，我就會請你。」不對，你應該請那些無法回報你任何東西的人，因為這恰恰是天主對你做的！你有甚麼能

夠回報祂呢？儘管如此，祂每個主日都會邀請你當祂的賓客。效法天主吧！

反省與行動：

1. 在各種生活、工作的場地，我總是爭先、爭鋒頭，還是謙遜自抑？
2. 我作任何事，都先算計過投資報酬率，或是不計利害得失，行所當行？
3. 我是活在人的眼前，還是活在天主面前？

薛恩博樞機著

福傳祈禱意向

九月祈禱及傳教意向：

祈禱意向：為常常淹沒在嘈雜中的我們能重新發現沉默的價值、懂得傾聽天主的聲音和兄弟姐妹的聲音祈禱。

傳教意向：為世界許多地方受到迫害的基督徒能夠用他們的見證做基督之愛的先知祈禱。

信德年

打開信德之門

本堂為教友實行再慕道的金句：

每日十分鐘默想聖經及研習教理；
信德若沒有行為，自身便是死的。
雅各伯書 2:17

卡加利教區信德年朝聖團護照

教宗本篤十六世將給予全體信友信德年的全大赦。從 2012 年 10 月 11 日開始，直至 2013 年 11 月 24 日結束，在這期間全大赦是有效的。

有鑒於此，卡加利教區所編制的教區朝聖團護照，有助於教友獲得此恩寵，此外參與朝聖團的教友也有機會獲得亨利主教祝福紙及信德年玫瑰念珠。詳細資料，請聯絡教區百年籌備委員會。電話(403) 218-5500 或電郵

receptionist@calgarydiocese.ca

教友可在教堂入口處索取教區朝聖團護照，作為防身之用！

教宗方濟各的話

信德之光照亮我們一切的人際關係，並幫助我們本著基督的愛、像基督一樣來維護這些關係。

堂區活動

永援聖母堂 TIA 籌款賣物會

本堂將於 九月八日(主日)上午九時至下午二時，於本堂停車場舉行永援聖母堂 TIA 籌款賣物會。內容包括早餐、午餐、義賣各類物品。此外，歡迎教友捐贈各類精緻耐用的新舊物品以作籌款之用，衣服除外。物品可交予各善會代表，詳情請聯絡堂區辦事處。請大家萬勿錯過這個做善事於娛樂的好機會！

顯供聖體 (九月七日)

聖體敬禮是耶穌基督的真實臨在，信徒對聖體要表達應有的崇敬，但這同時也是信德的宣示。

永援聖母堂九月份的顯供聖體時間為九月七日上午十時至十一時，當天除了朝拜聖體外，阮神父將為教友聽告解。請各位教友盡量參與！

敬禮永援聖母星期二黃昏彌撒

九月三日(本星期二)開始，將照以往時間進行(晚上七時)。

教區賽馬日暨堂區同樂日

日期：九月十四日星期六

地點：Strathmore Rodeo Grounds

門票：成人每位十元，小童每位五元，長者每位五元

亨利主教會於當日十一時正主持露天彌撒，下午一時三十分賽馬開始。

牧靈關愛組為教友預備豐富午餐，每位三元；午餐券可於九月一日

主日彌撒前後到聖物部購買。

當天有多種適合不同年齡的活動及遊戲，萬勿錯過此闔家歡聚的好機會。門票收益將用作興建新聖堂及修葺舊聖堂之用。

成人慕道班新班報名

2013 新一屆成人慕道班現正接受報名。有興趣者，或已領洗但仍未領受堅振聖事的成人教友，或正考慮加入天主教會的任何基督徒團體人士，皆請聯絡：堂區辦事處 [403-265-7926](tel:403-265-7926) 或 Joseph Yip [403-547-0618](tel:403-547-0618)

亦可在教堂入口處索取「成人慕道班申請表」，填妥後交回堂區辦事處。期盼教友能善盡本份，熱心介紹親友參加，為傳福音出一分力。

永援聖母堂招收

新年度主日學學生

報名日期九月十五日上午十一時至下午十二時三十分，報名查詢請與

Chrissy Leung 403-500-1218

Email :chrissy@gmail.com

或堂區辦事處 403-265-7926 聯絡。

上課日期由九月二十二日開始。

2013 教區公益金，齊來獻愛心

主題：「...為我作證人...」

2013 年教區公益金 (TIA)，籌募經已展開。本堂今年的目標是\$50,000 元，截至 7 月 31 日，捐款已累積至\$25,502 元。捐款信封可在聖堂入口處索取。就讓我們立即行動，慷慨解囊。

活動一週

星期三、五 4, 6

永援聖母松柏軒

時間：上午 9 時至正午 12 時

地點：永援聖母堂上禮堂

星期六 7

顯供聖體

時間：上午 10 時至 11 時

地點：永援聖母堂

聖母軍

(聖母軍聖母無玷聖心支團)

時間：上午 11 時 (開會)

地點：聖堂二樓騎士會室

星期日 8

永援聖母堂 TIA 籌款賣物會

時間：上午 9 時至下午 2 時

地點：永援聖母堂下禮堂

師主篇

第二十五章、勤於改過自新

從前有一個人，又盼望升天堂，又怕升不了，悠悠惚惚的，心神不定。有一次，難過的厲害，進了聖堂，俯伏在一座祭臺前，自己心裏說：「若我知道，我能恆心到死，那才好呢！」這話還沒有說完，忽然聽得天主在他心裏說：「若你知道這事，你要做什麼呢？你那時願意做的，現今就做，自然可得平安。」那個人一聽這話，立時心神安定，把自己交於天主的聖旨，滿腹的風波，頓時平息了。從此

以後，自己將來怎麼樣，也不多管了；他所專務的，就是認明了天主的聖意，叫天主喜歡，自始至終，勉勵為善。

待續

靈修小故事

請尊重身邊的每一個人

很有哲理的故事，雖然看過多遍，仍然感人至深。

有一對老夫婦，女的穿著一套褪色的條紋棉布衣服，而她的丈夫則穿著布制的便宜西裝，也沒有事先約好，就直接去拜訪哈佛的校長。

校長的秘書在片刻間就斷定這兩個鄉下土老根本不可能與哈佛有業務來往。

先生輕聲地說：“我們要見校長。”秘書很禮貌地說：“他整天都很忙！”

女士回答說：“沒關係，我們可以等。”

過了幾個鐘頭，秘書一直不理他們，希望他們知難而退，自己走開。他們卻一直等在那裡。

秘書終於決定通知校長：“也許他們跟您講幾句話就會走開。”

校長不耐煩地同意了。

校長很有尊嚴而且心不甘情不願地面對這對夫婦。

女士告訴他：“我們有一個兒子曾經在哈佛讀過一年，他很喜歡哈佛，他在哈佛的生活很快樂。但是去年，他出了意外而死亡。我丈夫和我想在校園裡為他留一紀念物。”

校長並沒有被感動，反而覺得很可笑，粗聲地說：“夫人，我們不能為每一位曾讀過哈佛而後死亡的人建立雕像的。如果我們這樣做，我們的校園看起來像墓園一樣。”

女士說：“不是，我們不是要豎立一座雕像，我們想要捐一棟大樓給哈佛。”

校長仔細地看了一下條紋棉布衣服及粗布便宜西裝，然後吐一口氣說：“你們知不知道建一棟大樓要花多少錢？我們學校的建築物超過 750 萬美元。”

這時，這位女士沉默不講話了。校長很高興，總算可以把他們打發了。

這位女士轉向她丈夫說：“只要 750

萬就可以建一座大樓？那我們為什麼不建一座大學來紀念我們的兒子？”就這樣，斯坦福夫婦離開了哈佛。到了加州，成立了斯坦福大學來紀念他們的兒子。這就是斯坦福大學的由來。

結論：請不要輕視你身邊的任何人，藐視別人就是輕視自己。

今天，流傳於美國人中的一句話：有錢成績又不錯的讀哈佛，真正的世家更愛斯坦福。源於兩家名校骨子裡的氣質不同！

知多一點點 十誡

第一誡

除我之外，你不可有別的神

耶穌說：“經上記載：你要朝拜上主，你的天主，惟獨事奉他！（瑪四 10）”

當全心、全靈、全意、全力愛上主，我們的天主

天主教就是愛主愛人，而愛主愛人是一條完整的誡命、即是十誡。愛人的先決條件是先愛上主。

朝拜天主，並不一定要在一個規定的神聖地方、日期、在一定的儀式內進行（若四 21-24），也延伸到人類的整個生活，在每個時候、地方、心靈聖殿內舉行。所以，日常生活也是我們朝拜的儀式。在生活內、別人身上、特別是在最需要服侍的人身上，一切的服侍都成為朝拜父的禮儀。生活工作中的喜樂、痛苦等都變成不停的祈禱。

“唯獨朝拜祂”要成為現實，祈禱是必不能缺少的條件，也就是在恒常的祈禱中完成。所以，我們應當時常祈禱，不要灰心（路十八 1）。

為能“唯獨事奉祂”，就要克服以下種種違反信、望、愛三德的罪。

一、迷信：就是將祈禱或聖事標記的功效，祇附於其外在儀式上，而無視其所要求內心的準備，就是陷入迷信（瑪二十三 16-22）；

二、崇拜偶像：就是否認天主的主權，把一個受造物當作天主來敬拜，偶像能夠是邪神、魔鬼（王），也能夠是權力、財富、金錢、娛樂、種族、祖先、國家、名人領袖、歌影視三星、上司、

酒精、獸像、女色、男色等等。

三、誤以為能夠揭露未來的做法：就是觀察星座、行占星術和手相術、解釋徵兆和命運、相信神視現象、求助靈媒、行巫術和妖術、佩帶護身符、占卜、問米（俗稱降桃枝）、招魂、算卦、念咒語、求問祖先（即是死者）、算命、求問婚姻簽……（申十八 10）。這一切都違反了我們對唯一天主應有的敬拜之情。當信徒因這些事而失去對父的仗賴，陷入那無盡憂傷、惶恐不安時，就要認真地檢討自己在信仰上的偏差。懸崖勒馬，回頭是岸。

心靈小品

讓所有朋友永遠健康快樂！

我對天主說：讓我所有朋友永遠健康快樂~！

天主說：只能四天~！

我說：好，春天、夏天、秋天、冬天。

天主說：三天。

我說：好，昨天、今天、明天。

天主說：不行，兩天。

我說：好，白天、黑天。

天主說：不行，就一天~！

我說：好~！

天主茫然問到：哪一天？

我說：在我所有朋友活著的每一天~！

天主笑了……說：以後你所有朋友將天天健康快樂~

天氣多變...加倍保重！

送給堂區內所有兄弟姊妹！