

26th Sunday Ordinary Time - Year C

- Fr. David in Calcutta stepping over untouchable
- What's clear in today's readings is GOD IS ON THE SIDE OF THE POOR, THE WIDOW, THE ORPHAN, THE LOST.
 - God Cares for the little guy – He wants healing, restoration, and justice
 - And to the rich – Woe is you!
 - Not because they're rich
 - Each group – rich and poor stand in need of conversion
 - Because they do not see
 - They do not share God's dissatisfaction with:
 - Haves Have nots
 - Powerful Powerless
 - Oppressor Oppressed
 - Ears are closed – Hearts are hardened
 - So they are truly poor – in heart
 - JESUS DIED – as an outcast, rejected
 - Crying WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME
 - But God had not forsaken Him & Raised Him
- The question today is NOT are you rich, or poor
 - Not How much do you have?
 - Rather – **How much do you care? How rich or poor is your heart?**
 - Mo. Theresa “The biggest disease in the world today is the feeling of being unwanted. And the greatest evil in the world today is the lack of love – the terrible indifference towards one's neighbor.”
 - The rich man knew the bible, he had heard what it had to say, but its message hadn't penetrated beyond his ears. It hadn't converted him.
- Today we are at THIS banquet table, as guests of Jesus
 - Jesus is our host
 - All throughout the world, Catholics come to the banquet
 - Calcutta Lima
 - Siberia Tanzania We poor sinners
 - Japan Norwood share the banquet
 - Westwood Walpole
 - A banquet shared with lepers of Calcutta
 - A banquet shared with a bag lady in Chicago
 - A banquet shared with AIDS victim in Africa
 - A banquet shared with the geek nobody likes
 - A banquet shared with the bully

So we need not claim God is on our side.

Rather, so we can say We are on God's side.

A man's wealth consists, not in what he keeps, but in what he gives away