

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – C

- Today's readings are about healthy humility
 - IN SIRACH → my child conduct yourself with humility
 - Humble yourself more the greater you are
 - IN LUKE → don't seek places of honor at table, seek the lower place
 - He who exalts himself will be humbled
 - He who humbles himself will be exalted
 - LISTEN → *Humility is NOT about debasing ourselves*
 - *But an honest self-knowledge – good & bad that's the total picture.*
- Each of us have gifts and talents we bring to this community
 - Artists, Plumbers, Teacher, Mechanics, Lawyers, Doctors,
 - Put your skills in that list (not necessarily a job) – the list is endless

All our talents are gifts of God

We are all called to (1) develop our gifts (2) REALIZE –
we would have nothing if God had not graced us.

- One of the best descriptions I have ever read about humility:
 - St. Bernard of Clairveaux –
To truly know yourself required two things
 1. Realization we are sinners (we are)
 2. Realization we are loved (we are)
 - One without the other is incomplete
 - Just Realizing we are sinners leads to hopelessness
Unworthiness – that's not humility (**despair**)
 - Just Realizing we are loved leads to ego, pride
(**presumption**)
 - Combine them BOTH & the result in humility –

There is a saying:

“A Christian is one beggar, showing another beggar where the bread is.”

We are invited Jesus' banquet, despite our sin.

We are the broken, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.

Jesus not only invites us (sinners that we are) but invites us to come higher

We know our sin - We know we fail to live the Christian life to the full

We know what we deserve – and we are invited to something higher, deeper

Because we are God's beloved

That realization is humbling.

- Knowing our Sin, Recognizing our failings AND
- Knowing we are loved despite that sin.

It's in this realization we discover true self knowledge & true humility