

22<sup>nd</sup> 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
  - SO – What is Healthy Humility?
    - ME IN CHAPEL AT SHRC
    - This was my Pride – Not too humble
  - With that said → *Humility is NOT about debasing ourselves*
  - *Humility is an honest self-knowledge – good & bad that's the total picture.*
- Know who you are – and – who you are not
  - The Chicken Lady and the Governor wanting more at fundraiser
  - True Humility -- Know who you are – and who you are not
    - So – who are you?  
**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 –
        - We are beloved sinners

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 in today's Gospel.

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