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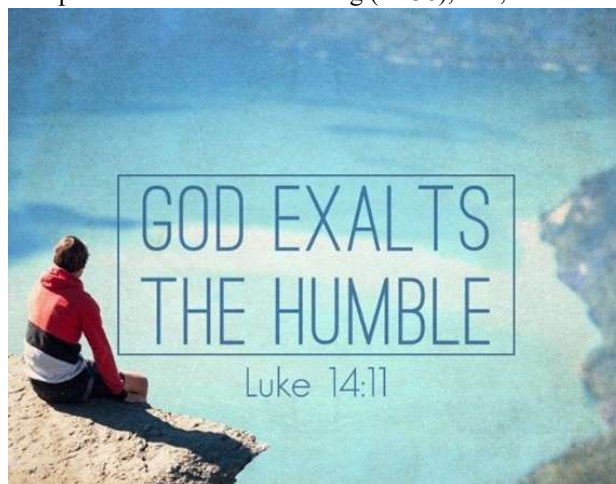


TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 31, 2025 *“THE ONE WHO HUMBLER HIMSELF WILL BE EXALTED”*

Meals played an important role in the society in which Jesus lived. More than a time for sharing nourishment, they were a time to share ideas and to model different aspects of social relationships. In Luke's Gospel, the places that a person ate (at the home of a tax collector, 5:29), the people with whom a person ate (sinners, 5:30), whether a person washed before eating (11:38), and, as is the case here, the place that a person sits while eating are all important. The narrator says Jesus tells a parable, but it is really wise advice to both guests and hosts about finding true happiness at the heavenly banquet.

Jesus warns guests to wait before taking their places at the table lest they be asked to move if someone more important arrives. This is more than just a lesson about dinner etiquette. It is advice on how to find your true place in the Kingdom of God. Jesus advises hosts not to invite people who would be expected to repay them to dinner but to invite those who could not repay: the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. This is where real blessings can be found.

In these sayings, Luke gives us not only advice on how to approach the end times but also on how to live according to Jesus' vision of a good society. Luke's Gospel also advises us how the Church must be part of bringing about this society. It is yet another example in Luke's Gospel of the reversal the kingdom brings about. Loyola Press



“EL QUE SE HUMILLA, SERÁ ENGRANDECIDO”

Las comidas jugaron un papel importante en la sociedad en la que vivió Jesús. Más que un momento para compartir alimentos, fue un momento para compartir ideas y modelar diferentes aspectos de las relaciones sociales. En el Evangelio de Lucas, los lugares donde una persona comía (en la casa de un recaudador de impuestos, 5:29), las personas con las que una persona comía (pecadores, 5:30), si una persona se lavaba antes de comer (11:38), y, como es el caso aquí, el lugar en el que una persona se sienta mientras come son todos importantes. El narrador dice que Jesús cuenta una parábola, pero en realidad es un consejo sabio tanto para los invitados como para los anfitriones sobre cómo encontrar la verdadera felicidad en el banquete celestial.

Jesús advierte a los invitados que esperen antes de tomar su lugar en la mesa para que no se les pida que se muevan si llega alguien más importante. Esto es más que una simple lección sobre la etiqueta de la cena. Es un consejo sobre cómo encontrar tu verdadero lugar en el Reino de Dios. Jesús aconseja a los anfitriones que no inviten a cenar a las personas que se espera que les paguen, sino que inviten a los que no pueden pagar: los pobres, los lisiados, los cojos y los ciegos. Aquí es donde se pueden encontrar las verdaderas bendiciones.

En estos dichos, Lucas no solo nos da consejos sobre cómo acercarnos al final de los tiempos, sino también sobre cómo vivir de acuerdo con la visión de Jesús de una buena sociedad. El Evangelio de Lucas también nos advierte cómo la Iglesia debe ser parte de la realización de esta sociedad.



LABOR DAY WEEKEND: A TIME TO HONOR WORKERS

"WHATEVER YOU DO, DO YOUR WORK HEARTILY, AS FOR THE LORD." COLOSSIANS 3: 23

Established in the United States in 1882, Labor Day is meant to honor those who work, and that includes all of us, even in retirement. It is a day to honor the work that we do, because all work is honorable if done honestly and well. It is a day to rest from our daily efforts, yes, but also a day to reflect on the powerful and consistent teaching of the Catholic Church on the dignity of work and the rights of all workers. This weekend is also a good time to recommit ourselves to our own work, to treat others justly, to defend the lives, dignity, and rights of workers, especially the most vulnerable.

Prayer: Lord, on this Labor Day, we thank you for the blessing of work. We ask for the strength to complete each day. We ask for rest when we are weary. We ask for your guidance for everyone seeking employment. We ask that you be with those who we may never see, but who work tirelessly each day for the good of us all. We ask for your blessing on those who are retired but still make a valuable contribution to our Church and our world by their prayers and deeds of charity. Amen

FIN DE SEMANA DEL DÍA DEL TRABAJO: UN MOMENTO PARA HONRAR A LOS TRABAJADORES

"HAGAS LO QUE HAGAS, HAZLO DE CORAZÓN, COMO PARA EL SEÑOR». COLOSENSES 3:23"

Establecido en los Estados Unidos en 1882, el Día del Trabajo tiene como objetivo honrar a quienes trabajan, y eso nos incluye a todos, incluso a los jubilados. Es un día para honrar el trabajo que hacemos, porque todo trabajo es honorable si se hace con honestidad y bien. Es un día para descansar de nuestros esfuerzos diarios, sí, pero también un día para reflexionar sobre la poderosa y constante enseñanza de la Iglesia Católica sobre la dignidad del trabajo y los derechos de todos los trabajadores. Este fin de semana también es un buen momento para renovar nuestro compromiso con nuestro propio trabajo, para tratar a los demás con justicia, para defender la vida, la dignidad y los derechos de los trabajadores, especialmente los más vulnerables.

Oración: Señor, en este Día del Trabajo, te damos gracias por la bendición del trabajo. Te pedimos la fuerza para completar cada día. Te pedimos descanso cuando estemos cansados. Te pedimos tu guía para todos los que buscan empleo. Te pedimos que estés con aquellos a quienes quizá nunca veamos, pero que trabajan incansablemente cada día por el bien de todos nosotros. Te pedimos tu bendición para aquellos que están jubilados pero que siguen haciendo una valiosa contribución a nuestra Iglesia y a nuestro mundo con sus oraciones y obras de caridad. Amén.

MASS INTENTIONS

AUGUST 31ST -SEPTEMBER 7TH

*Sat. Aug 30th 4:30 Vigil: Int of Bill & Theresa
Sullivanon their 50th Wedding Anniversary*

Sun. Aug 31st 9:00: + David Gomez

11:00: + Rick Loicoiano

Wed, Sept 3rd 12:00: + Intentions of Lester Uy

Thurs. Sept 4th 12:00: + Jeanette Machado

Fri. Sept 5th 12:00: + Karen Bellmont

Sat. Sept 6th 4:30 Vigil: People of the Parish

Sun. Sept 7th 9:00: + Rick Loiacono

11:00: + Health of Lisa Helzer

*May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

WEEKLY COLLECTION

AUGUST 23 & 24--: \$2,358

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FROM THE PARISH PRIEST'S DESK...



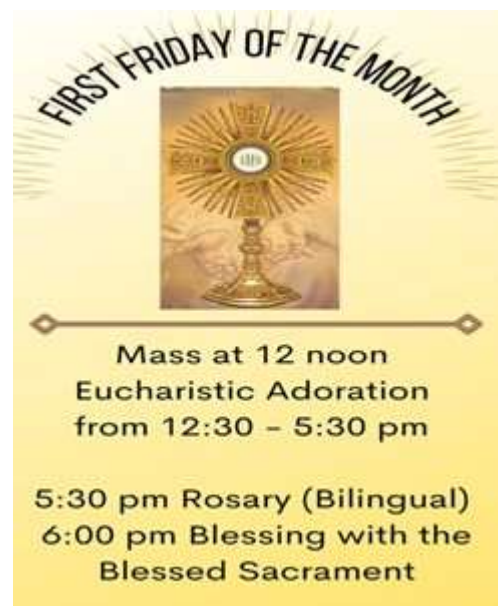
I remember hearing from Bishop Richard Garcia, that the heart of a home is the kitchen. A dining room that is truly related to the kitchen is another place where gatherings can happen. In these spaces it is truly a time to give thanks to God for the food, stories shared, and where we hear and learn from the other.

As Jesus is a master of stories in the context of a meal; he tells a parable that is truly related with an Etiquette from the kingdom of God, where he invites us to be least, and to humble ourselves is ordered to be exalted.

Shalom! Father Jhonnatan

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This Friday Sep. 5th; it's the **First Friday** of the month. We will have Eucharistic Adoration from 12:30 to 5:30 pm. Please consider signing up for an hour of quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.



Announcements:

**We will be having our second month
collection for parish maintenance next
weekend Sep. 6 & 7.**

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Weekday Mass

Wednesday — Friday, 12 noon

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil at 4:30 PM

Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 AM in English

Spanish Mass: 2nd Sunday of the Month

1:00 PM in the Church

4th Saturday of the Month at 7:00 PM in
Cachagua

Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:30 PM and by appointment

Office Hours

Wednesday — Friday 1:00 PM — 3:00 PM

Sundays: 10:00 AM — 11:00 AM

*"At the heart of silence is prayer. At the heart of
prayer is faith. At the heart of faith is life. At the
heart of life is service."*

— St Teresa of Avila

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