

WORD FROM THE PASTOR

HUMILITY AND GENEROSITY



"My Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, today, on this 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C, the Church invites us to reflect on **humility and generosity. These are two great theological virtues that all Christians must strive to live.** The understanding we gain from the readings extends beyond the traditional view of humility as simply modesty or politeness. In fact, it is the very heart of the Gospel and a defining characteristic of God Himself. Today, we are reminded that true greatness lies not in exalting ourselves, but in lowering ourselves in love and service to others.

The Gospel of Luke 14:1, 7-14, which invites us to take the lowest place to be exalted by God, to invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, and the blind to receive a reward that comes from God.

St. Luke's text highlights that true greatness does not come from human efforts or social recognition, but from God alone, Who elevates those who humble themselves. It is suggested that we not seek honors and the highest ranks but rather take the lowest place so that the Lord may elevate us. **The invitation to give a meal to the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind, who cannot reciprocate, is an act of charity that finds its reward beyond this world.** This uncalculating generosity and humility reflect the charity of Christ, Who humbled Himself for us and invites us to do the same to continue His mission.

Ask the Lord to foster the virtue of HUMILITY within us, to disarm us of our ambitions and comparisons, to be GENEROUS HOSTS like Christ, and thus participate in the Kingdom of God.

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