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Remember In Prayer

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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God.— *Hebrews 12:22a*

HUMILITY

Humility is a virtue we don't see much in our times. It seems that bragging, swaggering, and arrogance dominate our fashion for everything and our Internet conversations. Who hasn't been irritated by the "trolls" who try (usually with bad grammar and poor spelling) to start an online fight with those whose opinions do not align with theirs? Our stores, catalogs, and online shopping sites are full of useless items geared in use and price to the very rich, as ordinary, useful things seem to fade off the sales scene. As the rich get richer, the poor get poorer and the middle class is fading away. What is the antidote to this? Humility is a good place to start. Devotion to God is worth more than riches. "The father of orphans and the defender of widows is God in his holy dwelling. God gives a home to the forsaken; [God] leads forth prisoners to prosperity

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The readings today center on mindfulness, awareness of where we stand in God's plan. The mountain of Sinai carries a message of the majesty and distance of God, while Jesus' presence as host of the banquet speaks of intimacy and mystery. September's shadow calls us all to mindfulness as we prepare to return to life outside of summer. The Christian life holds these two places of knowledge of God in careful balance. Even in the accounts of the Passion we see the table of the upper room in balance with the Mount of Olives.

Altar means "high place," yet it is also a table. The former liturgy of the Latin Rite began with the priest bowing at the foot of the altar's three steps, chanting *Introibo ad altare Dei*, or "I will go to the altar of God," followed by the altar servers' response, "The God who gives joy to my youth." Many parishioners can recall and recite this scene by heart. As with so many things in liturgy, there are layers of meaning in our worship. The altar table evokes memories of the high places once reserved for encounter with the holy, and the intimacy of the table where hospitality draws us to share food and drink.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Conduct your affairs with humility (Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29).

Psalm — God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor (Psalm 68).

Second Reading — You have approached the city of the living God (Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a).

Gospel — Those who humble themselves will be exalted (Luke 14:1, 7-14).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

| Monday: | 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; |
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| | Lk 4:16-30 |
| Tuesday: | 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; |
| | Lk 4:31-37 |
| Wednesday: | Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44 |
| Thursday: | Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11 |
| Friday: | Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39 |
| Saturday: | Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5 |
| Sunday: | Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17; |
| | Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33 |
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WORKERS

The workers are the saviors of society, the redeemers of the race

Deacon Moss' new classes will start on Tuesday, September 17th, 10:00 till 11:30 am. The book, *With An Everlasting Love*

by William Barry is \$10.

| | SAINTS AN | D SPECIAL OBSERVANCES | |
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| | Sunday: | Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time; | |
| | | World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation | |
| | Monday: | Labor Day | |
| | Tuesday: | St. Gregory the Great | |
| | Friday: | First Friday | |
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NO SURPRISES

We are told by all spiritual writers that one important point to bear in mind, as we seek to attain humility, is not to be surprised by our own faults and failures.

The spaghetti dinner will be Friday Oct 18th . There is a sign-up sheet posted in the front to volunteer to help.

The office will be closed Monday September 2nd for Labor day.

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