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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 21, 2020

Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord,
for he has rescued the life of the poor.

ENTHUSIASM AND GRAMMAR

There is a good reason that the writings of St. Paul don't show up as examples in grammar textbooks. Today's reading is a case in point. It begins with one of those long Pauline run on sentences that leave lecturers gasping for breath. So what? Take a closer look at how Paul's fervor for his subject matter derails the grammar. There is something admirable about being so caught up in his convictions that the words cannot come fast enough to express them, much less in an orderly fashion. Scripture scholars usually take this grammatical ineptness as a sign of a passage's early importance in the Christian community, something they were so ardent about that their language never got refined.

What leaves us in this condition? Re-telling the plot line of an action movie or the play-by-play of a sporting event? When was the last time any of us was so excited by our faith in Christ that we were left grasping for words, stumbling over our own errors in speech? It may be bad grammar, but it is an excellent way to inspire others with the message of Christ!

Mikey Schachle, 5, lives with his parents Daniel and Michelle in Dickson. Pope Francis approved the promulgation of a decree recognizing Mikey's cure from a deadly case of fetal hydrops while still in his mother's womb as a miracle attributed to the intercession of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus. With the approval of the miracle, Father McGivney's cause for sainthood moves to the next step, beatification ,when he will receive the title "Blessed."

Mikey is the nephew of Christina Hammond

First Reading — The LORD has rescued the poor from the clutches of the wicked (Jeremiah 20:10-13).

Psalms — Lord, in your great love, answer me (Psalm 69).

Second Reading — The grace of God overflows for all (Romans 5:12-15).

Gospel — All who acknowledge Jesus before others will likewise be acknowledged by Jesus before the Father

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Father's Day

Monday: St. Paulinus of Nola;
Ss. John Fisher and Thomas More

Wednesday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Saturday: St. Cyril of Alexandria;
Blessed Virgin Mary

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In the tradition of the Church, not necessarily in your own life's timeline, confirmation is the midpoint of Christian initiation, standing between font and table. Full initiation is completed when a confirmed person shares in the Eucharist. Centuries ago, this first sharing in the eucharistic assembly was marked by a first sharing in the Prayer of the Faithful. This prayer raises up the needs of the church and human community, the concerns of the faithful assembled, as they prepare to lift up the world to the Father's love. So a person could not participate in the prayer until they were anointed with the "Oil of Thanksgiving." Next, the newly baptized presented their gifts at the altar, a sure sign of their investment in a new way of life. Until the sixth century, these people normally drank a mixture of milk and honey as a kind of pre-Communion. They were hungry, of course, since they were baptized hungry after long fasting, but this beautiful symbol of the promised land revealed them as God's chosen, heirs to the promise. Although the "milk shake" disappeared centuries ago, we still see the vigor of this new life whenever adults are initiated at Easter, and increasingly in confirmation ceremonies that are attentive to this meaning.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13;
Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36;
Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17;
1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15;
Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Mt 7:21-29
Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12; Ps 137:1-6; Mt 8:1-4
Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21;
Mt 8:5-17
Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19;
Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

Annual Catholic Appeal

Our Goal is **\$5,000** and 100%
Participation of our 45 registered
Families

\$4795.00 Pledged

which is 95.9 % of goal

FATHERHOOD

When a father gives to his son, both laugh; when a son gives to his father, both cry.

June 28th ,2020

LECTOR Peggy

WEEKLY OFFERING

June 14th

BUDGET \$1351.00

\$635.00

B&M

\$40.00