

September 4, 2016
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

From the Desk of Rev. Msgr. Hugh J. Corrigan:

The first part of today's Gospel has always disturbed me. It seems hypocritical. The reason that I take a less prominent place at the banquet is not out of humility but self interest. I do this as a way to get what I really want but in a devious way. It is like people we encounter who are saying one thing e.g. "I am not worthy of such an honor" but who really think that they are worthy. This may be a cultural difference but I find it disturbing to see this example in our Gospels.

The second part of the Gospel seems much more Christian and challenging and difficult. Think of the today's worldwide refugee problem.

Only the weeds enjoy this weather. Summer has been brutal with high temperatures and humidity. To go out and pull up weeds might lead to sunstroke so we reluctantly let them grow. The Japanese knotweed in our rectory garden has thrived. Even with plastic coverings it has managed to find openings that it can sneak through. When climate change has destroyed most of the world, my knotweed will find a way to survive.

Our campaign to raise money to repair our stained glass windows has just begun. Further information will be forthcoming in the next two months.

 **COLLECTION:** the collection for last Sunday August 28, 2016 was \$

The second collection this Sunday, August 28th will be our monthly collection to help with our Church Property Insurance.

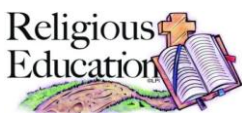
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time: Today's Gospel is not about our dinner parties; it is a metaphor for how we interact with others in our lives. The first reading's message about humility sets the stage for the gospel reading. As we hear God's holy word today, let us listen for the message that we need to hear about whom we welcome into the banquet of our own lives.

First Reading: *Sirach 3:17-18*(page31) – a teacher finds great wisdom in humility; listening to God leads to benefits beyond anything this world could offer.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 68* (page 31&32) - **"God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor".**

Second Reading *Hebrews 12:18-19*(page 32) we hear that Jesus is mediator of a new covenant; his sacrifice of love gives us a foretaste of heaven.

Gospel: *Luke 14:1,7-14* (page 32) –Jesus takes advantage of eating at the home of a leading Pharisee to teach about humility and who should be invited to table fellowship.



Religious Education News:

Registration for Religious Education 2016-2017 school years has begun and will continue until August 13, 2016 from Mondays to Thursdays from 9am to 1pm and Saturdays from 9:30am to 12:30pm; New Parents to the Program please bring:

- ❖ Birth Certificates
- ❖ Baptismal Certificates
- ❖ Copy of First Holy Communion Certificates
(For 1st year confirmation students)
- ❖ Two Small Photos of your Child

Returning Parents will need to reregister their children again for the coming year.

Program Fees:

- ✚ Cost for one Child: \$95.00
- ✚ Cost for two Children (*Brother/Sister only*): \$160.00
- ✚ Cost for three Children (*Brother/Sister only*): \$195.00
- ✚ Cost for Four Children (*Brother/ Sister only*): \$185.00
- ✚ Sacrament Fee for First Holy Communion (*in addition for each child*):\$75.00
- ✚ Sacrament Fee for Confirmation (*Children in 8th Grade; in addition for each child*) \$95.00
- ✚ There will be a orientation meeting for all parents and students on September 10, 2016 –Grades Pre-Kinder-4th Grade will meet at 10:00am in the Parish Hall- Grades 5th to 8th will meet at 12:00pm in the Parish Hall
- ✚ Anyone that still needs to register their child may do so on September 10th at 10:00 in the Parish Hall.

Reminder!

Parish Council Meeting: The next Parish Council Meeting will be September 14, 2016 at 7:00pm.



Msgr. Corrigan's Book on the History of our Parish: Is on sale in the rectory Monday to Friday and Saturday and Sunday after the Masses. The cost of the book is \$30.00 as a Donation to the Church. If you would like it mailed to you there is an additional \$5.00 fee for the postage.