

October 16-17, 2021
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 53:10-11 Hebrews 4:14-16 Mark 10:35-45

I suppose there is some comfort in knowing that the early disciples of Jesus were just as covetous and manipulative as we may, at times, be. Despite Christianity having been around for over 2,000 years, many of us have a difficult time grasping the words/actions of Jesus and conforming our lives to them...and not the other way around. Having recognized that Jesus obviously was MORE than just a gifted teacher, some of the disciples desired MORE from Jesus, seeking positions of honor, at his side, following death. They of course had no concept of what they were seeking, but they wanted places of PRESTIGE! Jesus, heard them out...and after posing some pointed questions to them, he SORT OF agreed...promising them the pain and suffering by which they would ultimately die. Working with assorted Seminarians over the years, my efforts have been to instruct them that the honors, dignity and respect shown them by parishioners, both while they are Sems and when they are ordained, should NEVER BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED. I encourage them to get their hands dirty setting up tables, folding chairs, dumping the trash, cleaning up messes, doing the rough and tumble work around the parish that the prima-donnas won't do because they feel it is beneath them. I tell them that just because they are priests is not something on which they should live a pristine/glamorous life...they still need to EARN people's respect. There apparently is a ludicrous expression that has gained some traction amid the more 'self-absorbed' types in the Seminary and in the Priesthood: 'These hands were made for chalices, not for callouses!' The implication meaning that the individual desires soft, smooth skin rather than hands dotted with cuts, abrasions, scrapes and callouses...glamorous hands rather than working-man's hands. Moving beyond just the idea of HANDS...the question could be asked, what type of LIFE/SPIRITUALITY have we lived...a soft, safe and superficial embrace of Jesus...or an embrace of Jesus that has dirtied, cut and wounded us?

Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you; we bless you; we adore you; we glorify you; we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten son, Lord God, lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer, you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the lord, you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Responsorial Psalm Response:

'Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.'

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages, God

from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna in the highest.

Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

Thank you for depositing this SINGLE USAGE Worship Aid in one of the WHITE trash receptacles at the back of the Hall.

Thank you for sharing this Autumn weekend with our Santa Clara Community as we gather for praise, worship and sacrament. The repairs to all our broken doors and kitchen window will eventually be completed but the particular glass required is on back-order and not readily available. Eventually we shall be back to looking undamaged but our boarded/shattered doors remind us of the world that can easily intrude upon our seeming peacefulness. **NEXT SUNDAY, October 24th, at the 10am Mass will be the FIRST Permanent DIACONATE MASS at which our own Permanent Deacon Eric Summerfield will participate...**and we are encouraging our parish family to come out to both celebrate and encourage 'soon-to-be Permanent Deacon Eric' in his vocational calling. Please plan to enjoy the reception following Mass as well. **You will also note that SPECIAL ENVELOPES have been put in regards to the approaching ALL SOULS DAY/MONTH of NOVEMBER MASSES to be offered for our deceased loved ones.** Please inscribe the envelopes of your own beloved dead and return them to us during these next few

weeks so we may have them fully present in our Sanctuary as of November 2nd and throughout November. In addition, **you will also be finding our CHRISTMAS DECORATION DONATION envelopes available as well.** This past week we ordered 29 living/potted evergreen trees of varying sizes that will decorate our Sanctuary throughout Advent and then be expanded to include our Christmas Nativity Scene and other areas to be decorated for Christmas. Your financial support is always GREATLY APPRECIATED and you will take pride when you see all 29 trees festively lit, surrounded by over 100 large potted poinsettia plants....knowing that YOU helped it all to come about!! Thank you, in advance for your generosity and support...especially as we prepare to close out this infamous year of pandemic and confusion. See you next weekend for our celebration of Permanent Deacon Eric, please stay healthy, get vaccinated and **always remember that YOU ARE LOVED! FKB**