

St. Mary's Catholic Church

14th Ordinary Sunday

July 5, 2020

Dear Parishioners:

Every world religion requires its followers to **humble** themselves before its god but Christianity is the only world religion in which the Divine Son of God-Jesus, **humbles** Himself before people. In the fullness of time God the Father sent Jesus to be our Savior becoming human like us in all things but sin. In His Incarnation Jesus **humbled** Himself becoming human. In His Passion and Death Jesus underwent the greatest act of **humility** and we are the beneficiaries as we are able to receive redemption and salvation and gain eternal life.



In today's Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus says: "Learn from me for I am **meek** and **humble of heart.**" **Meekness** and **humility** were obviously virtues Jesus thought important for His followers. **Meekness** (from the Greek praotes) means "not easily provoked." It is the virtue between the extremes of excessive anger and a complete lack of it. **Meekness** is the perfect balance point where the control and direction of one's temper displays moral character and power. **Humility** (from the Latin humilis) means "a modest or low view of one's importance." It is the virtue of an outward expression of an appropriate self-regard. Unfortunately in today's society **meekness** and **humility** are no longer esteemed. These virtues are often despised and confused with being a door mat, lacking a backbone or being unable or unwilling to stand up and fight for one's rights. In our society self-assertiveness and pride are more highly esteemed as prized virtues.

What should be noted is that Jesus only praises a sense of **meekness** and **humility** that teaches us neither to deny our talents or skills nor retreat from using them for the benefit of others, nor from hiding them. What Jesus is teaching us is that we are not to make more of our skills and talents than what they really are. Jesus is telling us that we should not become so taken up with what we can do by our design that we lose sight of what we must do by God's design. All we have is gift from God and we must be directed by His will.

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Weekend Masses

Sat July 4	4:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving
Sun July 5	8:00 a.m.	Special Intention
Sun July 5	10:00 a.m.	For our parish
Sat July 11	4:00 p.m.	George Donaldson
Sun July 12	8:00 a.m.	Mary Zaleskie
Sun July 12	10:00 a.m.	Teresa Rieman

SUNDAY COLLECTION

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Assignments for July 11 & 12, 2020

**Money Counters: Janet Begg, Barb Galvan
4:00 p.m.**

Greeters:
Cantor: Katie Hohenbrink
Ushers: Chuck Niese, Dave Siefker
Lector: Jason Swartzlander
E.M.: Jerry Wehri
Servers: K.J. Hohenbrink

8:00 a.m.

Greeters:
Cantors:
Ushers:
Lector:
E.M.:
Server:

10:00 a.m.

Greeters:
Cantor: Katie Hohenbrink
Ushers: Mike and Rhonda Maag
Lectors: Anna Crisp
E.M.: Wes Lovett
Servers: Lovett Boys

Readings for July 12, 2020

15th Ordinary Sunday

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:10 – 11

2nd Reading: Romans 8:18 – 23

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1 – 23

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Thus **meekness** and **humility** are hardly virtues if we use them as a way to hide from responsibility or see them as an excuse for doing nothing. God has given us many talents and skills to carry out His mission of recreating the world, enabling us to do something positive in our communities.

Reliance on God brings us happiness. In the last few lines of today's Gospel passage Jesus promises, "Do what I do, be little, as I am, and you will find peace. For my yoke is easy, my burden is light." Once we learn and incorporate into our lives Jesus' example of **meekness** and **humility** and simply stop trying to be number one, a real burden of anxiety and worry will be lifted from us. Once we stop yearning for power, prestige and wealth we will discover the real joy of Jesus' message of love- "Come to me." We will be able to see that Jesus wants to have a personal relationship with us. In coming to Jesus we will discover that, far from being burdened, we are truly liberated and free. Jesus will give rest to our hearts and souls if we rely on Him. Have a blessed week.

Love & prayers,

Fr. John

IMPORTANT: Our restrictions and guidelines for the return to Mass have been **extended until September 1**. The faithful of the Diocese of Toledo **continue to be dispensed from their Sunday obligation until further notice**. Please use your best judgment when considering the gradual return to Mass.

To read about the new guidelines that will be implemented at St. Mary's with the gradual return to Mass, please follow this link:
<https://d2y1pz2y630308.cloudfront.net/2319/documents/2020/5/RECONNECT.pdf>

As a reminder, Daily Mass is celebrated at St. Mary's at 9 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week.

St. Gerard's in Lima live streams Mass throughout the week at 8:30 a.m. Monday – Friday, on Saturday at 5 p.m., and on Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. To view this live stream, go to their website: <http://www.stgerardchurch.org/> and click on the icon on the right side of the page that says "Live Webcast Watch Here"

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