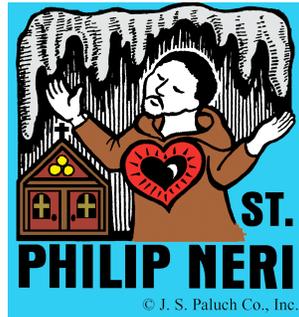




St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Community

Reflections with Fr. Mark

May 26, 2020



Dear Parishioners,

I love the saint of the day: St. Philip Neri, Priest. He was canonized in 1622 but lived during the 16th Century. He was canonized with other saints: Ignatius of Loyola, Frances Xavier and Theresa of Avila. Ignatius was a friend; Frances was an influence and Philip took to heart Theresa's quip: "From.... sour faced saints, good Lord, deliver us!" I love that image and prayerful petition!

The most wonderful saints are not long-faced, sorrowful people whose lives reflect nothing but misery. Rather, as in Philip's case he won people over simply with humor and humility wrapped in simple holiness. He reminded people that if you through yourself into the arms of God and if God wants something from you, God will provide everything you need to get the job done.

Our Scriptures today remind us that we belong to Christ: we are His, and we give ourselves to him and live out to the best of our ability his teachings. In our journey of life and faith we have the freedom and responsibility to fill our minds and hearts with a concern for others as we let Jesus shine forth through us. We reveal Christ to others with a joy that is deeper than a smile on our face. The joy others should see from within a Christian comes from the indwelling of His Spirit within us rising and flowing into action.

Happy Easter! He is Risen! Alleluia!

Fr. Mark

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