

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time: Aug 31, 2025

Importance of Humility:

One of the greatest virtues that all stewards should strive for is humility. The first reading from Sirach admonishes the children of God to “conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourselves the more, the greater you are, and you will find favour with God.”

A humble person does not exalt himself but gives all glory to God for the good that is done in their lives. Humility is a virtue that God admires greatly in those who serve him, for it is a virtue that Christ embodied when he took the form of man and came to Earth. Jesus, in the Gospel, illustrates the importance of humility by sharing the parable of choosing a seat at table. Those who sought the last and lowest place were exalted and were asked to move up, whereas those who sought the most prominent and highest position were humiliated when they were asked to move down.

In the work of stewardship, humility is crucial as it is the antidote to pride. When sharing our time and talent, we can easily fall into the trap of becoming proud and egotistical, forgetting that our gifts and talents come solely from the generous hand of God, the Father. Instead, if we are humble, God can better use us for building up his kingdom, especially in our parish communities. Those who are humble won't be fazed by criticisms and will remain joyful in all the work they do. A great way to learn to be humble is to pray to our Blessed Mother, who was a perfect example of humility. She never sought any praise herself, and always emptied herself for the sake of others. Let us pray in a special way to our Blessed Mother for this virtue, that we may imitate her and her son in humility.

Summary: The readings today remind us of the importance of humility and how God loves those who are humble of heart. In the Gospel, Jesus tells us that the humble person is one who seats himself at the lowest seat and in doing so he is exalted. As stewards, we are called to live out the virtue of humility in our lives as we share the gifts of our time and talent – keeping our hearts free from pride and remaining focused on our Lord.

Creation Care Summit

Planting Seeds of Peace & Hope

Join us as we learn from experts, advocates, students, clergy and from Catholic social teaching about planting seeds of peace and hope for creation. *Isaiah 32:16-18*

Sat Sept 13 @ 9am - 12:30pm

Archdiocese of St. Louis

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God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Holy Father's Intention for August:

For mutual coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

Today's Gospel: Luke 14:1,7-14

On a sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully. He told a parable to those who had been invited, noticing how they were choosing the places of honor at the table. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited by him, and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say, 'Give your place to this man,' and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place. Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table. For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Then he said to the host who invited him, "When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

New Mass Schedule:

In ensuring the efficient time and better quality for PSR program and youth activities the mass schedule must be changed. This new schedule has been consulted widely among parish council, youth leaders, and catechists. All are graciously supportive. The new mass schedule will be as follows:

Mass in Vietnamese: 07:30 am - 08:30 am

Mass in English: 09:00 am - 10:00 am

Mass in Vietnamese: 10:30 am - 11:30 am.

This new schedule will be in effective on September 7th, 2025.

Second Collection: We will have a Second Collection on next Sunday for Catholic University of America. **Please be prepared!**

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Today, Jesus teaches a masterly lesson: do not choose the best seat: "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor" (Lk 14:8). Jesus knows we like to look for the best places: in official acts, informal gatherings, at home, at the table. He knows our trend to overrate ourselves out of vanity, or worse still, out of a poorly hidden pride. So let us therefore be careful with honors, for "the heart remains chained where it finds the possibility of delight" (Saint Leo the Great). Perhaps others have told us that we are better persons in general, or that we have better personal qualities than others. We may even begin to consider ourselves smarter, more important, and more deserving than others —always the rightful ones. This can lead to a narrow vision of ourselves and of those around us. Against this, Jesus invites us to practice perfect humility, consisting in not judging ourselves or others, but being conscious of our individual insignificance from a global perspective.

Thus, Jesus, proposes to us, by precaution, to always choose the lowest seat, because, while we may not know the intimate reality of the others, we are fully aware that in the great show of the universe we are totally irrelevant. Therefore, to place ourselves in the last position is to be on the safe side, lest the Lord, who knows us intimately, has to tell us: "'Give your place to this man,' and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place" (Lk 14:9).

In the same line of thought, the Master invites us to place ourselves with humility beside those chosen by God: the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind, and to be at the same level as them. Put simply, we must overcome our pride and shame to be among those God loves with special tenderness, and to share with them table and friendship.



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Offering for Aug 24, 2025

Total Sum. Collection \$3,906.00

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| Votive candles | \$ 141.00 |
| Bequest | \$23,667.32 |
| Food Festival | \$77,072.00 |

Twentieth-second Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Humility is needed for those who choose to serve. Recognize your gifts and offer them in humble service.

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Baptism: Arrangements must be made one week in advance.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sunday from 7:15 am to 7:35 am or by appointment.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior to plan date of wedding.

Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions

Sun 8/31: * Thuc Tran by Hoang Dinh Can-Thu Nguyệt
* Maria Kim Le and Michael Chanh by family

Mon 9/01: * Joseph Khanh by Thao An family

Tues 9/02: * Thanksgiving by Vo Phong-Lo Maily

Wed 9/03: * Thanksgiving by Vo Phong-Lo Maily

* All souls, unborn babies and intention by Trang Dung

Thurs 9/04: * All souls, unborn babies by 1 person

* Thanksgiving by 1 person

Fri 9/05: * Peace for family by Hong Au

* Andrew, Ann, Maria and Thomas by family

Sat 9/06: * All souls and peace for family by 1 person

* Andrew, Peter, thanksgiving & intention by Maria Uyen