



## This Sunday's Counsel

### THEME:

Life in Christ assures us of our heavenly inheritance when we stay meek and humble of heart in all our ways.

### PROMISE:

*"Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but one who humbles himself will be exalted."* (Lk 14:11)

### WORD:

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/  
Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11/  
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/  
Lk 14:1, 7-14

### ORDERS:

- *Conduct your affairs with humility.* (Sir 3:17)
- *Invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind.* (Lk 14:13)

### DIRECTIONS:

- Follow Jesus example of obedience, humility, and being a servant for all.
- Submit to authority and graciously accept fraternal correction.
- Do not choose the places of honor but go and take the lowest place.
- Love and serve the least of our brothers and sisters selflessly.

## Practicing Christ's Humility

### REFLECTION:

St. Paul calls us to this honesty when he says *"For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment"* (Rom:12:3). In other words, the reality about who we are, what we are, and from Whom our gifts and abilities ultimately come is essential to developing humility. This comes as we invite the Holy Spirit, working through the Holy Scriptures, to search and illuminate truth and apply it to our hearts and minds. As we begin to come to terms with ourselves, good and bad, strengths and weaknesses, we can move beyond preoccupation with self to loving care and concern for our neighbor.



How do we live in humility in the rough and tumble of daily life? St. Paul helps us when he says, *"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than*

*yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others"* (Phil. 2:3-4). Paul then urges us to imitate Christ's example of servanthood. As we serve our neighbors in love, we will find ourselves growing in the

humility of Christ, which lies at the heart of a truly spiritual life.

Our community is the best place to learn and practice Christ's humility. Although our community is not perfect, since we all are not, our community allows us to serve the way Christ has modeled servanthood. It is a place where sharing is in action, a place where forgiveness is practiced, a place where love prevails. This is where we are called to share our given gifts, our resources and talents for the greater glory of God. We serve through the different activities and encounters; we serve the poor through our mission ac-

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### Tending the Flock

## Do Not Offend God With His Gifts

The Lord does not intend to give a lesson on etiquette or on the hierarchy of the different authorities. Rather, he insists on a crucial point, that of humility: *"Every one who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted"* (Lk 14: 11). A deeper meaning of this parable also makes us think of the position of the human being in relation to God. The "lowest place" can in fact represent the condition of humanity degraded by sin, a condition from which the Incarnation of the Only-Begotten Son alone can raise it. For this reason Christ himself *"took the lowest place in the world the Cross and by this radical humility he redeemed us and constantly comes to our aid"* (Encyclical Deus Caritas Est, n. 35).

At the end of the parable Jesus suggests to the Pharisee leader that he invite to his table not his friends, kinsmen or rich neighbors, but rather poorer and more marginalized people who can in no way reciprocate (cf. Lk 14: 13-14), so that the gift may be given freely. The true reward, in fact, will ultimately be given by God, *"who governs the world.... We offer him our service only to the extent that we can, and for as long as he grants us the strength"* (Encyclical Deus Caritas Est, n. 35). Once again, therefore, let us look to Christ as a model of humility and of giving freely: let us learn from him patience in temptation, meekness in offence, obedience to God in suf-

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## God's Blessings

### Birthday

Maria Desiree Azarcon	8/27	Marichille Jamolod	8/29
Ernesto Kho	8/28	Fr. Gerry Paderon	8/29
Karen Lukban	8/28	Mark Senter	8/29
Paul Alimario	8/28	Mark Hernandez	8/30
Kaynan Delacruz	8/28	Manny Acosta	8/31
Jean Catarata	8/29	Clarence Causing	8/31

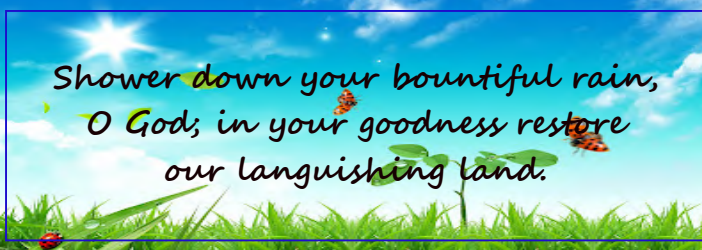
Kyle Robinson 9/1

### Anniversary

Andy & Grace Mantes 8/28  
Carl & Mina Duque 8/29

## Who Are You Gonna Call (or Text)?

For Mama Mary's visit - Beth Felibrico 732-995-7407  
For Prayer Service - Bert & Cora Velez 732-688-1541



## Last Week's Prophecies



- *My children, why are you looking for me? I am with you always. Speak the words I gave you for the conversion of sinners and to those who are faithful to my commandments.*
- *Woman, you are here in the community not by accident. I called you because I love you before the world began.*
- *My child, there is no other way but My way, there are no other words, but My words. Seek My way. Seek My will. Live a life that is worthy, a life given by our Father.*
- *Are the trials I allow in your life burdensome? Do not lose heart, my children. They are My mercies in disguise. Offer your sufferings as your share in My cross and turn your tears into holy tears.*

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fering, in the hope that the One who has invited us will say to us: "Friend, go up higher" (cf. Lk 14: 10). Indeed, the true good is being close to him. St Louis IX, King of France whose Memorial was last Wednesday put into practice what is written in the Book of Sirach: "The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself; so you will find favor in the sight of the Lord" (3: 18). This is what the King wrote in his "Spiritual Testament to his son": "If the Lord grant you some prosperity, not only must you humbly thank him but take care not to become worse by boasting or in any other way, make sure, that is, that you do not come into conflict with God or offend him with his own gifts" (cf. Acta Sanctorum Augusti 5 [1868], 546).

~ **Pope Benedict XVI**  
*Angelus Message, August 29, 2010*



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## Life in the Spirit Seminar Weekend

NOVEMBER 4 - 6, 2022

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## Fun in the Sand

Sat Sept 10, 2022  
Skate Plex Center at Seven President's Park  
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There will be a 5K Run/Walk/Crawl Event followed by a Zumba Class

Fellowship after with Iota Line Dancing, Deejay Music, Games and of course... food! food! food!

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tivities. We reach out to our inactive members, give support to those who are physically sick and provide comfort to those who are struggling. We are here to offer forgiveness to those who hurt us and pursue forgiveness to those we offended. Accepting fraternal correction and being open to suggestion from the members are signs of humility too. We are here, not to put down others, but to help and encourage each other for the good of our community.

We are called to serve one another and not to be served. This is the blessing and privilege of servanthood. Just like Christ who died on the cross and sacrificed himself, we follow his example of humbling ourselves in obedience to God's will.