

Sunday, August 28, 2022
The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 1) Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
- 2) Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a
- 3) Luke 14:1, 7-14

FOCUS: The humble find favor with God.

Humility is essential to the Christian life. It's the disposition and virtue that recognizes our ultimate dependency on God for all things, and seeks to live in that truth and reality. It is expressed in the daily events of life – particularly in how we behave toward others and conduct our affairs. It is the opposite of pride and self-reliance.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The writer of Sirach calls for humility; the humble will find favor with God. The author of Hebrews writes about Jesus as *the mediator of the new covenant*. In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about a banquet, then instructs his host about whom to invite to a banquet. He emphasizes the importance of humility among his followers.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: We now come before the Lord with humble hearts, trusting him with our needs.

- 1) For Church leaders, may God continue to bless their efforts in offering courage and strength to those whom they shepherd, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For elected officials, may the Holy Spirit inspire them in working for the good of all people, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who feel alienated from God and the Church, may Christ's message of love and mercy fill them with hope, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this faith community, may God's grace conform us ever more to his heart, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For our beloved dead, may they come to share in the eternal banquet and enjoy God's favor forever, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Loving God, hear our prayers and answer them according to your holy will. We pray this through Christ our Lord.