

**September 1-2, 2007**  
**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sirach 3:17-29      Hebrews 12:18-24      Luke 14:1-14**  
**Labor Day Weekend**

Ever wonder if Jesus would be able to get elected if he were running in a contemporary campaign? Sure, the miracles would be impressive, but eventually somebody would start to complain that Jesus was an unequal 'miracle-provider', offering healing to some and not to others, etc. His parables are folksy...the one about the mustard seed was good; it struck a nice organic, pro-nature tone. However, his claim of the mustard seed being the smallest of seeds was factually incorrect...and you know, can you really trust a guy who gets his facts wrong? His plans to improve the plight of the crippled, lame, poor and blind would probably be seen as simplistic and out of touch with reality, after all, sometimes it is hard enough coping with your friends and family without going out of your way to invite the dispossessed into your midst (not to mention the liability nightmare if something were to happen while they were at your home!) Good gosh, can you imagine the confusion if suddenly everyone started looking after each other...the soccer-moms would be making sandwiches to bring to the folks crossing the border, the assorted sports teams would be forgoing their playing seasons to help rebuild New Orleans, CEOs would be watching the kid's while their workers worked. Jesus would certainly have a hard time raising money for his campaign if he kept sitting at the lower end of the table, after all, everyone knows you have to curry favor with those who can help you...if you don't help yourself, nobody else will either! And let me tell you...if Jesus thinks his campaign staff is going to be happy with getting paid at ' the resurrection of the righteous', he is really out of touch with reality! The 'resurrection of the righteous' does not put bread on the table or pay for movie tickets for this weekend or \$3-a-gallon gasoline with which to go to a good Labor Day picnic. Nope, Jesus would probably not have a real viable campaign...not to mention the press digging up dirt on the people with whom he hung out (prostitutes and sinners...where there is smoke...) So, if Jesus is not running for elected office...what is he trying to do?

Thanks for taking a break from the heavy labors of this weekend and coming to share your time with our Corpus Christi Community. Bulletins await you with news of all that is happening in the parish in the weeks ahead, please make sure to take one home with you. The Men's Leadership Dinner is drawing close, September 18<sup>th</sup>, the Reservation Forms are available on the Concierge Shelves. As school gets underway, remember to drive a little bit slower, look more carefully for confused kids running across streets and harried vanpool drivers trying to navigate the roads. To the teachers that welcome our sons and daughters back to class...THANK YOU for the gift of being a teacher, may you be blessed with much patience and grace! Hopefully you won't have to labor too hard this weekend remembering that you are loved. FKB