

September 8-9, 2007

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 9:13-18

Paul's Letter to Philemon 9-10,12-17

Luke 14:25-33

Once you get a glance at the bigger picture....the small stuff frequently becomes more manageable. There is an apt expression 'not being able to see the forest through the trees', implying that a person's focus is inappropriately solely on the individual trees and not on the vast forest of which they are a part. At the same time, these weeks being the traditional resumption of school and classes, it is not unusual for students to receive their schedule for the entire year....and an entire year's worth of reading, tests, projects, can be daunting. The elaborate schedule becomes much more manageable however when students realize that each book, test or project will occupy its own space and time and that not everything has to be accomplished at once. As Catholic-Christians endeavoring to live our discipleship of Jesus Christ sometimes we need to take some deep breaths and catch a glimpse of the BIG PICTURE and remind ourselves that it is God's task to redeem and fashion the world....our task is to do our part...whatever that may be. Our task is NOT to become Jesus Christ, but to be his disciple and to wisely understand our strengths and weaknesses. In this is great wisdom, the wisdom spoken to in our First Reading from none other than The Book of Wisdom. The Gospel of Luke encourages us to be mindful in planning our affairs, of not acting cavalierly, of realizing that actions have ramifications. Thus, the final line of the Gospel pointedly speaks to the inability to love God as a disciple if we are caught up in the love of our possessions...including the intangible ones such as ego and prestige. The big picture is that we have each been created by God, entrusted with individual, particular gifts. In the honing and utilization of these gifts we not only assist God in his plans but we can attain satisfaction and personal fulfillment. Yes, the big picture is composed of many little images...and the little images all fuse to form one BIG picture...and wisdom is the gift that allows us to keep our balance and helps us see straight.

Ah, September, the leaves will soon be changing, the storm windows will be going up and most of us will be switching our summer tires over to the snow tires of winter. In the meantime, thank you for joining with our Corpus Christi Community for our celebration of Mass. Our 2007 Autumn Gala – A Celebration of Blessings is coming up on September 29th. Invitations have been mailed....don't delay in returning your RSVPs. Please accept a Bulletin on your way home, with the cold autumn winds just around the corner you wouldn't want to get left out of anything neat and spiffy. As you get re-acquainted to the return to school, remember, you are loved. FKB