

October 6-7, 2007
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Habakkuk 1:2-2:4 Second Timothy 1:6-14 Luke 17:5-10

Okay, here's a question: have any of you, when dropping off your car with the Parking Valet at a restaurant, theater or mall, encouraged the valet to take your car out for a spin and enjoy themselves in it while you are busy? Is that a resounding NO we hear echoing through the Grand Hall? And the words 'of course not' might also be added, after all, it is a ridiculous thought...the valet has a job to do, park the car....and not damage it. It must be hard for the poor valets...so close and yet so far away...for a few minutes they get control of some really nice vehicles...but they are somebody else's and their job is merely to park and provide service. Humility is tough...and it is particularly tough as a disciple of Jesus Christ to remember that we are the equivalent of 'valets' in his creation. Everything we see about us....everything....it is all God's. Our task is to be good stewards of it, to become aware of his presence and assist God in the shepherding of his creation. Not just limited to trees, oceans or mountains, creation also includes us. One of the difficult aspects of humility is finding the strength to 'walk away' from things over which we have no authority or control. It is difficult to 'know our limits' and be content with not being able to fix or solve everything. In the selection from Habakkuk we are reminded that just because we see strife, violence, war, disease, unemployment or misery is not sufficient reason to abandon hope...but certainly good cause to recognize again our place in the world. Paul's Letter to Timothy reminds us that we possess a rich treasure in our faith, and to recognize it as that, and not to be ashamed of it. Luke....well, he sort of paraphrases the valet car attendant....or perhaps it is the other way around. It is God's creation...and we have a task to do...and we ought to be about doing it. What would you say (or do) to a car valet that took your car out for a spin on PCH or up to LA while you were dining? Hmmmm....I wonder what God says/does to those who forget their place and get too big for their britches?

The nights are growing longer, the mornings are dark and chill, October breaks upon us with all sorts of seasonal events and opportunities. Thank you for sharing our Masses with our Corpus Christi Community, please take a Bulletin with you as you depart. Our next Corpus Christi Diners Night at LONE STAR STEAKHOUSE is coming up...make sure you cut out the coupon from the Bulletin. We also start to look ahead to our annual Mass and Hoe-Down at Oak Glen on Sunday, October 28th. Reservation forms are available on the Concierge Shelves. Please keep our HAVEN youth in your hearts and prayers this weekend as they experience their Autumn Retreat in our local mountains. As one autumn week ends and another unfolds before you, remember, you are loved. FKB