



31 August 2025
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C



INTRODUCTION:

Jesus knew that if he emptied himself and humbled himself in the service of others, God would exalt him in God's time. We too can live with the same confident assurance. To humble ourselves is not to make little of ourselves. Rather, it is to serve others rather than ourselves, to empty ourselves in the service of others.

READINGS:

First Reading: Sir 3:17-18, 28-29
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 68:4-5ac, 6-7ab, 10-11
Second Reading: Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a
Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: God treasures the least among us and fulfils their needs, so let us place these petitions in the knowledge that they will be answered according to God's will.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer

We pray for Pope Leo and all Church leaders. May their lives and teachings give witness to a God who is merciful and just towards all people. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for our political, civil, and business leaders. May the Gospel standard of humility challenge those who claim to serve their people. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for a deep humility within our hearts. May we surrender with joy to the grace God has for us. May our lives speak only good and thanksgiving. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for those who are suffering loss, ill health, and abandonment. May we find ways to reach out and be missionaries in our own social context so that we can fulfil the gospel call. We pray to the Lord.

We now pray for the intentions we now make in the silence of our hearts (p-a-u-s-e). We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: In faith and humility, we place all these needs before God in the sure knowledge that they will be answered through the power of the Spirit and in Jesus' name. Amen.