

OCTOBER 3, 2020
Saturday of 26th Week in OT
Luke 10: 17-24

“LET US REJOICE WITH HIM.”

When we done well in our works, it is normal to be praised. People praised us because they saw the goodness in us. The disciples of Jesus in our gospel for today return to Jesus with joy because of their successful mission. They said, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!”¹ Jesus Christ lauded their success but expected them not to focus so much on the quantifiable and finite success. They must rejoice and be happy because “your names are written in heaven.”²

Also, Jesus Christ is reminding us of the virtue of humility that we need to instil into our heart and mind, practice and live it everyday. It is only in humility that we can see God and imitate our Lord. “Jesus contrasts intellectual pride with child-like simplicity and humility. The simple of heart are like “babes” or “little children” in the sense that they see purely without pretense or falsehood and acknowledge their dependence and trust in one who is greater, wiser, and more trustworthy. They seek one thing - the “*summum bonum*” or “greatest good” who is God himself. Simplicity of heart is wedded with humility, the queen of virtues, because humility inclines the heart towards grace and truth. Just as pride is the root of every sin and evil inclination, so humility is the only soil in which the grace of God can take root. It alone takes the right attitude before God and allows him as God to do all. God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble (Proverbs 3:34, James 4:6). The grace of Christ-like humility inclines us towards God and disposes us to receive God's wisdom and help.”

¹ Luke 10: 17 NRSV Catholic Bible Press, USA

² Luke 10: 20 NRSV Catholic Bible Press, USA

So, my brothers and sisters, let us always rejoice when we accomplished the mission that God directed us to do by reporting and thanking the Lord for the opportunity to be His instruments. Let us do this with love and humility and allow the Lord to take out into our hearts our pride and arrogance and transform us into His likeness who is meek and humble of heart.

Let us ask the intercession of Our Lady and Mother, who like her, to be humble, simple and take into our hearts all that God instructed us to do. May we always imitate the Blessed Virgin Mary who ponders everything, pain and joy, suffering and consolation, and do the best we can to follow the will of the Father throughout our life here on earth.