

OCTOBER 30, 2021
Saturday of the 30th Week in OT
Luke 14: 1, 7-11

“HUMILITY THE LADDER TO DIVINITY.”

We are always tempted to boast ourselves. We want to brag ourselves with what we have, money, dress, jewelries, cars, how many houses do we have or even our beauty or status in our society. We are tempted to uplift ourselves and wanted to be recognized always. This was also the attitudes of Pharisees whom Jesus observed when He dined with one of the leaders of the Pharisees: how the guests chose the places of honour. This occasion triggered Jesus to preached about humility.

“The Pharisees are known for their swollen ego, but Jesus asks them to be humble. To be humble means to empty oneself of the problem of ‘I’ — that is, ego. If we are humble, we will be asked to ‘move up higher’ — or nearer to God. Humility is a ladder that helps one climb closer to divinity. But if we are not humble, if we do not accept our rightful place in the world, God will show us our place, like the guest at the banquet. Humility is facing the truth: acknowledging who I am, a human person with my limitations. The message is: Be humble or else you will tumble.”¹

How many times do we boast and lie about ourselves in order to lift us up? How many times do we join the conversation and make up stories for us to be recognized? The Lord is teaching us to be humble of what we have because we are only caretakers of the treasures of the earth, everything belongs to the Creator.

Jesus opened Himself and invited the Pharisees, scribes and sinners, to dine with Him, to be in communion with Him to gain eternal life. Likewise, He is inviting us in spite of our faults, wrongdoings and failures, in this Eucharistic table, to dine with Him. He knows who we are and He still invites and loves us as His beloved friends to join at this

¹ stories4homilies.blogspot.com

banquet of love and sacrifice. So, let us humbly take part in this meal and ask Him, our Master to make us humble, and serve those people who have stumbled and make mistake like us. For Jesus, the greatest in the Kingdom of God is the one who serves, places himself at the disposal and well-being of his/her brothers and sisters and most especially has no interest or concern in titles, honor or status. Humble people are great in the eyes of God. May we be humble in front of God and with our brothers and sisters. Let us ask the intercession of Our Lady, the Blessed Virgin Mary that like her, we may be humble servant of the Lord, obedient and love all His commandments.