

St. Margaret of Scotland OM: St. Gertrude OM: Our Lady's Saturday

“You’re all powerful Word, from heaven’s royal throne.” God speaks creation into being and He has spoken you and I into being. But we are not all powerful! We are only as powerful as when we are tethered to Jesus and His Holy Church. Jesus (the Son) is the complete expression of the Father and together with the Holy Spirit provide all the means to one-day gather around God’s royal throne. It is Jesus who has reached into heaven while standing here on the earth. Take his other hand friends, and clasp onto it firmly praising our Lord and deliverer.

We wonder how someone becomes a judge who doesn’t honour God, or even respect people? To where is their moral compass pointed, and from where does such a judge take counsel? Yet, this is the description of an individual Jesus places in this Gospel parable, to give vivid contrast against the Son of Man’s, justice system. This solely human judge believes he has no need for God or anyone else. He is likely the worse and most unmerciful judge and we wonder why a widow, or anyone would ask anything of them. She gets nothing on her first, second and who knows how many other attempts, from this terrible judge.

But the judge gradually begins to fear after repeatedly denying this widow, fear that she is going to “go off” on him and punch him in the head! I know plenty of widows; I wouldn’t want punching me in the face. Both judge and widow are persistent in their position but guess who’s going win in the end? My money is on the widow.

The point brothers and sisters is that if a mortal and very flawed judge will render justice after constant nagging, how much greater is justice served by the Holy Son of God. Justice for those who pray is swift. But you say God never answers my prayers. I always tell people who say that God doesn’t answer prayer to first go and get to know him in the scriptures and in the sacraments like a persistent widow. I don’t know why we don’t get what we want when we want it, but I do know that a loving parent carefully considers the immature requests of their child.

And so will the Son of Man find faith and trust when he returns? Or will people have given up. I sure hope not.

Amen