22nd Sunday Ordinary Time Year C , August 28th, 2016

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Psalm 68

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

Luke 14: 1, 7-14

I am proud of my humility.

All the readings are about humility.

And of humility, I am proud of mine.

The reason why is because I am proud to be numbered with my humble partners.

Humility is knowing your place before God. Knowing your strengths and your weaknesses. Humility is recognizing your abilities and not exaggerating them but using them with wisdom and generosity. Knowing your strengths and abilities are gift from God and using them to serve Him by serving others. The mantra is “I know who I am in God’s scheme of things and because I know who I am before God, how can I help you?” This mantra becomes even more special in our parish by we saying the words, “How can *we* help you?”

For instance the Appliance Raffle coming up on Saturday, September 10th. Humility is in the air before, during, and after the event. The Blue Team keeps on repeating “How can I help you,” to everyone on the team. Buying all the prizes, putting up the advertizing signs, selling the tickets, slicing the turkey and the beef, preparing the salads, serving the dinners, re-arranging the hall and the cafeteria, “How can we help?” During the event, “How can we help?” After the event, putting up the chairs, sweeping the floor, hauling out the trash, making sure the winners get their prizes, taking down the signs. All with a humble “How can we help?”

You hear those words all the time for and at and after the family picnic this weekend. You heard it all the time at the rummage sale we just had. You hear those words repeated before, at, and after any event we have at BMT Parish.

That’s why I am proud. If you have the God-given gift of knitting, because you are a person of humility you say “How can I help?” Because you can lift and carry, or sit and sell, or teach and share faith, or organize and plan, or push a broom and clean up, because you are a child of God and have read the scriptures like we have today, we can say “How can we help?” Or you are stuck at home, or you are disabled, or have a house full of kids, if you are humble enough you can say what I can do for you is applaud you and pray for you, that is how I can help, by God. And so I am so proud of you. And I am proud of us.

“Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God”

“Take my yoke upon you says the Lord, and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart.”