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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 10, 2019

Radical Hospitality is Part of Our Identity

Here is an excerpt from Fr. Justin's talk "How to Become a Hospitality Superhero" at the Upper Room Conference on October 26, 2019:

In the 500s, St. Benedict started his monasteries. He wrote some guidelines for his monks on how to live, now called "The Rule of St. Benedict." Chapter 53 is on the reception of guests. He says that, when a guest comes to a monastery, they're supposed to be shown all honour; the abbot or all the monks are supposed to greet them, then pray together, and then give the kiss of peace; the monks are supposed to bow their heads or lie on the ground towards the guest; then they're supposed to sit with the guest, read them parts of the Bible, and even stop their rigorous fast in order to eat with the guest. Finally the monks are supposed to wash the guest's feet.

Is hospitality really that important? Yes! Because a guest is like Christ. The rule says: "Let all guests who arrive be received like Christ, for He is going to say, 'I came as a guest, and you received Me' (Matt. 25:35)... Let the head be bowed or the whole body prostrated on the ground in adoration of Christ, who indeed is received in their persons... In the reception of the poor and of pilgrims the greatest care... should be shown, because it is especially in them that Christ is received." St. Benedict keeps on repeating that when we welcome a guest, we receive Jesus.

Does anyone know what this Latin phrase means? "**Venit hospes, venit Christus.**" It means, "A guest comes, Christ comes." It's based on St. Benedict's rule. I saw it in Rome at a Jesuit house and loved it. [...]

So it's part of our identity. What can we do to root ourselves more in this identity and live it out? Here are 10 suggestions:

1) **Union with Jesus:** Our Lord was in constant union with the Father—that's our model. The connection between holiness and hospitality isn't always emphasized, but it's primary. The most important commandment is to love God, and this flows to neighbour. In fact, they're inseparable, but one's primary, the source. Pope John Paul II got his strength and love from adoration. In the end, we're offering people Jesus. If we're not holy, we're offering ourselves! Think of Acts 3:6: "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk." So let Jesus shine!

2) **Initiate:** Leaders, missionaries, and those in love initiate! We don't wait for people to come to us. We start the conversation, we're the first to smile. Have confidence in yourselves. Shyness is not a virtue. Shyness, passivity is our kryptonite—it kills us and takes away our superpowers. St. John Paul II, when he called the Cardinal Kasper to serve in Rome, received the objection, "But I don't know Italian." "That is a problem you must overcome."



3) **Pray for Opportunities:** During the year of mercy, Sr. Ann Shields, a famous author and speaker, told God that, when she flies (which is very often), "If there's anyone You want me to talk to or minister to on the plane, I'll do it; I'll put aside what I normally do—it's Yours." Never once that year did someone not ask for her help; they got up, walked over to her and asked, "Can I talk to you?" The Holy Spirit will put us in situations where we can love Jesus in other people—we are sent to do this.

4) **Names:** Using names are signs of respect. [...] My oldest brother put it very well: when you enter a room, you don't greet the computer, you don't greet the plants, you don't greet the furniture. Why? Because they're things. And when we don't greet other people when we have the opportunity, in some way, probably not intentionally, we're treating them like things. In Auschwitz, the Nazis gave prisoners numbers instead of using their names in order to dehumanize them. To not use someone's name when we can may in some way dehumanize them. People's names are sacred. God always calls by name. He doesn't say, "Hey you, what's-your-face, I'm giving you a great mission."

5) **Nourish yourself:** True hospitality is challenging stuff. It's outside our comfort zone. It will be a sacrifice. Superheroes always have to recharge. Pray, sleep well, take care of yourselves. We are to love our neighbour as...? Prayer in the morning, in the afternoon, at night is my recharge. I can often reset after a difficult part of the day.

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Parish Registration

Our parish family warmly welcomes new parishioners. Please register by filling out a registration form located in the vestibule or the Parish Office. If you are registered and moving, please advise the parish office.

Sunday Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm
 Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

Weekdays	Masses	Confessions
Monday	8:15 am	8:00 to 8:10 am
Tuesday	7:30 pm	
Wednesday & Thursday	8:15 am	8:00 to 8:10 am
Friday (school months)	8:00 am	7:45 to 7:55 am
Saturday	9:00 am	9:45 am

Confession

Saturday afternoon 3:45 pm to 4:45 pm
 1st Saturday each month 9:45 am to 1:00 pm;
 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm;
 7:00 pm to 9:45 pm

Eucharistic Adoration enter at 1365 West 73rd Avenue
 Daily: 6:00 am to Midnight

First Saturday of each month: 9:30 am to 9:30 pm in the church during all-day confessions.

First Friday of each month: 8:45 am to 10:00 am in the church followed by **Benediction**.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) Please call the parish office for more information on RCIA classes and other Sacraments.

Weekday Masses & Intentions

Monday, November 11	<i>Memorial</i> St. Martin of Tours <i>Remembrance Day</i>	Holy Souls
Tuesday, November 12	<i>Memorial</i> St. Josephat	Holy Souls
Wednesday, November 13	Ferial	Holy Souls
Thursday, November 14	Ferial	Holy Souls
Friday, November 15	Ferial	Holy Souls
Saturday, November 16	Ferial	Holy Souls

Prayers for the Sick At Holy Mass we remember the sick including: Nita Carvajal, Nung Chum, Isobel Clancy, Nick De Vos, Tamara Dixon, Elaine dos Remedios, Kathleen Francis, Feli Hempl, Cecile Hernandez, Yvonne Kharoubeh, Molly Loui-Ying, Susan Panlican, Huguette Piché, Barney Rousseau, Therese Rozario, Christina Sayo, Teresa Tche, Cynthia Wing.

Spiritual Care Volunteers needed at Columbus House Can you spare a couple of hours to sit with residents indoors and/or outdoors (weather permitting)? Would you like to be a meal companion to assist someone with dementia? Training will be provided. If you can volunteer your time, please contact the Parish Office.

Upcoming Homily Themes

November 16 & 17
A Call for All Parishioners to Serve

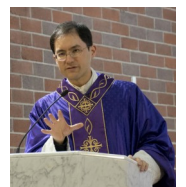
November 23 & 24
How to Explain Christianity to Our Friends

November 30 & December 1
New Season: Alpha as Culture
The Urgency of Jesus' Offer

December 7 & 8
Welcoming as Christ Welcomes Us

December 14 & 15
Guest Preacher: Fr. Francis Ching

December 21 & 22
Overcoming the Fear of Rejection



ANNOUNCEMENTS



16th Nov 2019 DOORS OPEN @ 6:00 pm
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The Hospitality Ministry would like to invite more parishioners to become part of our team. There is a need for volunteers as **Ushers, Greeter and Welcome Booth ministers** at all Masses: Saturdays at 5:00 pm and Sundays at 8:00 am, 10:00am and 12:00pm. We would also welcome people who would be willing to act as "spares" when the regularly scheduled greeters are not available. For more information please email Ron at rsiy2009@gmail.com.

Wanted: Volunteer Gardener! Our gardening team is looking for help in cleaning up our flower beds and doing minor planting for spring flowers. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office, 604.266.6131



A live-in weekend at **Seminary of Christ the King** in Mission will take place November 15 - 17. The weekend is for young men and boys who are interested in the priesthood or religious life. Please contact the Rector, 604.826.8715 or email rector.majors@yahoo.ca if you are interested. For more information, please visit vocationsvancouver.ca/events/pray-and-play/.



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6) **Be yourself:** Every superhero has his or her own powers. You don't have to be me or anyone else. We learn by imitation and imitate the heart of Jesus and the virtues of others, but we incarnate them in ourselves in a unique way. Every saint was unique. If our focus is on Christ and on Christ in the other person, then our hospitality will be authentic.

7) **Know Your Limits:** We aspire to sanctity but we're not there yet, and so we will be humbled, and it takes great humility to accept that we're poor creatures and not God Himself. Fatigue gets most of us. And we're sinners. One parishioner at St. Anthony's who's hospitable and evangelizes once skipped going to our parish because she didn't want to greet anyone. She knew she needed time by herself, which is wise. [...] But the purity of heart will come out. In some ways, we can measure our level of love by our desire to love. On the days when we have no energy and are still struggling with shyness, the question is: Do we still wish we could reach out to people? That desire to give someone a spiritual cup of water is a measure of our love.

8) **Conversations starters:** [...] So, is hospitality primarily responsive or passive, that is, something coming to our house, church, to meet us? Yes. But it's also active, meaning it looks for ways to give Christ's warmth to people. So, we can wear something Christian or put out some books at the office, symbols to initiate conversation.

9) **Learn:** Ask for feedback from friends: "What's one good thing I do well, one thing improve I need to improve?" Even Ron Huntley admitted that he complained about hospitality but didn't do anything about it. Then a friend challenged him, and he started that Sunday greeting people next to him, and then on the other side! The church was suddenly friendly.


10) **Next steps:** Think about where to invite people. If we're able to love people and grow in trust and a relationship, it's a loving thing to think about what would be good for the other person. So, we think, what would give this person life? Going for coffee, dinner, playing sports, inviting them to our house, Mass, Alpha, giving a book.

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