

## 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time – 2019

We all go through hard times. Times in life where we feel down or lost or that we don't see the road ahead. It is in times like these where we have to remember from where we come from.

God. And to where we are going. God and that He is with us.

It is important to live in this reality.

We only have about 80-100 years in this life.

What are you going to do with it.

Are you going to live just for this world which flees?

Are you going to be tied to this world.

Or are you going to be more focused on Heaven. Are you going to anchor your life in the unchanging good, God.

This is what makes life good is when we see God the unchanging reflected in the changing world.

We experience His love in our relationships, in the beauty of the earth and even in our pets.

But we have to return Him the glory and thanks.

He is the totally Other who has created us for Himself and our hearts are restless until they rest in Him.

We are in His house. He is the master of the house and he has gone out. He leaves the house to us. Are we serving Him by serving His house? Are we helping others in this life, being just, looking out for our neighbor. Are we bearing fruit helping other people to grow closer to God? Giving them good advice?

Or are we using other people? Are we using the things he made to destroy ourselves and our brains? Drugs? Are we using things he made against his law, sex? Are we showing cruelty to animals, to others.

He will come back and we will have to render account to Him.

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It is easy for us to want to just serve ourselves. We want to possess for ourselves, use others for ourselves, or we want to dominate.

The Catechism says, “The battle against the possessive and dominating self requires vigilance, sobriety of heart. When Jesus insists on vigilance he always relates it to himself to his coming on the last day and every day.

We have to keep the light on for him. He is coming back. Jesus is coming. “Keep our lamps burning. This is the light of faith.”

No matter how many people forget God, we cannot.

I recently was walking my dog and met a man who said He thinks aliens made us.

I told Him I believe God made us and if aliens exists which I don't believe they do, then the one God made them too.

So many people have pet theories of existence and how we got here. We have to never forget we didn't create ourselves the most intelligent most perfect, beautiful, infinitely good being made us: God and we owe Him everything.

This God came down and shed his blood for us.

Are we going to serve Him in this life or not?

This is why Jesus says we have to have our loins girt meaning our tunics tucked in our belt and ready for physical activity.

We have to not be lazy, we have to ready to serve.

We have to keep our lamps burning. We do this through prayer. If we don't pray our desire for God will burn out.

We wont long for him, we won't wait for Him. We will turn to everything else to fill our hearts.

What reward we will have if he comes back and finds us doing His will. Ready. We will be rewarded and he will sit us down at table and wait on us.

A priest asked a group of boys at Recess what they would do if they knew Jesus was coming back any moment. Most said they would go to the chapel and pray.

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St. Dominic Savio said “I will keep playing soccer.” Because Jesus wants me to play soccer now.”

We have to live our life, even if it is playing soccer for God. Going to School for God, our work for God. Because it is His will.

So let us strive to be ready. To hold our heads up high and keep seeking His face.

If we fall we get back up, we repent. We cannot be like everyone else. We have been given much. We are Catholics, baptized.

We can't judge the person who wasn't given the truth and does evil. Jesus says they will be punished only lightly. We can't compare ourselves to everyone else. Because there is so much evil in the world will not be an excuse.

But the servant who knows his masters will and doesn't do it will be punished severely.

We know right from wrong. When we fall do we repent? Do we go to confession and say I will try harder next time.

We have to not be caught off guard. Death comes to us all.

We have to believe in God's promise of salvation. The Kingdom that He wants to give us. Do not be afraid little Flock. God wants to give you the Kingdom.

So let's live our lives now the best we can. We have great things awaiting us if we do His will.