

SEPTEMBER--13--ORDINARY-SUNDAY-2020

TODAY WE CELEBRATE MASS ON SEPTEMBER 13TH, [REDACTED], WHICH IS THE 24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME.. IN THESE DAYS WE FIND OURSELVES SURROUNDED BY MANY THINGS, BUT WE ALL KNOW THAT WE MUST ATTEND MASS EVERY SUNDAY. WE SHOULD KNOW THAT GOD AND JESUS BOTH HAVE GREAT LOVE FOR EACH OF US,, BUT BOTH REQUIRE US TO FOLLOW THE COMMANDMENTS EVERY DAY OF OUR LIFE.

AND THERE IS A LOT OF HYPORCRISY ALONG WITH GREED,,INJUSTICE AND MANY OTHER PROBLEMS THAT SEEM TO BE MORE IMPORTANT TO MANY OF THE YOUNGER MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH,,CONSEQUENTLY THE REQUIREMENTS SET BY OUR LORD AND HIS COMMANDMENTS ARE NOT FOLLOWED ALL THE TIME. WE ALL KNOW THAT EACH OF US ARE MEMBERS OF A FAITH COMMUNITY,, AND WE ARE ACCOUNTABLE TO OTHER AS WELL AS TO OUR LORD FOR FOLLOWING THE COMMANDMENTS AS WELL AS OTHER GUIDELINES.. WE SHOULD REMEMBER THAT WHEN WE DISOBEY ONE OF THE COMMANDMENTS WE ARE DISOBEYING ONE OF THE GUIDELINES OUR LORD GAVE TO ALL OF US.

THIS YEAR HAS BEEN SO FULL OF SORROW, PAIN, SICKNESS, AND EMPTINESS, AND HAS CHANGED ALL OUR LIVES FOR EVER. BUT,,WE ARE FINALLY ABLE TO COME HOME TO OUR CHURCHES NOW.. AND GOD, SO WITHIN THIS DAY AND NIGHT I FIND US EVEN CALM

AS CHRISTIANS, WHEN WE ENTER THE DOOR TO OUR HOME, WE MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS, A SYMBOL OF THAT GREAT LOVE OUR LORD HAS FOR EACH OF US.. HE LOVES US SO MUCH THAT HE SUFFERED AND DIED ON THAT CROSS SO THAT ONE DAY WE CAN BE IN HEAVEN WITH JESUS AND THE FATHER. THIS CROSS IS THE KEY TO OUR SALVATION, AND OPENS THE DOOR TO THE PRESENCE OF GOD THE FATHER, GOD THE SON, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT." THE LORD BE WITH YOU "" PUTS US INTO A COMMUNIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH ALL THE PEOPLE OF CHRIST..

AS WE READ THE FIRST READING FROM THE BOOK OF SIRACH,,WE MUST TRY TO UNDERSTAND THAT AS SINNERS WHEN WE HOLD ON TO OUR WRATH AND ANGER, WE ARE ONLY HURTING OURSELVES AND OUR PIECE OF MIND.

SAINT PAUL REMINDS US THAT WE LIVE FOR OUR LORD, NOT FOR OURSELVES. YOU AND I , AND OUR CHILDREN ALONG WITH OUR NEIGHBORS CHILDREN AND OTHERS ARE CALLED TO BE CHILDREN OF GOD BELONG TO GOD, AND THEREFORE WE ALL MUST TREAT EACH OTHER WITH LOVE AND COMPASSION.

IN THE GOSPEL WE HEARD ABOUT PETER WHO ASKS HOW MANY TIMES MUST WE FORGIVE OUR NEIGHBORS, AND JESUS SAYS NOT SEVEN,,BUT SEVENTY SEVEN TIMES. HE COMPARES THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN TO A MASTER.. LIKE THE WORKERS OF THE MASTER, WE ARE HERE TO WORK TO BRING ALL PEOPLE TO GOD..

WHEN WE FORGIVE AND DON'T LET OUR HURT OR ANGER DEFINE OUR LIVES,,WE WILL FIND PEACE WITHIN OURSELVES,,OUR NEIGHBORS, AND ALSO PEACE WITH OUR GOD. PEACE WILL REIGN IN MY SOUL BECAUSE THE WORD OF GOD IS TRUE. WE ALL SHOULD KNOW JESUS IS OUR PEACE.. REMEMBER THAT JESUS SAW US WORTHY, HE SAVED US, CLEANED US UP, AND SACRIFICED HIS LIFE FOR OURS, SO WE COULD BECOME THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF GOD THE FATHER. WE SHOULD NOT BE DISCOURAGED WHEN WE FALTER, BUT REMEMBER THAT JESUS HAS NOT FINISHED THE WORK HE STARTED IN US.. HE WILL NEVER GIVE UP ON US BECAUSE IN HIS EYES WE ARE WONDERFULLY MADE INTO THE IMAGE OF GOD HIMSELF.

GOD GIVES US A NEW DAY.. DAYS , LIKE THE HAIRS ON OUR HEAD ARE NUMBERED.. THESE DAYS ARE FOR SHARING, FOR CARING FOR LOVING, FOR SERVING,, FOR FORGIVING, AND FOR BEING FORGIVEN.. ALSO THERE ARE DAYS FOR WORK, FOR PRAYING, AND FOR PRAISING OUR LORD AND GOD.. SO BLESS THIS DAY AND MAY IT FIND US EVEN CLOSER TO YOU OUR LORD...

JESUS IS TELLING US TO GO ON,, EVEN WHEN WE FEEL EXHAUSTED AND WITH OUT HOPE.. HE GIVES US AN INVITATION, NOT A COMMAND, TO TRY AGAIN, AND AGAIN AND NOT GIVE UP EVEN WHEN THERE SEEMS TO BE NO HOPE OR END TO THE TRIALS.

KNOWING THAT JESUS IS ALWAYS AT OUR SIDE, WE CAN PUT OUT A LITTLE MORE EFFORT AND FIND SUCCESS AT THE END OF THE RAINBOW.. WE SHOULD REMEMBER THE LOVE OF JESUS IS ALWAYS THE POT OF GOLD, AT THE END OF THE RAINBOW.

GOD SET UP THE RAINBOW IN THE SKY FOR NOAH, AND TO REMIND US HE IS ALWAYS THERE FOR US...