



Reversal in the Gospel

One definition of “reversal” is this: the act of changing or being changed from one position, direction, or course to the opposite. This definition certainly fits what Jesus talks about in the Gospel today. We have heard our Lord say in other parts of the Gospel, “The first shall be last and the last shall be first.” Today we hear that “whoever exalts himself shall be humbled and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted.” Our Lord reminds us that if we are to truly follow in His footsteps, we must make sure we have a sense of humility in our lives. We must attempt as much as possible to put ourselves at the service of our brothers and sisters. This does not mean that we must think of ourselves as bad or unworthy. It means that there must be a healthy balance. Yes, we are good people because we have been created by God. However, we also have God-given freedom and if we use that freedom irresponsibly, we then get ourselves into trouble.

Jesus is reversing the order of things. On the human level, people want to be first. They want to be noticed and have others admire them and tell them how wonderful they are. Some of that is good and even necessary to our self-esteem. However, it can get out of hand. Some people then believe they are better than others. They have no use for anyone else and certainly would not think about serving their brothers and sisters. Today, Jesus is reminding us of who we really are: sons and daughters of a loving God who is asking us to share that love with those around us by looking out and caring for them. Let us live our lives in loving service always keeping in mind that Jesus came not to be served, but to serve. We, as His followers, must do the same.

Father David

Capital Campaign Update

As of August 13, we have collected \$161,391 for our Capital Campaign. I thank all those who have supported the campaign thus far and ask those who have not yet responded to prayerfully consider what you are able to give to this important campaign to ensure that our buildings are beautiful and worthy of the many things we do in the parish complex. Thank you!

Fr. David