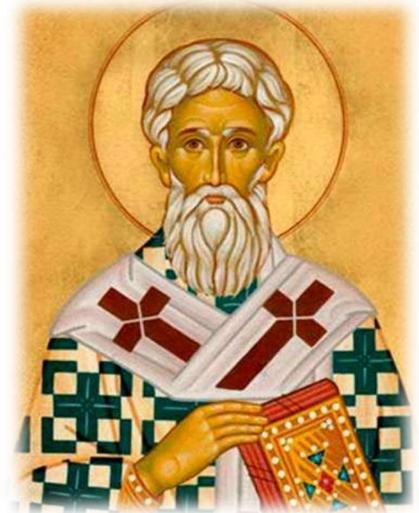


St. Philip the Apostle
Roman Catholic Church

Tuesday, November 10, 2020

- Tuesday of the Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time
- Memorial of St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
- Fr. Sherdel's Morning Mass Intention: **All Souls**



First Reading: Titus 2:1-8, 11-14

Beloved: You must say what is consistent with sound doctrine, namely, that older men should be temperate, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, love, and endurance. Similarly, older women should be reverent in their behavior, not slanderers, not addicted to drink, teaching what is good, so that they may train younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, chaste, good homemakers, under the control of their husbands, so that the word of God may not be discredited.

Urge the younger men, similarly, to control themselves, showing yourself as a model of good deeds in every respect, with integrity in your teaching, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be criticized, so that the opponent will be put to shame without anything bad to say about us.

For the grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of the great God and of our savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29

The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.

Trust in the Lord and do good,
that you may dwell in the land and be fed in security.
Take delight in the Lord,
and he will grant you your heart's requests. **R/.**

The Lord watches over the lives of the wholehearted;
their inheritance lasts forever.

By the Lord are the steps of a man made firm,
and he approves his way. **R/.**

Turn from evil and do good,
that you may abide forever;
The just shall possess the land
and dwell in it forever. *R/*

Gospel: Luke 17:7-10

Jesus said to the Apostles: “Who among you would say to your servant who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here immediately and take your place at table’? Would he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare something for me to eat. Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink. You may eat and drink when I am finished’? Is he grateful to that servant because he did what was commanded? So should it be with you. When you have done all you have been commanded, say, ‘We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.’”

Reflection

Showing yourself as a model of good deeds. (Titus 2:7)

Paul certainly had lots of advice for the young bishop Titus on how to lead God’s people. But the key to all of it seems to be grace. God’s grace has appeared, it has saved us, and it teaches us how to live our lives for him (Titus 2:11-12).

Today is the memorial of Pope St. Leo the Great, who served the Church from AD 440 to 461. So let’s take today’s first reading as an occasion to look at how St. Leo responded to the grace of God and how he can show us what it means to serve the Lord with our lives.

First, Leo was a peacemaker. He is well-known for having stood up to Attila the Hun in 452 and for convincing him not to attack Rome. But did you know he was a peacemaker long before that? He was not immediately available to accept his election as pope. Messengers were sent out, and they finally found him in present-day France, where he had gone to resolve a conflict between a Roman general and a local magistrate. Throughout his time as pope, Leo sought to keep the Church together in what St. Paul called “the bond of peace” (Ephesians 4:3).

And that leads to Leo’s other great virtue: his gift as a unifier. One of the most important ways Leo kept people united was by his gift for teaching and preaching. Careful to “say what is consistent with sound doctrine” (Titus 2:1), Leo tried to bring believers together by clearly explaining the Church’s understanding of who Jesus is, what it means that he became a man for us, and the role of Peter and his successors in leading and serving. He taught about the sacraments and refuted heresies that threatened believers’ faith — most notably, the Manicheans and the Pelagians. He was determined to not let divisions tear the Church apart.

You don’t have to be a pope or a learned theologian to follow Leo’s example. You can dedicate yourself to bringing peace and reconciliation to the people in your life. You can work to bring unity to your fellow parishioners by speaking the truths of your faith with love. By relying on God’s grace, you can become a model of good deeds for the people around you.

St. Leo, pray for us.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You

are present in the Most Holy Sacrament
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.