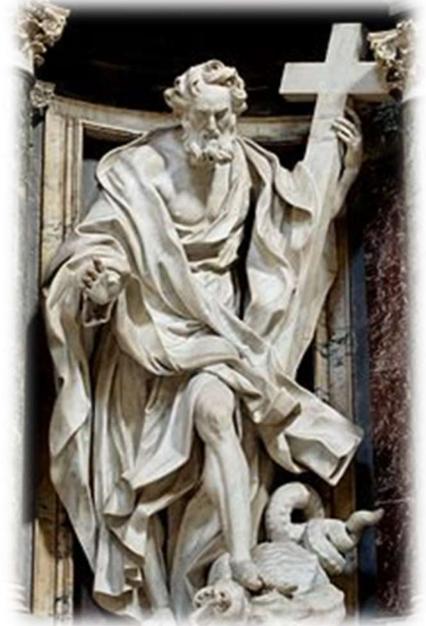


St. Philip the Apostle

Roman Catholic Church



Tuesday, September 13, 2022

- Tuesday of the Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time
- Memorial of St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
- Fr. Sherdel's Morning Mass Intention: ***William, Caroline, & Thomas Shoemaker***

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31

Brothers and sisters: As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

Now the body is not a single part, but many.

Now you are Christ's Body, and individually parts of it. Some people God has designated in the Church to be, first, Apostles; second, prophets; third, teachers; then, mighty deeds; then gifts of healing, assistance, administration, and varieties of tongues. Are all Apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work mighty deeds? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 4, 5

We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful song. ***R/.***

Know that the Lord is God;
he made us, his we are;
his people, the flock he tends. ***R/.***

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
his courts with praise;
Give thanks to him; bless his name. ***R/.***

For he is good, the Lord,
whose kindness endures forever,
and his faithfulness, to all generations. ***R/.***

Gospel: Luke 7:11-17

Jesus journeyed to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd accompanied him. As he

drew near to the gate of the city, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. A large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, he was moved with pity for her and said to her, "Do not weep." He stepped forward and touched the coffin; at this the bearers halted, and he said, "Young man, I tell you, arise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, exclaiming, "A great prophet has arisen in our midst," and "God has visited his people." This report about him spread through the whole of Judea and in all the surrounding region.

Reflection

The body is not a single part, but many. (1 Corinthians 12:14)

What are you? An arm? A leg? Maybe a blood cell?

When we hear St. Paul tell us that each of us is a separate part of the body of Christ, we may think right away about the people who do "big things" in our parish. They are the beating heart of our community, the arms and legs and brains who do most of the work. But then when we look at our own contribution, we can begin to feel as if our role is too small even to mention, let alone celebrate.

The truth is, we all play an essential part. What would an arm or leg be without the blood cells or the nerve cells that keep it functioning? What good is a heart if it doesn't receive oxygen? Every person in your parish is a vital part of the body of Christ. Your parish needs every one of them — including you — to become the light to your community that God wants it to be.

Your role in the body of Christ doesn't have to be "big" to be powerful. Just think of those blood cells! Nobody notices every drop of blood that courses through their veins, but that doesn't mean they're insignificant. Each cell brings much-needed oxygen to the entire body, just as your prayers of intercession help keep your pastor attuned to the breath of the Spirit. Or think about your toes! They help keep you balanced as you stand or walk, just as every catechist helps the entire parish stand firm in Christ and move forward on the path of holiness.

The glue that holds the body of Christ together, of course, is the Holy Spirit. He is the One who makes the arm strong, who makes the blood pure, who keeps the ligaments flexible, and who moves the feet to run the race. If each of us were to invite that Spirit into everything that we do for the Lord and his people — that is, into every area of our lives — then this body would literally shine with the glory of God! The work of every member would add to a current of grace that would flow out to the whole world!

May each member of the body of Christ "drink of one Spirit" today (1 Corinthians 12:13)!

Come, Holy Spirit, and fill every member of the body of Christ today!

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.