



*Humble yourself the more,
the greater you are, and you will
find mercy in the sight of God.*

SIRACH 3:18

I'm Nobody! Who Are You?

This is the title of one of Emily Dickinson's most beloved poems. Did she really think she was nobody? Probably not. But neither was she eager to get bogged down by the approval of others. She seems to have been satisfied with who she was and how she lived her life.

Unlike Dickinson, many of us live for the approval of others. In fact, we almost glorify celebrities—and not simply for their accomplishments. Their taste becomes our choice in buying clothes; their opinions shape our thinking; their social life becomes our entertainment. This is a strange turnaround, for the only reason they are famous is that we have given them our approval. We made them celebrities.

We all know people who, in the eyes of the broader society, might be considered “nobodies” but who really are the “somebodies.” They are like Dickinson. They know who they are and do not pretend to be someone or something else. They do not put on airs; they do not expect to be treated better than others. They simply are who they are. These are the people described in today's readings. They have lived as Sirach counsels: “Humble yourself” (Sirach 3:18). This does not mean humiliate yourself or put yourself down. It means be who you are, the *you* that God made. Don't try to be someone else. The Gospel story shows what might happen if you think you are more than you really are. The proud man was literally put in his place.

So, who are you?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- *What do you do to gain other's approval? Does that change who you are?*
- *How often do you describe yourself as better than others? Is it true?*

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Mass Intentions

Sat. Aug. 27 Vigil
7:00 p.m. †Robert & Mary Diamond
- D & G McGrail

Sun Aug. 28 Mass/22nd Sunday Ord. Time
8:00 a.m. †Leota Hickert

Tues Aug. 30 Mass
5:30 p.m. †Fr. Leo Smith

Wed Aug. 31 Mass
7:30 a.m. †Jerome Rafferty

Thur Sept. 1 Mass
(privately) †Fr. Leo Smith

Fri. Sept. 2 Mass
(privately) †Jerome Rafferty

Sat. Sept. 3 Vigil
7:00 p.m. †Ed Pieper - MP

Sun Sept. 4 Mass/23rd Sunday Ord. Time
8:00 a.m. †Leota Hickert

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Carol Benjamin, Mia Mireles, Ed Basler

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August 27th & 28th after each Mass

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for our parishioners recovering:

Alvina Brandon

Valley View Nursing Home
815 Fremont Ave., Room 206
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1420 S. 3rd Ave
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What is the oldest Marian Hymn?

In 1917, a stunning treasure came to the John Rylands Library in Manchester, England. It was a piece of papyrus, Egyptian in origin.

On this fragment, in Greek, is inscribed a hymn to Mary, called in Latin *Sub Tuum Praesidium*, or "Under Thy Protection." It was part of the Christmas liturgy of the Coptic Church, and continues to be sung in both the Eastern and Western Church today.

The fragment is from around 250 A.D., making *Sub Tuum Praesidium* the oldest known prayer to Our Lady. Additionally, the lyrics hail Our Lady as "Theotokos"—"God-bearer" or "Mother of God"—showing that this title was already applied to her long before she officially received it at the Council of Ephesus in 431 A.D.

We can see, that devotion to Our Lady dates back to the very earliest centuries of the Church.

Here is an English translation of this beautiful song:

*Under your mercy we take refuge,
Mother of God!*

*Do not despise our prayers in necessities,
but from danger deliver us,
only pure, only blessed one.*

Lay Minister Schedule

Jennifer Willeke
SUNDAY, September 4, 2022

Greeters &

Gift Bearers: Trevor & Kari Monat Family

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1st Sunday of the Month Adoration September 4

7:40 a.m. - Adoration begins, Rosary prayed

7:55 a.m. - Benediction 8:00 a.m. - Mass

Weekend of September 4th

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Dear Padre,

Isn't natural family planning (NFP) a form of birth control? The couple still controls the potential of human life that God may have wanted to create at a particular moment.

Couples who use NFP aren't practicing contraception. By giving themselves completely to one another in body and soul, they're preserving the integrity of the marriage sacrament. In God's design, women



are naturally infertile for many days of the menstrual cycle. The marital act during these times promotes bonding and yet is open to new life. There is no sin in abstaining from the marital act. When a husband and wife use NFP appropriately, they share responsibility for living with their combined fertility. Neither spouse takes

the other for granted. NFP is a healthy and holistic way to plan for children.

Many couples find that living an NFP lifestyle gives them a better understanding of their fertility, frees them from fear of medical side effects, increases their communication, encourages a greater sense of sharing and a generosity toward life, fosters sexual self-control, and gives them the peace of following their spiritual, religious, cultural, or ethical beliefs. Periodic abstinence encourages couples to focus on aspects of their relationship beyond the physical, resulting in a "honeymoon effect."

NFP's most important benefit is that it enables spouses to live the mutual gift of self that is an essential element of marriage. The Church values marital sexual love. NFP helps couples to be authentic in the expression of that love.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Jesus teaches this: "The one who humbles himself will be exalted" (Luke 14:11). God does not exalt us because of our gifts, because of our wealth, or because of our skills, but because of humility. God loves humility. God lifts up those who humble themselves; he lifts up those who serve.

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Monday

AUGUST 29

The Passion of

St. John the Baptist

1 Cor 2:1-5

Mk 6:17-29

Tuesday

AUGUST 30

Weekday

1 Cor 2:10b-16

Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday

AUGUST 31

Weekday

1 Cor 3:1-9

Lk 4:38-44

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 1

Weekday

1 Cor 3:18-23

Lk 5:1-11

Friday

SEPTEMBER 2

Weekday

1 Cor 4:1-5

Lk 5:33-39

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 3

St. Gregory the Great,

Pope and Doctor

of the Church

1 Cor 4:6b-15

Lk 6:1-5

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 4

Twenty-third Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13-18b

Phlm 9-10, 12-17

Lk 14:25-33



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