

Homily 27th Sunday Year C 2022

Today is also the feast of our Guardian angels, a reminder of how much God cares for us and watches over us. So far, I have worn out five of them?????

Faith and service often appear together in scripture and the service is not all one way. In serving us our Guardians angels remind us that God also serves through his mercy, his support and his love. It also becomes clear that the gifts God has given us only find their true value and meaning if used in service of God and others. What Pope Francis often calls ***The Joy of the Gospel.***

Faith is the gift with which God blesses us and shows how present God is to us every day of our lives. Listen to a story told by Anthony de Melo sj.

There was a woman who was very religious. She thought of herself as devout and believed she was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Every morning when the tolling of church bells echoed through the village, she would go to church. On her way to church, she would walk alongside the village's beautiful river, passing beautiful trees swaying in the wind and children playing in the park and homeless broken beggars in the street. But she did not see any of this, so immersed was she in her righteous devotion to God.

Well, one day she walked to church in her customary manner arriving right on time for the service but, when she pushed the door, it wouldn't open. She pushed harder, to no avail. The door was locked. Confused and forlorn over missing service for the first time in decades, she looked toward Heaven for what to do and as she looked up her eye caught sight of a note pinned to the door of the church that she hadn't seen at first.

The note stated, "I'm out there!"

We have been given a month to reflect on creation and how it teaches us about the presence and creativity of God. It speaks of beauty and wonder far beyond anything that words could describe. We learn about the importance of working together for each other.

The economic crisis has given us a practical opportunity to put this into practice. Creation teaches about the importance of family. Its music is enchanting, uplifting and soothing. It is a key element of inner happiness that comes as gift from God. But it offers so much more.

- *Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: on the street, in a city square, during work, on a journey.*
- *The Christian truth is attractive and persuasive because it responds to humanity's deepest needs.*
- *Holiness doesn't mean doing extraordinary things, but doing ordinary things with love and faith.*
- *If we live the faith in our daily life, then our work too becomes a chance to spread the joy of being a Christian.*

Seeing an add **Faithful dog for sale** John called the owner for details.

"I saw your offer of a faithful dog. I have a couple of questions.

- OKAY!

- Is he good with kids?

- Very. He's kind and gentle and has endless patience.

- Is he a yard dog or a house dog?

- He's house-trained but loves the yard as well.

- Great. So, is he really faithful?

- Oh yes, he's very faithful. This is the fifth time I'm selling him!!!!