

As in all aspects of our discipleship with Christ, God asks us to mirror what he shows us through the example of Christ's life. Humility and generosity are the facets of His life that we are asked to consider in this weekend's readings.

True humility begins with an honest look at ourselves before our Lord, our faults and failures, our pride and hardheartedness, should lead us to never consider ourselves above others. This is the beginning of humility, honestly owning every aspect of our hearts and minds and trying to do better. If we start with a reflexive view of our relationship with God, we can then try and mirror His patience and His constant love back to others in our lives. Generosity also begins with looking to our savior, His ability to always give His time to people we may see as not worthy of our attention. Jesus' example helps us understand that each and every person is treasured by God.

Generosity is not just about money, it is about how we give ourselves, beginning with our family and slowly radiating out to others.

In prayer this week I want you to use the idea of a wood stove, or home radiator. The heat they contain slowly fills the room just through its presence. That is how our humility and generosity are to be examples to others. Never showy, but rather a source of radiant humility and generosity in a world that needs these virtues warming humanity's Indifference.

May the Love, Peace and Grace of God be with you,

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