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Spiritually Speaking
Father Thankachan Joseph



Do you want to be the greatest in the Kingdom of God?

The scripture readings of this week invite us to become great in the sight of God by doing God's will, as Jesus did, surrendering our lives in the service of others. The passage from the Book of Wisdom sounds like a messianic prophecy similar to the "Suffering Servant" prophecy in Isaiah. It refers to Christ's passion and urges us to choose the path of righteousness in spite of painful consequences, as he did.

In the Letter of James (3:16; 4:3), he is emphatic about the contrast between spiritual wisdom and earthly wisdom. The author of the second reading states the main cause of conflicts and disputes that happen in our country, communities, churches, and families come from our inordinate desires, jealousy, worldly cravings, selfish ambitions, etc. According to James, most of our personal conflicts, sins such as slander, stealing and adultery, stem from our desire to possess what we do not have. Such a dispute existed among the apostles. James contrasts jealousy and selfishness with the wisdom from above that produces a harvest of righteousness. The second reading concludes by noting that many of our prayers are not granted or heard by God because we ask with thoughts of our personal inclinations instead of for the good of others; and he warns us to avoid jealousy and selfish ambition and look for the common good of all. James says that wherever sin is present, there is disorder and every foul practice. The challenge for all of us is to continue to fight our sinfulness.

According to the evangelist Mark, the Christian criterion of greatness, Jesus says that people who serve humbly are the greatest. He uses a play on an Aramaic word that can mean either servant or child. Presenting a child before them, Jesus explains that one who wishes to be the first among them must be a servant to all. True greatness consists in serving one's fellow men and is never self-centered. It lies in the ability to see and respond to the needs of others, and it presupposes empathy and kindness. The two conditions of true greatness are humility and service. This vocation to service belongs to the Church as a whole and to every member of the Church. In other words, the Christian vocation is an apostolate of bearing witness to Christ through service. Christian history teaches us that whenever the members of Christ's Church have forgotten or ignored this call to service, the Church has suffered and become stagnant too.

The absurdity of the first becoming the last: Jesus explains a great person in the words of *diakonos* - a deacon - a servant - a person who spends his/her day taking care of other people. What does it mean when Jesus states that those who want to be the first must be the last? We must become great through humble, self-giving service. Greatness, in Jesus' view, is found in our willingness to accept, welcome, and serve those who are considered unacceptable and undeserving by reason of class, color, religion, wealth or culture. We must welcome people the way a child welcomes them before he learns discrimination. If we are to be truly great, we must be ready to accept four challenges: (1) to put ourselves last, (2) to be the servant of all, (3) to receive the most insignificant human beings with love, and (4) to expect nothing in return. By setting a child before them, Jesus asked his disciples to be like the child, suggesting the importance of innocence and humility. A child represents the most powerless member of any society, a person who has no influence, a person who can be controlled, abused, neglected, or spoiled. Jesus also shows us that, when serving others, we must be careful to serve the least important. This means that the Christian must show hospitality to those who have no social status: the outcast, the sinner, the sick and the feeble, etc. The Christian must serve all of God's children, regardless of whether they are friends or foes. Why? Because such people represent Jesus in our midst and hence, they must be welcomed, respected, and helped. In this passage, Jesus also tells us that we must care for the unwanted, neglected, abused, and ignored because then we really serve Jesus and His heavenly Father.

HRL host breakfast & auction Sept. 21st

On conjunction with the Harvest Fest in Lexington, Holly Rebekah Lodge will be having a pancake breakfast from 8-11am on September 21st at the Lodge Hall. For only \$5 one will receive pancakes, link sausages, scrambled eggs and a drink. Also available for sale will be cinnamon rolls for \$3.

In the downstairs of the Lodge Hall from 10-3pm a silent auction will be held with all proceeds from this going to Challis Buck. Some of the items already donated are a Christmas wreath from Heppner FFA, a Jack Rabbit candle basket from Julie Baker, a basket of hair supplies from Hair I Am, homemade

cribbage board from Nancy Anderson, a picture of Morrow County Courthouse taken by Janelle Ellis, Scott Madison has donated 10 bales (4x4x8) of alfalfa hay weighing 1500 pounds, Katilyn Zinter a pampered chef gift basket, Merry Chandler an assortment of her craft items, Mary Mutt both a crocheted baby blanket and a regular size blanket, and Scentsy Basket from Petra Payne. More items are coming in daily.

So be sure and stop by the Rebekah Lodge Hall on Saturday and have a yummy breakfast then go downstairs and check out all the items and place your bid on all the items you want.

Good News Only by Doris Brosnan

'Tis the season for class reunions in Heppner? Members of the HHS class of '74 welcomed sixty guests to their gathering on September 7, a full day of activities and visiting. And soon, the HHS classes of '60, '61, and '62 will converge on Heppner for three days, making the most of a long weekend for updating, sharing childhood memories, remembering some favorite Heppner haunts and exploring some newer community features. On Friday, October 4, everyone may opt to enjoy casual socializing for an evening at the Elks lodge. On Saturday, the museums and the high school will be available for touring and will be served at the Elks after a bit of socializing. Before saying their "goodbyes" on Sunday, everyone may enjoy a catered breakfast at the fairgrounds. Members of these classes who have not yet responded to the invitation are encouraged to do so ASAP, and area citizens will be welcomed with open arms at either of the evening gatherings. So many people to see and so little time!

Staying in touch beyond the years shared in school is an every-Tuesday happening for some of the area's graduates from '64, '65, '66. The group that gathers for an early dinner at Wildhorse varies in size, depending on individuals' schedules. The conversations vary from reminiscence to current affairs. The smiles and laughter are constants. Three Tuesdays ago, saw seven at the table, until curiosity brought '64 Diana Ball, who dragged along the oldster '61 Doris Brosnan to join the Dubuques, Browns, Evanses, and a Niestadt. Enjoyable two hours.

Paige Grieb, daughter of Ken and Carri, and Ryan Boggess, son of Mark and Jodie of Yakima, were married in an outdoor ceremony at Sunriver Oregon last Saturday, September 14th. Over 200 friends and family witnessed their exchange of vows, which they had written to each other. The day was beautiful, and wildfire smoke had cleared, allowing Mt. Bachelor to create a fantastic backdrop for the ceremony. Following the ceremony, everyone enjoyed a cocktail hour on the patio before moving into the Great Hall for a reception filled with great food and lots of dancing. Ryan and Paige Grieb-Boggess make their home in Selah, Washington, where Paige teaches fourth grade in nearby Yakima and Ryan works as a licensed mental-health counselor.

Looking for some natural beauty? Visit Heritage Park, where the early falling leaves are creating an array of pastel pinks to crimson! Thanks to all who shared by sending tidbits to dbrosnan123@gmail.com or by calling 541-223-1490. Here's hoping that good news comes to everyone reading this.

IMESD to meet Sept. 18th

Notice is hereby given that the board of directors of the Intermountain Education Service District will meet for a regular board meeting at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, September 18th, 2024, at the IMESD, 2001 SW Nya Ave, Pendleton, or. 97801. Please go to the intermountain esd website for the agenda and virtual link information: <https://www.imesd.k12.or.us>.

Heppner class of '74 reunion



Heppners class of 1974. -Photo by Sandy Mathews.

Fifty years ago, HHS student efforts created a '74 beneath the H on the hillside. On this past September 7, once again a '74 graced the hill, thanks to the efforts of many, a welcome to the HHS classmates who gathered for a 50th reunion. Ken Grieb, announcing at the football game on the evening of the 6th, was the first to welcome the early arrivals and let the community know of the reunion. On Saturday morning at 9, the activities began with a round of golf.

Gary and Becky Hunt, assisted by Mark Shlichting, organized the five teams for the two-man scramble, which included their 1974 golf coach, Tom Shear. Four teams tied for first - Dana Sweek, Mike Bergstrom, John Boyer, and Barry Munkers. Their reward was having each of their faces (graduation photos) on their very own box of "Wheaties Box of Champions." (The highlight for Dana Sweek was on hole number five, where his shot came within two feet of the pin. His "lifetime shot.")

After a day of freedom to roam and explore, the 60 classmates and spouses and five teachers - Jim Ackley, Dale Conklin, Steve Brownfield, Duane Neiffer, Tom Shear - and spouses regrouped at 5 PM for dinner and an evening at the Elks. They were greeted by Sandy Mathews (from the class of '75), who took a group picture for the newspaper. And then they were greeted with tables festooned with bouquets of sunflowers, blue and gold linens, balloons, memorabilia, and decorative touches throughout the dining room. Chef Heath Colvin prepared a delicious prime rib/chicken meal.

Toni Roach, MC, welcomed everyone, including classmates who had attended with everyone for years but had moved before senior-year graduation. Each teacher was recognized during the evening and offered a short speech. Jim Ackley was also given a t-shirt embossed with "Ackley/Greenup," a trib-

ute to his having played music for the junior-senior prom, and to his and Matt Greenup's playing in a band through the 80's.

Susan Hisler presented the class's 1974 State Champion 4x100 boys relay team with gold batons inscribed with the names of those on the gold medal team - Matt Greenup, Mike Bergstrom, Karl Harrison, and John Boyer. Susie French added to their special acknowledgement a 4x100 relay t-shirt inscribed with the school record they have held for over 50 years. ("Something unheard of today!" reports a spokesperson.)

Dale Bates had put together a slide show of elementary, middle school and high school photos and a short video of the class's ten-year reunion, which created bittersweet emotions because of classmates now deceased. Kathy Hedman had made a special memorial display for the fourteen classmates "gone before their time." Another token of remembrance for the missing classmates and friends are the metal-stake flowers placed on their graves by Patricia Hughes, Mark Schlichting, and Susan Hisler.

As the evening progressed, attendees welcomed some local visitors, and DJ Jared Hedman provided music for the evening that "went by too quickly." As individuals left the gathering each was given Patricia Hughes's gift of a tin can filled with Mustang M&Ms.

Organizers of the reunion - Toni Toll Roach, Kathy Arrington Hedman, Gary Hunt, Patricia Hughes, Susan Healy Hisler - who started planning months ago, appreciated additional help from Norine Cecil Lathrop and Candi Mansfield Randall and considered the reunion a successful completion of their vision of a simple, one-day special time to celebrate and reminisce their class's years shared in the Heppner school system. Fifty-four students started together, 45 graduated together.

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- Saturday BBQ chicken wrap with potato salad
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