

February 15, 2021

Good Morning All,

Another cold day today but we are blessed with no ice! Remember to count your blessings whenever you see them or feel them!

If you are interested in attending a replay of Kyle Clement's Lenten Mission preparation, please message me. It begins tomorrow at 3:00 PM and repeats again in the evening at 6:30 PM at the Parish Office.

1. Today's Readings: [Monday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time | USCCB](#)

2. ***The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus:*** We continue today with our seventh daughter virtue of prudence--circumspection. As we read through these, we can ask the Lord to show us where we need His help and grace to grow. Is He asking us to work on one or more of these during Lent (which starts in 2 days)?

3. Quote of the Day: "Help each other to live and to grow in the Christian faith so as to be valiant witnesses of the Lord. Be united, but not closed. Be humble, but not fearful. Be simple, but not naive. Be thoughtful, but not complicated. Enter into dialogue with other others, but be yourselves." *Pope Benedict XVI*

A few thanks...

~To all those who supported Scouting for Food - thank you for your generosity.

~To the ladies of Catholic Women Serving for a delicious take out meal!

~For all the messages offering to donate blood - however, we are still in need of over 23 volunteers to schedule. Please message me if you are able to participate.

St. Joseph, Pray for Us!

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Seventh “daughter” Virtue of Prudence

Circumspection ~ It is possible that acts good in themselves and suitable to the end may become unsuitable in virtue of new circumstances. Circumspection is the ability to take into account all relevant circumstances. Showing affection to your spouse through a kiss is good in itself, but it might be unsuitable in certain circumstances, such as a funeral or in a public place. Telling certain jokes might be appropriate in one setting, but inappropriate in another. Circumspection is the ability to discern which is which. This too, however, presupposes right appetite. A person lacking proper restraint (temperance) will lack thoughtfulness and the ability to consider how the people around him might be made to feel should he take a certain course of action. The lustful, for example, lack counsel and tend to act recklessly. An egoist is also less focused on others and more on himself, and so he too tends to lack proper circumspection.

Having analyzed the past honestly, acted in the present to the best of our abilities with insight into future directions, we then must practice the ability to constantly reassess new data as we take it in. We must practice circumspection and look around at our surroundings. The practice of prudence forms a cycle. You might think of the Scientific Method taught in science classes and practiced by scientists. The method follows the steps of prudence we are outlining. A scientist must observe reality, hypothesize about why things happen the way they do, design experiments to test the hypotheses, analyze data to form conclusions, observe what happens, and begin the process again, continuously. Large sets of hypotheses that are demonstrated with experiments and data are elevated to theories. This appreciation for the thought process and for the laws and order in nature are one reason modern science was born in the Christian West.

Sources: catholiceducation.org and stphilipinstitute.org