Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Gospel text (*Lk* 14:1,7-14): On a Sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully.

He told a parable to those who had been invited, noticing how they were choosing the places of honor at the table. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor... For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted..."

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Today, the consciousness that God has given Himself for us, even unto death, must inspire us to live no longer for ourselves but for Him, and, with Him, for others.

My deep personal sharing in the needs and sufferings of others becomes a sharing of my very self with them: if my gift is not to prove a source of humiliation, I must give to others not only something that is my own, but my very self; I must be personally present in my gift. This proper way of serving others also leads to humility. The one who serves does not consider himself superior to the one served, however miserable his situation at the moment may be. Christ took the lowest place in the world —the Cross— and by this radical humility He redeemed us

—Those who are in a position to help others will realize that in doing so they themselves receive help; being able to help others is no merit or achievement of their own. The more we do for others, the more we understand the words of Christ: “We are useless servants”.