

GOD FIRST

A Personal Reflection

"An argument arose among the disciples about which of them was the greatest. Jesus realized the intention of their hearts and took a child and placed it by his side and said to them, 'Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. For the one who is least among all of you is the one who is the greatest.'"

— Luke 9:46-48

My son was climbing into bed when he asked my wife for the cross on the wall. After giving him the crucifix he proceeded to give it a hug then kissed it and gave it back to mommy to put on the wall. My wife and I have not taught him a whole lot about the faith as he is only two, but somehow he pieced together that it was Jesus on the cross and that was important. I thought about the image that Jesus gave his disciples about



being great and what it really means. That blind faith and trust that my son showed was a great lesson for me on how I need to put my trust blindly in the saving work of God. Recently both kids and

my wife were sick and I was just starting to get sick. I needed to ante up to take care of the kids during the night and still keep the house running during the day. I had no sleep, an infant crying that needed fed and changed, a two-year-old with poop in his diaper, a house in total shambles, and a sick wife in need of sleep. It was at this time that I turned to God and said, "Okay, its your turn!" Upon thinking about this scripture passage, I was reminded that I am also a child, a child of God. I needed to blindly look up at the cross and ask for help and trust that God hears and is present to me. When I am experiencing times like I described above, I have no problem putting God First. If I could only put that blind child-like trust in God in all other aspects of my life; especially when things are going well and it seems that I don't need Him. By the way, God did not change any diapers or feed my daughter, but somehow everybody got better and survived.

— Greg Callaghan



St. John the Baptist Parish Prayer
May it always lead us to choose
GOD FIRST

Holy God, Source of all creation,
you bring us to life and call us to goodness.
Help us to live each day with thankful hearts,
growing in the awareness of all your blessings.
Help us to keep you always first in our lives.

As we love you above all things,
may we see your love
in all we meet throughout our lives,
that we may care for others
with the compassion and understanding
shown to us by Jesus,
our example of love.

This we ask in his name.

Amen.

TEEN NIGHT!!!
Fr. Bob Lubic
The Punk Priest

Spirituality & Prayer for Teens
7:00PM
Church and Annex

Dynamic! Engaging! Energizing!

**All teens are invited and
encouraged to bring their friends.**

Refreshments & Social Time Follow