

Sunday20-B5 Homily by Fr. Gabor

Wisdom invites us for a meal

- God's wisdom invites us to feed on what comes from God. God always nourishes us with what fills our hearts' deepest desire; God's wisdom feeds our hearts with communion with Him and one another.
- The wisdom of the world according to Darwin feeds you with so called 'modern' ideas to be able to survive in our competitive society; so if you are crafty and take advantage of others' weaknesses nature and society will select you for survival;
- The wisdom of evil fills you with negative and self-destructing thoughts; it feeds your desire to take revenge or to put yourself above others and even above God.

Jesus is the wisdom of God: God's Wisdom incarnate –: according to St. Paul (1 Cor 1:23-25) '23...we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom.'

With the Eucharistic food we receive this wisdom, the wisdom of God's love; Jesus' strength in His weakness, and His strength, the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of true Wisdom becomes our strength, provided we follow Christ in His footsteps and dare to bear unjust and sometimes cruel treatment by others, just as Jesus bore unjust and cruel treatment so that He can bring back to the Father all people.

God in his wisdom feeds both the good and the bad, because He sees each one of us differently from how we see each other: He sees each one of us as His children who need spiritual nourishment. we often see the surface; where this person come from, what are his or her strengths, or at work place we may see each other as mere colleagues, working in the same team, or in worse cases we see each other as competitors and treat each other accordingly. But for God we are invaluable, beloved sons and daughters of Him, for whom He would do anything, even die.

Recently when I found out about the rearrangement of parishes I was very tempted to follow the wisdom of the world and the wisdom of the evil one. The evil one was feeding my mind and heart with negative thoughts and even anger for certain reasons, but several times I had to stop and say to myself that this leads nowhere good, so I should rather look for the light in the darkness, Jesus, who is everywhere, both here and in Sacred Heart church community, and what God wants will be done anyway, either now or later on.

In St. Peter's the tabernacle key is attached to a chain with Jesus on it and on the back of it it says: 'Un Amigo por siempre.', which I think means 'A friend for all times'. Every time I pick up this key it reminds me that Jesus is my best friend, so He is with me everywhere and will never let me down, and that fills my heart with confidence and optimism. See how a small meaningful object can feed you and strengthen you inside.

I remembered that at my baptism God has given me the gift of His wisdom; the ability to see everyone in their relationship with God, rather than merely their relationship with me. Each one of us, whether good or bad, are sons and daughters of God, so we should treat each other as brothers and sisters, and even more we should treat each other as God in His parental love treats each other. This new way of seeing is our wisdom as it affects our decisions, and can prevent us from accepting negative thoughts and the temptation to judge each other.

So let's feed on God's wisdom, Jesus Christ Our Lord, whom we receive in the Eucharist.