

Fr. Albert Shamon



Word for Sunday

Tests Of Fire

Sunday's Readings (R3) Mk. 10:35-45; (R1) Is. 53:10-11; (R2) Heb. 4:14-16.

Remember the old joke about the suitor pledging his undying devotion to his beloved. He wrote: "I'll climb the highest mountain for you, cross the hottest desert, sail the roughest seas to be near you. Why, I'd swim through an ocean of beer with my mouth closed just to hold your hand." And in the postscript: "I'll see you next week if it doesn't rain."

The servant of the Lord is the one tested, fire-tried.

Manufacturers have grown more cautious nowadays, but once they used to put hyperbolic guarantees on their products. "Guaranteed not to fade, peel, erode, blister, wear thin, wash out, oxidize, rust, spoil, rub off, discolor or fail in any shape, way or manner under normal wear and tear."

Manufacturers don't stick their necks out like that anymore with such cover-all-bases guarantees in this overly litigious society. Still, in their day, such guarantees helped sell products and offered some comfort and solace to the buyers.

In the first reading it seems that the prime requisite for the servant of the Lord is the ability to take it. The servant has to go through fire, be well-tested — "the Lord was pleased to crush him in infirmity." Only then does God affix His seal of approval. "And through his suffering many will be justified."

So when Christ came, He drank the cup of suffering and fulfilled to a tee the role of the servant of Isaiah. Thus by His sufferings, He accomplished the will of the Father and justified many.

We, too, claim to be servants of the Lord. Yet how do we react when stricken, smitten, afflicted, wounded and bruised?

Ella Wheeler Wilcox has written a poem dealing with this theme of testing. It is titled "Worth While."

It is easy enough to be pleasant, When life flows by like a song, But the man worth while is one who will smile, When everything goes dead wrong. For the test of the heart is trouble, And it always comes with the years, And the smile that is worth the praises of earth Is the smile that shines through tears.

It is easy enough to be prudent, When nothing tempts you to stray, When without or within no voice of sin Is luring your soul away; But it's only a negative virtue Until it is tried by fire, And the life that is worth the honor on earth Is the one that resists desire.

By the cynic, the sad, the fallen, Who had no strength for the strife, The world's highway is cumbered today, They make up the sum of life. But the virtue that conquers passion, And the sorrow that hides in a smile, It is these that are worth the homage on earth For we find them but once in a while.

What a magnificent statement of what is worth while in life: the power to bear and to dare all, to endure and embrace no matter the price.

"Can you drink the cup I shall drink or be baptized in the same bath or pain as I?" We can, if we have faith; if — like the suffering servant — we place our trust in the Lord. (Response), confident that in so doing His will will be accomplished and the result will far outweigh the cross — will justify the many!

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THANKS TO St. Jude for favor received. G.V.

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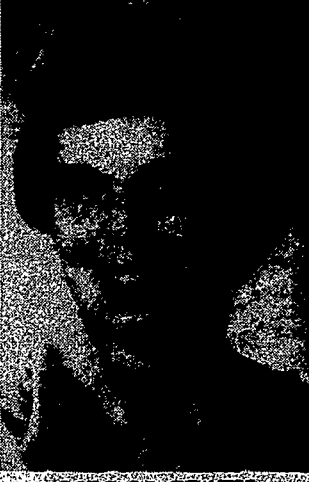
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Spacher is a member of St. Lawrence Parish and of St. Mark's Folk Group.



MRS. McGRATH Dolores McGrath of Heritage Drive in Greece has been named office manager at Pension Systems, Inc. of Irondequoit. The company serves several hundred area firms as employee benefit plan consultants, actuaries and administrators. Mrs. McGrath and her husband Robert are members of Mother of Sorrows Parish.

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