

Notes from the Liturgist...

Generosity...

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“God took Abram outside and said, ‘Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so, he added, shall your descendants be.’” (Genesis 15:15)

Three main promises that were given to Abram that spoke of God’s blessing were name, land and prosperity. God would soon give Abram a new name and lead him into a new land with the blessing of many descendants. God says to look up into the heavens and count the stars and so shall your blessing be in your posterity.

Talk about generosity! We cannot even count all the stars. And that is going to be God’s blessing for Abram and every believer. Try to wrap your finite mind around this one. We live in galaxy where there are billions and billions of stars. Think about how long it would take to see and name and know all the stars that are part of our galaxy of billions of galaxies. Think about all the stars God has unending goodness God desire to flood every believer with. So, think about that goodness and generosity the next time you are star gazing.

The generosity of God will never be exhausted. We will always be able to dive in deeper to his goodness forever. There will always be more and this is the mystery we call life in God. Yes, God tells Abram that he will have descendants as many as the stars in the heavens, but the life we have now and forever in God is much greater than simply having countless posterity. Eye has not seen nor has ear heard nor has it so much dawned on you and me what that will be like, but we do know that it will be, and it will be infinite goodness!

When we humbly walk up to receive Jesus in communion (which I hope we are taking every chance we can to receive his Body and Blood), Jesus is saying to us, “I give you all of me, forever! Wow! The generosity of absolute forgiveness and eternal life is greater than all the trillions of stars there are. And our response to Jesus in communion is AMEN. We say YES to the unending goodness of Jesus as he feeds us with his body and blood. We come to know that there is nothing more generous in this world than Jesus feeding us with his very Body and Blood.

This weekend we are going to hear about one of the pillars of Stewardship. Fr. Ronald Milican, the Pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows, Portland will be sharing to us about “TREASURE.” This pillar of Stewardship is the way to respond back to God for all his goodness to us humanity. The “treasure” that we have is a gift from God. A gift is meant to be shared to others.

My dear friends, let us share what we have, let us support our church and her different ministries. We are called to be generous as our Heavenly Father is generous.