

## January 14 & 15 Homily Outline

*Till We Have Faces* – by C.S. Lewis

- Story of Queen Orual and her self-discovery.

1. At our judgment, as we come before God – a lot of who we think we are is suddenly going to be stripped away quickly and painfully, and in the Divine Light the identity that we've created for ourselves will be revealed to be absurd.

**Identity? Who am I – really?**

2. Who Jesus is – His Identity:

- He is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.
- He ranks ahead of John because he existed before him.
- The Spirit came down from heaven and remains upon him.
- Ultimately – Jesus' most essential identity - he is **The Son of God**.

*Bishop Olmstead in the Diocese of Phoenix:*

"I have hoped and prayed that this day would not come," Bishop Olmstead said.

"However, the faithful of the diocese have a right to know whether institutions of this importance are indeed Catholic in identity and practice."

"I really don't read the blogs, I try to pray each day - to find my identity in Jesus Christ, I start my day every day with an hour of adoration, I celebrate the Eucharist... My identity comes from Christ, that's my identity, if I'm unfaithful to that then whether I'm looked at one way or another if I'm given praise or whether I'm given ridicule, it doesn't matter, what I'm called to be is faithful to Jesus Christ and his Church."

3. Where do we get our identity? What sort of defines who we are?

- possessions
- our work
- in our children
- our sport
- life experiences,

- trauma,
- other people,
- our own past –

or

- sins,
- bad habits

*Its easy to allow the world and sin to provide us with a readymade identity.*

As Christians we receive our truest identity first at our baptism – when just like Jesus, God the Father claimed us as His beloved son, his beloved daughter, we were adopted into God’s family as his beloved sons and daughters with whom he is well pleased. Just like Jesus the Holy Spirit has descended upon us and remains, and constantly reveals to us our identity as followers of Jesus.

#### **Announcements:**

- ❖ **Wednesday**—Confession @ 5pm; Youth programs in Parish Center/JPII Youth Center; Adult Gospel Study @ 6pm in Camerman Hall
- ❖ **Thursday**—Extraordinary Form Mass @ 7pm
- ❖ **Friday**—Fidelis presenter Brenna Prem to speak on “*An Abundant Life*” @ 6:30pm in Parish Center. All women welcome! [Bridgette.rueff@starofthesea.net](mailto:Bridgette.rueff@starofthesea.net)
- ❖ **Saturday**—Brenna will speak to teen girls on “*Do Life Big*” @ 9:30am in JPII Youth Center; [Bridgette.rueff@starofthesea.net](mailto:Bridgette.rueff@starofthesea.net)
- ❖ **January 22 (next Sunday)**—Last “Fulfill the Vision” Campus Plan info meeting @ 12:30pm in Camerman Hall; email [meg@starofthesea.net](mailto:meg@starofthesea.net) or call parish office
- ❖ **January 23 (Monday)**—Join Fr. Lappe for *Mass for Life* in Lacey and *March for Life* in Olympia; buses leave 7:30am from OLSOS –back ~3pm; \$10/seat; register by email at: [prolifebus@aol.com](mailto:prolifebus@aol.com) or in vestibule after Mass
- ❖ **Needed:** Coordinator for cleaning Altar Server cassocks and surpluses – fill out pew card and put in Mass collection basket or call parish office
- ❖ **After Mass in Vestibule**—March for Life bus reservations-\$10/seat-donations gratefully accepted to help defray cost of buses; That Man Is You information; AHG St. Valentine’s Dinner tickets for sale-dinner on Feb 4-see bulletin flyer
- ❖ **After Morning Masses**—enjoy Hospitality with your parish family in Camerman Hall