

From the Pastor's Office

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

In a moment of conflict at home the classic response of the parent is to say to their child, "You can learn it the easy way or the hard way." Nobody wants to learn it the easy way because we don't believe there will ever be consequences to our actions. It will all be forgotten about soon and we carry on. One of the unspoken laws of our society is that there will never be consequences. I see bratty kids on those police programs. They go out driving recklessly, drinking unlawfully, causing a nuisance, and then the police show up and put them in jail. Then the tears come and everybody wants their Mommy. It is important to understand that there will be consequences and that we must be accountable for our actions. Someone who really believes in those values is God Himself. The party goers in the gospel pleaded with God to let them in. They reminded God that they ate and drank with Him. "Give us a break." God says, "I do not know where you are from. Depart from me you evildoers." I live my kind of Christian life. I follow some of the commandments if I am in the mood. I am not bothered about my heavenly destiny. My attitude is that everyone goes to Heaven. God would not say no to me. What a surprise for me to discover that God takes all this very seriously. Don't mess with God. God likes it when I make Him proud. I try to live this honorable life, and God likes me for that. If I start messing about, God will be the first one to say something. You had your warnings. I told you that you could learn it the easy way or the hard way. You chose the hard way. Now you will get your sentence. I am going to lock you out. I do not know you. You embarrassed the ways of God, and I don't appreciate that. You have been warned.



With love,
Fr. Pat