

Eucharistic Homily

*Fourteenth Lord's Day after Pentecost
September 11, 2022*

One of the most common temptations we all face is the temptation to grumble against the Lord. This temptation comes in all sorts of shapes and sizes, but it is fundamentally the same lack of contentment and gratitude toward God.

If you're tempted to dismiss the sin of grumbling as trivial, then heed Paul's warning in 1 Cor. 10. Thousands of Israelites died in the wilderness because of their complaining. If complaining kept a whole generation of Israelites out of the Promised Land, then complaining and grumbling against the Lord could very well keep you out of Heaven.

But the Lord has washed you in the waters of baptism so that we can be cleansed of all ingratitude and discontentment. The blood of Jesus was shed to cover the sin of complaining. And this Table—this heavenly meal of Thanksgiving—was given to us to train us in gratitude and contentment and joy. Put away all griping, and start afresh right now at this Table of gratitude.

These are the gifts of God for the baptized people of God. Come to the Lord in faith with a heart of thanksgiving.

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