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"Young People, Faith and Vocational Discernment"

**VIETNAMESE MARTYRS CHURCH
YOUTH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

Sunday Liturgy

FIFTHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Reading 1: DT 30:10-14
 Responsorial: PS 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37
 Reading 2: COL1:15-20
 Alleluia: CF. JN 6:63C, 68C
 Gospel: LK 10:25-37

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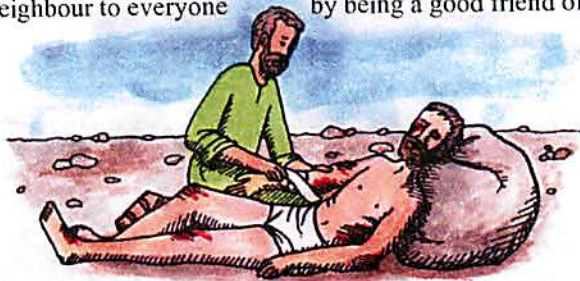
Loving God and Our Neighbour

In today's Gospel reading we learn that the greatest commandment is to love God with all our heart and soul and strength, and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

The most important thing you do in your life is loving God. If you really love God then you will do what is right and love other people as well. The Samaritan in the story loved God even though he didn't worship Him in the proper way like the Jews did. But because he loved God he wanted to please Him by being kind to his enemy.

If you don't love God then you will not be able to make good decisions about other things either. You can't even love other people properly if you don't love God the most. The priest and Levite in the parable probably cared more about themselves than about God. That is why when they saw their own countryman injured and lying by the roadside they just walked past.

Is God the most important person in your life? Talk to Him every day and you will grow to love Him. You can be a good neighbour to everyone by being a good friend of God.

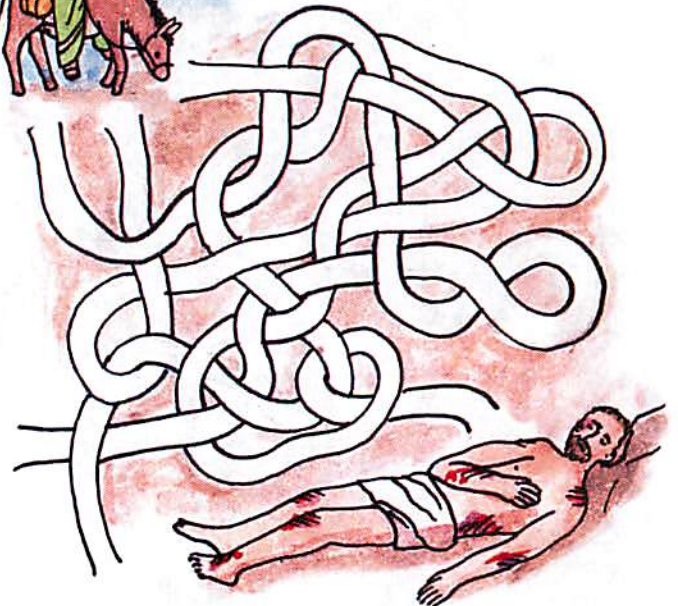


The Kids' Bulletin

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 14, 2019



*Which of the three paths would the good Samaritan take?
Find out which one leads to the man who was robbed.*



Jesus told the Parable of the Good Samaritan to show the people what it means to love your neighbour after someone asked Him "Who is my neighbour?"

Answers to True or False: 1.false 2.true 3.true 4.false 5.true 6.false 7.true

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Background on the Gospel Reading

As Jesus continues his journey to Jerusalem, he is confronted by a scholar of the law who wants to test him. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus is asked about the greatest commandment. Here, in Luke's Gospel, the lawyer asks what we must do to inherit eternal life. In the other two Gospels, Jesus answers the question by quoting Deuteronomy 6:5, on loving God with all your heart, and Leviticus 19:18, on loving your neighbor. Here Jesus asks the expert to answer this question, "What is written in the law?" The man is caught and responds with Deuteronomy 6:5. This verse is one of the most important prayers in Judaism, and it was said twice a day in Jesus' time. Love of God and love of neighbor are what is required for eternal life. Jesus' response is simple, "Do this and you will live."

Having been shown up by Jesus, the lawyer tries another question: Who is my neighbor whom I must love like myself? In the society of Jesus' time, with its distinctions between Jews and Gentiles, men and women, clean and unclean, this was a trick question. Jesus responds with one of the most beautiful of all the parables, the Good Samaritan. It is found only in Luke's Gospel.

The road from Jerusalem to Jericho descends 3,300 feet in just 17 miles. Its narrow passes and rocky terrain made it an easy place for bandits to wait for travelers. The traveler in this parable is identified only as "a certain man." Luke uses this phrase in many of his parables so that the audience, Jew or Gentile, could identify with the man. After the attack, the man is left for dead, naked and bleeding on the side of the road. A priest comes along, but rather than helping, as one might expect, he moves to the other

side of the road. Another religious person comes along, a Levite who assists in the Temple. His reaction is the same as the priest's. Both of them choose to not even find out if the man is alive. A third person comes along. The listeners would probably expect him to be an Israelite. This would make the parable a criticism of the religious leadership. Instead he is a Samaritan, an Israelite's most hated neighbor. Samaritans were descendants of Jews from the northern part of the country, who had intermarried with Gentiles and did not worship in Jerusalem. The Samaritan not only goes over to the injured man but cleans his wounds, puts him on his own animal, takes him to an inn to recover, and promises to pay all his expenses. The hated enemy is the compassionate neighbor in this parable.

Jesus has demolished all boundary expectations. It is not social definitions such as class, religion, gender, or ethnicity that determines who is our neighbor. A neighbor is a person who acts with compassion toward another. The point becomes not who deserves to be loved as I love myself, but that I become a person who treats everyone with compassion.

When Jesus asks the lawyer who was the neighbor in the story, the lawyer can't bring himself to say it was the Samaritan. All he says is that it was "the one who treated him with mercy." Jesus' response was similar to that of the first discussion: "Go and do likewise." The lawyer, and we, know what is right. The key is to do it..

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SAINT BONAVENTURE

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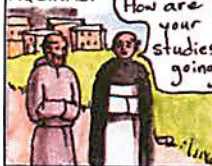
BONAVENTURE WAS BORN IN ITALY AROUND THE YEAR 1221. WHEN HE WAS A BABY HE WAS VERY SICK AND WAS CURED BY THE INTERCESSION OF ST. FRANCIS.



AT AGE 21 BONAVENTURE JOINED THE FRANCISCANS AND WAS SENT TO STUDY IN PARIS.



THERE HE BECAME FRIENDS WITH THE GREAT SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS.

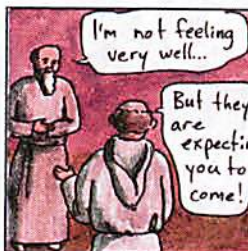


BONAVENTURE WAS CHOSEN TO BECOME THE LEADER OF THE FRANCISCANS.

HE SOLVED PROBLEMS IN THE ORDER AND WROTE THE LIFE OF ST. FRANCIS.



POPE GREGORY MADE BONAVENTURE A CARDINAL.



BONAVENTURE DIED, PROBABLY FROM BEING POISONED, WHILE HE WAS HELPING TO RUN THE SECOND CHURCH COUNCIL OF LYONS.

ST. BONAVENTURE DID MUCH WORK TO BRING PEACE AMONG THE FRANCISCANS, WHO WERE BECOMING DIVIDED. DIFFERENT GROUPS WANTED DIFFERENT RULES, SO HE SHOWED THEM HOW THEY WERE WRONG TO FIGHT AMONGST THEMSELVES. CAN YOU HELP PEOPLE TO MAKE PEACE WITH EACH OTHER?

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True or False?

The Story of the Good Samaritan

Jesus told the people a parable to show them how to be a good neighbour. At that time the Samaritans were enemies of the Jews.

How well do you know the story?

See if you can figure out which of these are true and which are false.

1. In the parable, a man was walking from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he came across a group of people who had been robbed. True or False?
2. The robbers beat the man and took all he had. True or False?
3. A priest walked past the man and ignored him. True or False?
4. A Levite saw the man and left him some money. True or False?
5. A Samaritan saw the man, bandaged his wounds, and took him to an inn. True or False?
6. The Samaritan told the innkeeper that he had done his job and he didn't care what happened to the man. True or False?
7. In the parable, the Samaritan, who was normally the man's enemy, was his best neighbour. True or False?

