



Friends of Jesus and Mary

Cycle A - VII Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leviticus 19, 1-2. 17-18; Psalm 102; 1Cor 3, 16-23; Matthew 5, 38-48

...Love Your Enemies...

“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on [your] right cheek, turn the other one to him as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand him your cloak as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go with him for two miles. Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow. “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Reflection

What does the phrase “an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth” mean?” (This is a phrase that refers to the idea that people should be punished to the degree in which they have offended.) **What does Jesus say about this phrase?** (Jesus wants us to NOT apply it anymore; instead, He wants us to learn to forgive and not to hold a grudge.) **What did Jesus do when they tortured and crucified Him?** (He prayed for His persecutors, “God, forgive them, they know not what they do”.) **What does Jesus want us to do?** (Jesus wants us to love our enemies, to pray for them, and to forgive them.) **Jesus asks us to do something extraordinary!**

Extraordinary is everything that is going beyond what is usual, ordinary or regular. It is extraordinary to love those who do NOT love us, greet those who do NOT greet us, without reservations, or grudges. God is extraordinary and loves without limits. Why does Jesus want us to do something extraordinary like this? (So we may be sons of the Celestial Father, glorifying Him by doing as He did.)

Activity

On the following page, color and write a goal on how you want to live as a child of God. On the next page, make the forgiveness card. Think of someone you want to forgive and someone you want to ask forgiveness from this week.

Prayer

Lord, make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love. Where there is injury, your pardon Lord, where there is darkness, only light and where there’s sadness, ever joy.

Song-Make me a Channel of your Peace, Mark G.- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ihhvm6eLWZI>

PPT:https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1o1PPEURmH5Y7zCWXS33tkSh_RHjAtI9y/edit?usp=share_link&oid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true





Cycle A

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Matthew 5: 38-48



Color this picture and write on the lines a goal to fulfill what Jesus asks us in this Gospel, for example: I will pray for those who make me feel bad, I will share my colors with others, etc. Jesus said: "Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow ..love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust".

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FORGIVENESS CARD

Instructions: Cut the hearts and color. Tape on the inside Side C to the right of Side B so you can fold Side A to the inside first, then Side C over it. Write inside names of people you need to forgive.]

