



The Kids' Catholic Virginian

"Let the little children come to me" - Matthew 19:14

Being Merciful

YOU'RE SHARING WITH ME EVEN THOUGH I WAS MEAN TO YOU?

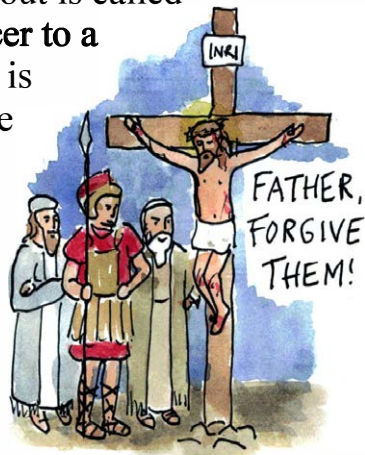


In Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus tells us to **be more kind and generous to others** than they are to us! He says that **the way we treat others is how God will treat us!**

Has anyone ever been unkind to you and you felt like getting even by being mean to them? Jesus tells us that what we should do instead is **be extra kind** to that

person! Sometimes, we do mean or selfish things because we think it will make us feel better.

What our Lord is talking about is called mercy. **Mercy means being nicer to a person than they deserve.** God is the most merciful of all and we should try our best to be like Him. Next time someone is mean to you, *ask Jesus to help you forgive that person and be kind to them.*



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Ask the Bishop

Q. When do you pray?
- Mrs. Mauney's 1st grade theology, Charlottesville Catholic School

A. I try to keep a spirit of prayer all day, in every situation I find myself.

All priests are called to regular prayer throughout the day by offering Mass and praying the Liturgy of the Hours. Both are the daily, public prayers of the whole Church.

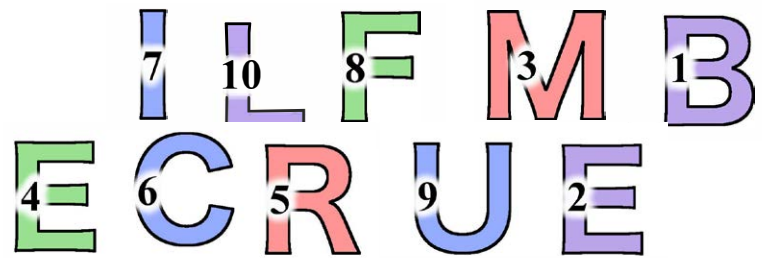
I celebrate Mass each day, which is the greatest and most beautiful prayer of the Church.

The Liturgy of the Hours is prayed: 1) in the morning, 2) sometime between mid-morning and mid-afternoon, 3) in the evening, and 4) before bedtime.

On top of these formal prayers, my whole day is sprinkled with occasions of prayer: before meetings, at meals, and when I need extra grace to meet the challenges of the day. These are usually spontaneous prayers to the Holy Spirit for wisdom and grace.

February 23
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What does Jesus tell us to do in Sunday's Gospel reading? Use the numbers to help unscramble the letters.



SAINT SUPERHERO Gabriel Possenti

- Also called: St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows
- Feast: February 27 • Patron: youth, students, seminarians

FRANCIS POSSENTI WAS BORN IN 1838 TO A LARGE FAMILY IN ITALY. HIS FATHER WAS A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL AND HIS MOTHER DIED WHEN HE WAS ONLY 4.



FRANCIS WAS A FUN FRIEND. HE JOKED, DANCED AND LIKED TO HUNT.



SEVERAL TIMES WHEN HE WAS IN DANGER HE PROMISED TO BECOME A RELIGIOUS IF HE WAS SAVED.



HE JOINED THE PASSIONISTS AND TOOK THE NAME GABRIEL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS.



GABRIEL STUDIED TO BECOME A PRIEST, AND DID EVERYTHING CHEERFULLY FOR GOD.



HOWEVER, BROTHER GABRIEL SOON BECAME SICK, AND HE DIED AT AGE 24, BEFORE HE COULD BECOME A PRIEST.

WE CAN LEARN FROM SAINT GABRIEL THAT BEING A SAINT DOESN'T MEAN YOU HAVE TO BE BORING OR SAD. GOD IS PLEASED WHEN WE HAVE FUN WITH OUR FRIENDS AS LONG AS WE ARE OBEYING THE COMMANDMENTS. WE CAN HELP OUR FRIENDS GROW CLOSER TO GOD WHEN WE ARE CHEERFUL!

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