LIVING FAITH

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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THE GOSPEL FOR TODAY

Matthew 21:33-43

'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:
"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes"?
Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

Jesus teaches in parables in order to give us glimpses of what God is like. In this parable, we meet God, who wants our faith to bear fruit. How does faith bear fruit? Our faith bears fruit when it becomes not only something we experience in our hearts or minds, but also shows on our faces, and has an effect on how we treat others, and how we live our lives. Our faith bears fruit when recognize the gifts that we have, and use them to the best of our ability, helping others. Our faith bears fruit when we begin to see the world, ourselves and other people with the eyes of Jesus, freely, without counting the cost. Our faith bears fruit when we continue Christ in our daily lives. Our faith bears fruit in acts of practical love.

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Family Thanksgiving: Poetry Activity

Thank You: Illustrated Acrostic Poem

Name_____

Draw a picture of what you are thankful for, then write an acrostic poem about it. Start each line of your poem with the letter on that line.

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Thanksgiving Family Prayer

Blessings of Gratitude May our tongues be blessed with the honey of gratitude, gentleness and encouragement. May we understand the enormous power of words that can deal life or death to another, that can lift up or knock down, be a means of reaching out or shutting out and can spread positive well-being or negativity through our world. Bless us with the grace to utter only words that help others to experience love. Amen.

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FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

FAITH BEARING FRUIT IN OUR LIVES

How do we know that our faith is bearing fruit…

… in our lives

… in our relationships

… in the world around us

We know that our faith is bearing fruit when we are becoming…
Reflect on examples in your own life...

… more joyful

… more peaceful

… more loving

… kinder

good (a better person)

more tolerant

…more faithful

… more gentle

… more self-controlled

Listen to "Fruits of the Spirit" song here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DFumjSll68s

SAINTS OF CANADA
St. Marguerite d'Youville

We pray: *Dear Saint Marguerite, you are known as Mother of the Poor. You knew and understood poverty from your own life experiences and by caring for those most in need. Within the community, you wanted "perfect union, with one heart and one soul, always considerate and supportive of each other in our weakness, knowing that we need a greater love to bear our own." Intercede for us, so that all Canadian citizens may supportive in working towards making our country free of poverty by always being truly in perfect union. Amen.*

Marguerite d'Youville, the first native Canadian to be named a saint, was born October 15, 1701 at Varennes, Quebec. She was the eldest of six children born to Christophe Dufrost de Lajemmerais and Marie-Renée Gaultier. Her father died when she was seven years, old leaving this family of six in great poverty. But, through the influence of her great grandfather, Pierre Boucher, she was enabled to study for two years at the Ursulines in Quebec, and returned to educate her younger sisters and brothers.

She married François d'Youville in 1722, and the marriage was not a happy one. Four of her six children died in infancy, and her husband was involved in illegal liquor trade and often absent. She cared for him in his final illness, and his early death left her a widow at age 29. She provided for the education of her two sons, and then began to dedicate herself to charitable works. Other women began to join her. On December 31, 1737, they consecrated themselves to God and promised to serve him in the person of the poor. Marguerite, without even realizing it, had become the foundress of the Sisters of Charity of Montreal, "Grey Nuns".

Marguerite always fought for the rights of the poor and broke with the social conventions of her day. Marguerite came to be called "mother of the poor." She was asked to become director of the Charon Brothers Hospital in Montreal which was falling into ruin. She and her sisters rebuilt the hospital and cared for those in most desperate human misery. Totally exhausted from a lifetime of self-giving, Marguerite died on December 23, 1771

Pope John XXIII beatified Marguerite on May 3, 1959 and called her "Mother of Universal Charity" - a well-merited title for one who continues to this day to reach out to all with love and compassion. Marguerite was canonized on December 9, 1990 by Pope John Paul II.

View this short video about St. Margarite here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=MIL2t0hWHSM