

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LESSON PLAN

LITURGICAL DATE: Year C 26th week of Ordinary Time

THEME: Compassion

- Grab the children's bible and/or lectionary and battery operated candle from the room and take it with you when Father calls us the children to gather in front of the altar.
 - Ask children to help carry the bible and light on the walk to Liturgy room.
1. Greet the children, asking them their names. Introduce yourself and your helper if you have one. Place candle and materials on the table. Do a head count and write the numbers on the sheet on the wall.
 2. **Sing the Opening Prayer Song:** Following the tune of 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star' (there is chart paper on the wall)

"Hello, Hello how are you?

We have many things to do.

Read some stories, dance and play,

Learn about our God today.

God our Father, we ask you,

Bless us in the things we do."

3. **Read the gospel:**

"A reading from the Gospel of Luke 16:19-31". Have the children model you making the sign of the cross on their foreheads (" to keep Jesus on our minds"), their lips ("to keep Jesus in our words") and their chest (" to keep Jesus in our hearts"). The gospel is in the lectionary and also in this packet. There are a few questions you and the kids can discuss (3-5 mins is a great goal).

4. **Intercessions:** Give each child a prayer rock (on window ledge). Ask the children to close their eyes and bring quiet to their hearts as they rub the rock. When the children are ready, see if a few of the children have an intention they would like to pray for.

After a few individual intercessions, read our group general intercessions and allow the children to respond (R) Lord hear our prayer:

We pray for our church. R

We pray for Pope Francis R

We pray for our families R

We pray for all Holy People R

The children can take a moment to whisper a private prayer while holding the rock.

As a group say "Lord hear our prayers" and respond with singing "Ever Loving God (spread out left arm), Faithful God (spread right arm out), Hear the prayers of your people.

5. **Activity:** St. Vincent De Paul Feast Day Tell his story, hand out his fact sheet and encourage kids to draw a photo & do something kind
6. **Closing Prayer:** Say this prayer with the children (on chart paper) – "Jesus lay your hand on me; Bless me and take care of me. Amen". End with the sign of the cross, "In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit".

Ask the children to collect their craft and line up at the door. There is a rubber stamp and inkpad in the supply area if you wish to distribute. **Remind children that mass is still happening and many are praying, it's important they quietly return to their parents. We have a new bulletin board hanging on a brick column opposite the entrance to the church. Feel free to direct kids to hang up their work for display.**

Thank You for volunteering today and making a positive impact on our parish!

Gospel Reading Luke 16:19-31

Jesus told this story to the Pharisees:

Once there was a rich man, who always wore the best and most expensive clothes. There was also a very poor man named Lazarus. He used to sit outside the rich man's house and beg for food because he was so hungry.

When Lazarus died, the angels took him to heaven. When the rich man died he went to hell. When he saw that Lazarus was in heaven, the rich man called out for him to help. But then God asked the rich man "Did you care for Lazarus when he was ill and had nowhere to go? You thought only of yourself and now you suffer. Lazarus had nothing and now has eternal happiness with me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Questions for discussion:

Q: When you are not feeling well, what might make you feel better? {medicine, hugs, band aids}

Q: Who usually gives us these items {mom, dad, Grandparents}

Q: Why do they give us things that feel good instead of just ignoring us? {They love us and want us to feel better}

Q: Can you remember how it felt to be sick even when you are feeling healthy? {Yes, good. There is a big word for that (feel free to write it on the board), it's called '**Compassion**'. Compassion is loving others and understanding or remembering that everyone deserves kindness all the time.

Catechists: Pointing to the picture of him, encourage kids to draw a picture of SVDP or helping someone & showing compassion in the photo box.

We are going to talk about Saints and their Feast Days. Sep 27 is the Feast Day of St. Vincent De Paul. Did you know that many Catholic Churches are named after a patron Saint? Does anyone know what saint our parish is named after? {St. Vincent de Paul or SVDP). To be a patron Saint means that SVDP has been asked especially to watch over our church and all who worship here from heaven. We can ask for him to intercede or pray for us and he'll listen very closely. He was born into a very rich family on Apr 2, 1581 in the country of France. He felt the call from God to become a priest and he told his family he didn't want their money. While he was a priest, he met lots of people who were very poor (like Lazarus). He has compassion for them and remembered gospels and dedicated his life to helping the poor instead of ignoring them. He did much good during his life and then died in 1660. 52 years after he died they moved his grave and saw that his body looked perfect, it didn't look like a body buried for so long should. They realized this was special. Because of all the good he did and this miracle he was canonized or became a Saint in 1737 (nearly 300 years ago). Each saint is given a 'Feast Day'. This is a day when we can remember each Saint through prayers, a special act or meal.

Since SVDP loved to serve others, is there something we can do this weekend to show compassion or serve someone else in our life?

MY PATRON SAINT IS

St. Vincent De Paul

I am the patron of...
our parish,
volunteers

Feast Day ... Sep ...

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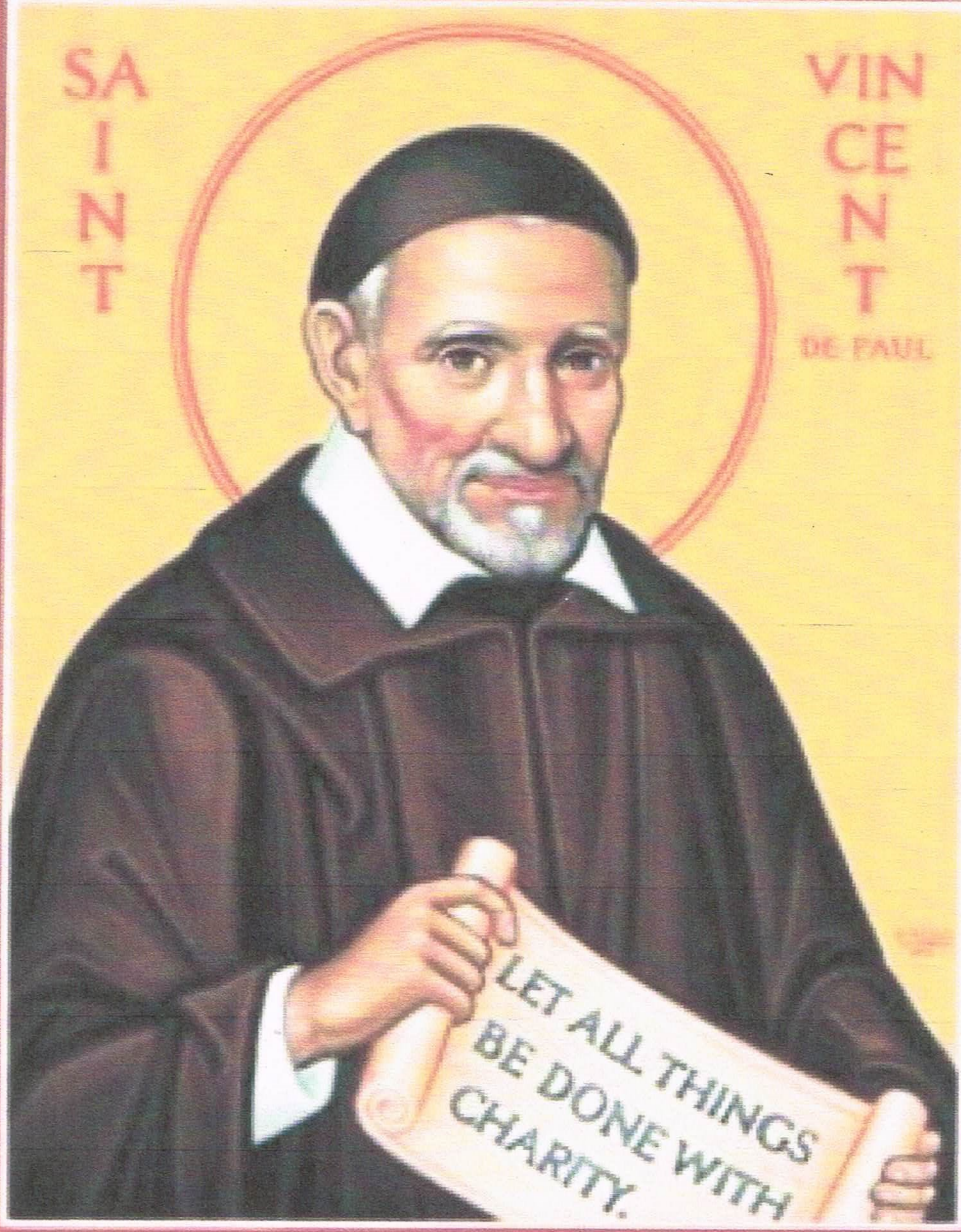


Some Interesting Facts...

He was born to a rich family. He became
a priest, rejected the riches and worked
to serve the poor. Let's show compassion
to honor his feast day!

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LET ALL THINGS
BE DONE WITH
CHARITY.