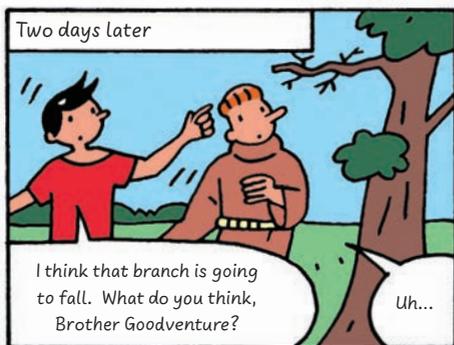
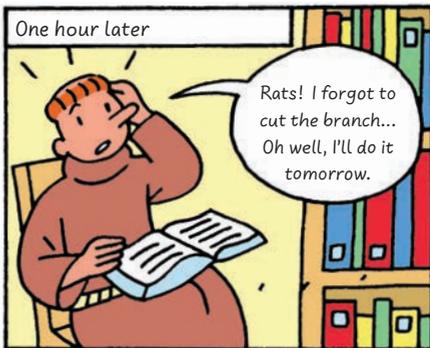
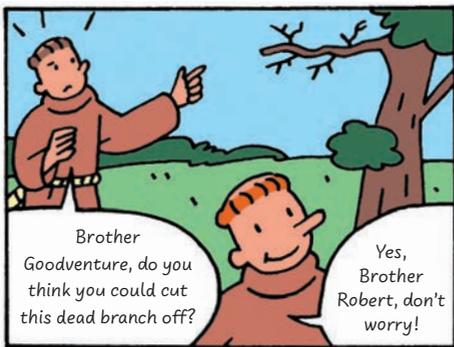


March 2, 2025
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MagnifiKid!



“From the fullness of the heart
the mouth speaks”



► **Love your life**

This week, grow in your love for life by using your words to praise and thank God for all of the blessings he has given you. Make a list of things you are grateful for, and read your list each day as a prayer of thanksgiving.

Do you want to love life?

Saint Peter answers this question in his first Letter (quoting Psalm 34): “Whoever would love life...must keep the tongue from evil.” In today’s Mass too, Sirach teaches, “Praise no one before he speaks.” Similarly, Jesus says, “From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.” Both readings compare our words to the fruits of a tree: “Every tree is known by its own fruit.” In other words, if we want to be good people who love life, we need to produce good fruit by saying only good words that will help others. Saying mean things not only reveals a mean heart, it stirs up the hatred that makes us ugly and rotten inside. Those who constantly criticize others have plenty of faults of their own. They often hate their lives and even themselves. This is not God’s plan! He made us for the joy of friendship, not for the sadness of hate. Therefore, “be of one mind, sympathetic, loving toward one another, compassionate, humble” (1 Peter 3:8).

Lisa Reno



► Get rid of bitterness

This week, whenever you are tempted to criticize someone, try to think of one of that person’s good qualities, as well as one of your own faults. If you want to go even further, give that person a compliment!

Sunday, March 2nd

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



→ When the Entrance Chant is concluded, the Priest says:

Q **In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

→ The people reply:

Q **Amen.**

Greeting

Q **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,/ and the love of God,/ and the communion of the Holy Spirit/ be with you all.**

Q **And with your spirit.**

Penitential Act

Q **Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins,/ and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.**

Q **I confess to almighty God**

and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done

and in what I have failed to do,

→ *And, striking their breast, they say:*

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

→ *Then they continue:*

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,

all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Q **May almighty God have mercy on us,/ forgive us our sins,/ and bring us to everlasting life.**

Q **Amen.**

Kyrie, eleison

Q **Lord, have mercy.**

Q **Lord, have mercy.**

Q **Christ, have mercy.**

Q **Christ, have mercy.**

Q **Lord, have mercy.**

Q **Lord, have mercy.**

Fortitude

Fortitude is strength and courage in facing difficulties. It is a virtue (a good habit), as well as a gift of the Holy Spirit. Even though we want life to be easy, we only grow by facing trials with fortitude. "Endure your trials as

'discipline'.... At the time, all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness" (Hebrews 12:7,11).

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son

of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand

of the Father,

have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Collect

🗨️ **Grant us, O Lord, we pray,!**

that the course of our world/ may
be directed by your peaceful rule/
and that your Church may rejoice,/
untroubled in her devotion./ Through
our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,/ who
lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,/ God, for ever and
ever.

🗨️ **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD



A reading from the Book of Sirach

Praise no one before he speaks.

When a **sieve** (1) is shaken, the **husks** (2) appear;/ so do one's faults when one speaks./ As the test of what the potter molds is in the furnace,/ so in **tribulation** (3) is the test of the just./ The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had;/ so too does one's speech **disclose** (4) the **bent** (5) of one's mind./ Praise no one before he speaks,/ for it is then that people are tested.

(Sirach 27:4-7)

🗨️ **The word of the Lord.**

🗨️ **Thanks be to God.**

THE DIFFICULT WORDS

(1) A **sieve** is a container used for sifting, that is, separating large items from smaller ones. A sieve typically has holes that allow the smaller parts to fall out while keeping the bigger parts inside. Today's reading refers to sifting kernels of wheat or corn from the husks.

(2) **Husks** are the outer coverings of certain

fruits or seeds. Husks are usually worthless.

(3) A **tribulation** is a difficulty, trial, or suffering.

(4) **To disclose** means to uncover or make known.

(5) The **bent** of one's mind refers to the way someone thinks and feels.



Psalm 92

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praise to your name, Most High,
To proclaim your kindness at dawn
and your faithfulness throughout
the night. **R.**

The just one shall flourish (6) like
the palm tree,
like a cedar of Lebanon (7) shall
he grow.

They that are planted in the house of the
LORD
shall flourish in the courts (8) of
our God. **R.**

They shall bear fruit even in old age;
vigorous (9) and sturdy shall
they be,

Declaring how just is the LORD,
my rock, in whom there is no wrong. **R.**



A reading from the first
Letter of Saint Paul
to the Corinthians

God gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Brothers and sisters: When this
which is corruptible (10) clothes
itself with incorruptibility (11) and
this which is mortal clothes itself with
immortality (11), then the word that is
written shall come about: / Death is swallowed
up in victory. / Where, O death, is your victory? /
Where, O death, is your sting? / The sting
of death is sin, and the power of sin is the
law. But thanks be to God who gives us the
victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brothers and
sisters, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted
to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the
Lord your labor is not in vain (12).

(1 Corinthians 15:54-58)

Q The word of the Lord.

Q Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Q Alleluia, alleluia.

Q Shine like lights in the world/ as
you hold on to the word of life.

Q Alleluia, alleluia.

THE DIFFICULT WORDS

- (6) To flourish means to grow strong and healthy.
- (7) A cedar of Lebanon is a tall and strong evergreen tree that famously grows in the country of Lebanon, north of Israel. The branches of a cedar of Lebanon are good for wood, for shade, and for their sweet fragrance. The bark was used by Moses to treat leprosy.
- (8) Courts are open areas surrounded and protected by walls or buildings.
- (9) Vigorous means strong and energetic.



Gospel

🗨️ **The Lord be with you.**

🗨️ **And with your spirit.**

🗨️ **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.**

🗨️ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

 **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

*From the fullness of the heart
the mouth speaks.*

Jesus told his disciples a **parable (13)**, “Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother’s eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,’ when you do not

even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You **hypocrite (14)**! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother’s eye.

“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from **brambles (15)**. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.”

(Luke 6:39-45)

🗨️ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

🗨️ **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God,

**the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,

**the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,**

THE DIFFICULT WORDS

(10) Corruptible means able to rot. This refers to our bodies, because they die.

(11) Incorruptibility and **immortality** refer to the soul and the life of grace, because they do not rot or die.

(12) In vain means useless, worthless, and ineffective.

(13) A parable is a story used to teach a lesson.

(14) A hypocrite is someone who claims or pretends to be good but behaves badly.

(15) Brambles are prickly shrubs. Grapes come from beautiful vines.

begotten, not made, consubstantial
with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

→ *All bow until the words: "and became man."*
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is
adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic
and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism

for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to
the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts

→ *If the Offertory Chant is not sung, the Priest may speak these words aloud:*

🗨 **Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,/ for through your goodness we have received/ the bread we offer you:/ fruit of the earth and work of human hands,/ it will become for us the bread of life.**

🗨 **Blessed be God for ever.**

🗨 **Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,/ for through your goodness we have received/ the wine we offer you:/ fruit of the vine and work of human hands,/ it will become our spiritual drink.**

🗨 **Blessed be God for ever.**

Words can be sinful

In one of the forms of the Penitential Act at the start of Mass, we confess that we have sinned. We can sin in our thoughts, words, actions, or inactions. We are often careless

with our thoughts and words, and we forget that they can offend God and deeply hurt others. We can sin with words through complaining, gossip, lies, bullying, criticism,

Invitation to Prayer

🗣️ **Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),/ that my sacrifice and yours/ may be acceptable to God,/ the almighty Father.**

🗣️ **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands**

for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.



Prayer over the Offerings

🗣️ **O God, who provide gifts to be offered to your name/ and count our oblations as signs/ of our desire to serve you with devotion,/ we ask of your mercy/ that what you grant as the source of merit/ may also help us to attain merit's reward./ Through Christ our Lord.**

🗣️ **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

🗣️ **The Lord be with you.**

🗣️ **And with your spirit.**

🗣️ **Lift up your hearts.**

🗣️ **We lift them up to the Lord.**

🗣️ **Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

🗣️ **It is right and just.**

Preface VI of the Sundays in Ordinary Time

→ *The Priest may choose a different Preface.*

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,/ always and everywhere to give you thanks,/ Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God./ For in you we live and move and have our being,/ and while in this body/ we not only experience the daily effects of your care,/ but even now possess the pledge of life eternal./ For, having received the first fruits of the Spirit,/ through whom you raised up Jesus from the dead,/ we hope for an everlasting share in the Paschal Mystery./ And so, with all the Angels, we praise you,/ as in joyful celebration we acclaim:

🗣️ **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.**

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THIS WEEK'S SPOTLIGHT

foul language, blasphemy, breaking promises, and so on. Saint Paul reminds us, "Never let evil talk pass your lips; say only the good things people need to hear; things that

will really help them. Do nothing that will sadden the Holy Spirit..." (see Ephesians 4:29-30).

→ The Priest has over ten different texts to choose from. During this prayer, he asks the Holy Spirit to transform the bread and wine so that they become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. The Priest then says the words of Jesus:

“TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,/ FOR THIS IS MY BODY,/ WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.”

“TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,/ FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,/ THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,/ WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY/ FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS./ DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.”

→ After the Body and Blood of Christ are raised, we say or sing an acclamation. This is the most common one:

🗨 **The mystery of faith.**

🗨 **We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

→ During the rest of the Eucharistic Prayer, we pray for the whole Church. At the end, the Priest says:

🗨 **Through him, and with him, and in him,/ O God, almighty Father,/ in the unity of the Holy Spirit,/ all glory and honor is yours,/ for ever and ever.**

🗨 **Amen.**

Communion Rite

🗨 **At the Savior’s command/ and formed by divine teaching,/ we dare to say:**

🗨 **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

🗨 **Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,/ graciously grant peace in our days,/ that, by the help of your mercy,/ we may be always free from sin/ and safe from all distress,/ as we await the blessed hope/ and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

🗨 **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

🗨 **Lord Jesus Christ,/ who said to your Apostles:/ Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,/ look not on our sins,/ but on the faith of your Church,/ and graciously grant her peace and**

Your prayer after Communion

After receiving Holy Communion, you can say this prayer silently to yourself. If you have not yet received your First Communion, you can still say this prayer because of your desire to receive Jesus.

• Father, through Jesus Christ, in union with
 • the whole Church, I thank you for coming
 • into my heart. May this Communion in the
 • Body and Blood of your Son fill my heart

unity/ in accordance with your will./
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

🗨️ **Amen.**

🗨️ **The peace of the Lord be with you always.**

🗨️ **And with your spirit.**

🗨️ **Let us offer each other the sign of peace.**

→ *Then the Priest takes the host, breaks it over the paten, and places a small piece in the chalice. Meanwhile, the following is sung or said:*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world,
grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

→ *Holding up the consecrated host, the Priest says:*

🗨️ **Behold the Lamb of God,/ behold him who takes away the sins of the world./ Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.**

🗨️ **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Prayer after Communion

🗨️ **Nourished by your saving gifts,/ we beseech your mercy, Lord,/ that by this same Sacrament/ with which you feed us in the present age,/ you may make us partakers of life eternal./ Through Christ our Lord.**

🗨️ **Amen.**

CONCLUDING RITES

Brief announcements

Final Blessing

🗨️ **The Lord be with you.**

🗨️ **And with your spirit.**

🗨️ **May almighty God bless you,/ the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.**

🗨️ **Amen.**

Dismissal

→ *In these or similar words the Priest or Deacon dismisses the people:*

🗨️ **Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.**

🗨️ **Thanks be to God.**



with goodness and help me to produce good fruit in all that I say and do.

Now, listen attentively to the prayer that the Priest is going to say in the name of the entire congregation. It is your prayer, too. You can follow along in *MagnifiKid!* It is the Prayer after Communion.



In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Open the doors of our heart so that we might hear the Word of the Lord!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Lord, thank you for this new day which is beginning. Help me to recognize your presence and make my faith in you grow.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Pray

Morning
Evening

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us be converted so that we believe in the Good News!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Lord, today I have tried to live by always turning to you. Forgive me for all those moments when I didn't know how to trust you. Watch over me and my family tonight.

Our Father, who art in heaven...

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



If you want to, before falling asleep, you can also say the Hail Mary.

Bringing It All Together

This week, you tried to grow in your love for your life and your gratitude for all the Lord's blessings. You also tried to get rid of all bitterness by thinking of others' good qualities while being more aware of your own faults. Make two lists below, one for your blessings and the other for the good qualities you discovered in others.



Use your lists to help you pray: You can thank God for all of the blessings on the first list, and pray for all the people you referred to in the second list.



► Saint Vincent de Paul

One cold winter night in Paris in 1630, a priest was leaving a church when he heard the sound of a baby crying. There, on the snow-covered steps of the church, he found a baby girl.

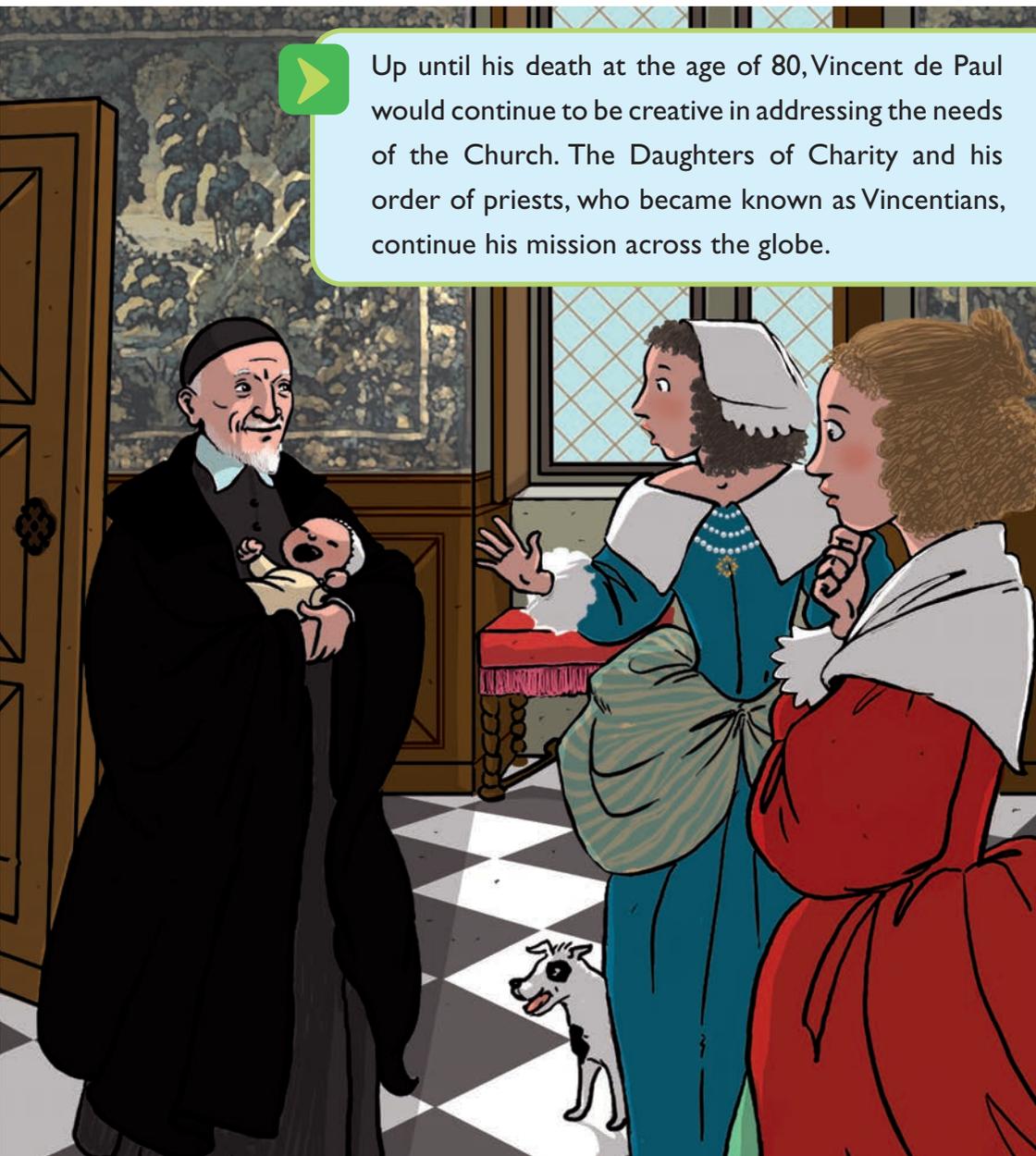
“Oh my goodness!” exclaimed Vincent de Paul. He picked up the baby and wrapped it in his coat. He looked around, but the baby’s mother was nowhere to be found. In her poverty, she had abandoned her own baby! Times were difficult in France. Wars and famines had left many people destitute. Vincent walked quickly through the streets of Paris that night. He headed for the homes of the Ladies of Charity, a group of noble women who often helped him provide for the poor. Vincent was a champion of the poor. He created the first hospital in Paris. He organized food banks to feed the masses. He helped many beggars find jobs. He founded an order of priests to evangelize the poor and to form young men into holy diocesan priests. He even took time to teach the poor how to pray.

When Vincent arrived at the homes of the noble women, they were exasperated. “Monsieur Vincent, enough is enough! We can’t solve all the problems of the world! How do you expect us to raise and educate abandoned babies?” Vincent replied, “My dear ladies, God is ordering us to take care of these children. When we get to heaven, what will he say if we had let them die?” The noble women found it difficult to work directly with the poor, even though they wanted to help financially. Vincent could see that a religious order was needed to work directly with the poor. With the help of a 42 year old widow, Louise de Marillac, Vincent de Paul organized a group

of women who would become the Daughters of Charity, a religious order that set up soup kitchens, schools for the poor, and homes for orphans. Louise, who had always wanted to be a nun, became the first superior of the Daughters of Charity, and she would also go on to become a saint.



Up until his death at the age of 80, Vincent de Paul would continue to be creative in addressing the needs of the Church. The Daughters of Charity and his order of priests, who became known as Vincentians, continue his mission across the globe.



QUIZ

How well were you listening to the readings today? Circle the correct answers.

1. If you want to know if someone is just, check that person's...
 - a. Words
 - b. Criminal record
 - c. Friends and family
2. A just person may be compared to:
 - a. A palm tree
 - b. A cedar tree
 - c. A tree with lots of fruit
 - d. All of the above
3. Thanks to Jesus, death has no power over us. Therefore, we should:
 - a. Do dangerous things without fear.
 - b. Be brave and work hard for God.
 - c. Rejoice and take it easy!
4. A good guide is someone who...
 - a. Sees danger and avoids it.
 - b. Follows his own path.
 - c. Feels confident in leading others.
5. Before you criticize someone...
 - a. Say a prayer.
 - b. Deal with your own faults.
 - c. Practice so you do it with kindness.
6. How do you know what is in a person's heart?
 - a. Ask that person directly.
 - b. Find out what others say about the person.
 - c. Look at the fruits, that is, the person's words and actions.

Answers: 1. a, 2. d, 3. b, 4. a, 5. b, 6. c.