



**Sunday Activity
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February 20, 2022
Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

1 Gospel

Gospel – Adapted from Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who are cruel to you. When someone strikes you on one cheek, turn your other cheek to him. If anyone wants to take your shirt, give him your coat as well. Give to the one who asks of you, and do not demand back what someone takes.

“Do to others what you would have them do to you. If you only love those who love you, what is special about that? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you only do good to those who are kind to you, what is special about that? Even sinners do the same. And if you only lend money to those whom you expect to pay you back, what is special about that? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get repaid. But you should love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back; then you will have a great reward and be children of God, who is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, just like your Father is merciful.

“Stop judging, and you will not be judged. Stop condemning, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give to others, and gifts will be given to you. The way you measure others is the way you will be measured.”

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Reflection

Jesus gives us some pretty powerful challenges in today's Gospel. First He tells us to love our enemies. That is very difficult. We all have people in our lives who have hurt us, oftentimes on purpose. Then there are those who hate us because of who we are, maybe even because we are Catholic. Jesus commands us to love these people. How? Jesus is not telling us how we must feel about people. He does not command our feelings – we often can't control our feelings. But He does tell us what we must do. To love our enemies, we have to wish the best for them. That means not desiring revenge. It may mean wanting to see them convert and change their behavior, rather than suffer for it. We often pray for those we love. When is the last time you prayed for your enemies?

Jesus also warns us that the way we measure others is the way we will be measured. He tells us not to judge. What He is asking us to do is to “hate the sin, but love the sinner.” That means that we should always hate sin, but hating sin does not mean hating people. This is connected to loving our enemies. It is easy to hate people because of their bad behavior. Or we can do the opposite – because we love someone, we act like their sin is okay, or even good. Jesus calls us to something higher. We must never pretend that sin is okay, but we also must never stop loving people, no matter what sins they have committed.

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Discussion Questions

How can we love our enemies?

Is it difficult to hate sin, but love sinners? Why or why not?

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Vocabulary

- **Forgive** – To pardon someone for hurting you; to stop holding it against them and give up a desire for revenge or “getting even” with them
- **Golden Rule** – Jesus taught us to “Treat others the way you want them to treat you”
- **Judge** – To judge others means to declare them good or bad people, and to decide what they deserve. Only God can judge people.
- **Merciful** – To be merciful means to reach out to help someone in need. It also means to forgive others.

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Fill in the Blank

- 1) Mom told me I should _____ my brother for breaking my favorite toy.
- 2) The saints tried to be _____, like God is.
- 3) We should try to follow the _____.
- 4) Jesus warns us not to _____ people; only God can do that.

- 1) In the Gospel, whom does Jesus challenge us to love?
 - A) Ourselves
 - B) Our enemies
 - C) Our friends
 - D) Our family

- 2) Jesus says we must be merciful, just like whom?
 - A) Our Father
 - B) Peter
 - C) Paul
 - D) The pope

- 3) What does Jesus tell us to do?
 - A) Forgive
 - B) Give to people who can't pay us back
 - C) Pray for people who are mean to us
 - D) All of the above

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 FORGIVE
 GOLDEN RULE
 JUDGE
 LOVE
 MERCIFUL





Fill in the Blank

- 1) Forgive
- 2) Merciful
- 3) Golden Rule
- 4) Judge

Quiz:

- 1) B – Our enemies
- 2) A – Our Father
- 3) D – All of the above