

Jesus teaches us not to be greedy



In today's Gospel reading, a man tells Jesus that his brother is being unfair to him. But Jesus knows that the man is just being greedy, so He tells him the parable of the rich farmer. One year he had such a good harvest that he couldn't fit it all into his barns. He tore down his old barns and built new ones, so that he could store his food for many years. But just when he thought he would be able to rest and enjoy his food, God told him that he would die.



This parable is a warning against being greedy. Jesus is not saying that we should not save some food or that we shouldn't save our money. He is just telling us to remember that we are going to die one day, and then everything we saved is going to be useless for us. He wants us to use the things we have wisely, but not be too attached to them.



Think of something that is really special to you. How would you feel if you lost it or it was taken away? Do your feelings show that you care too much about things? Try to think of your belongings in such a way that if you lost them you wouldn't be too upset. After all, none of your stuff is going to matter to you when you die!

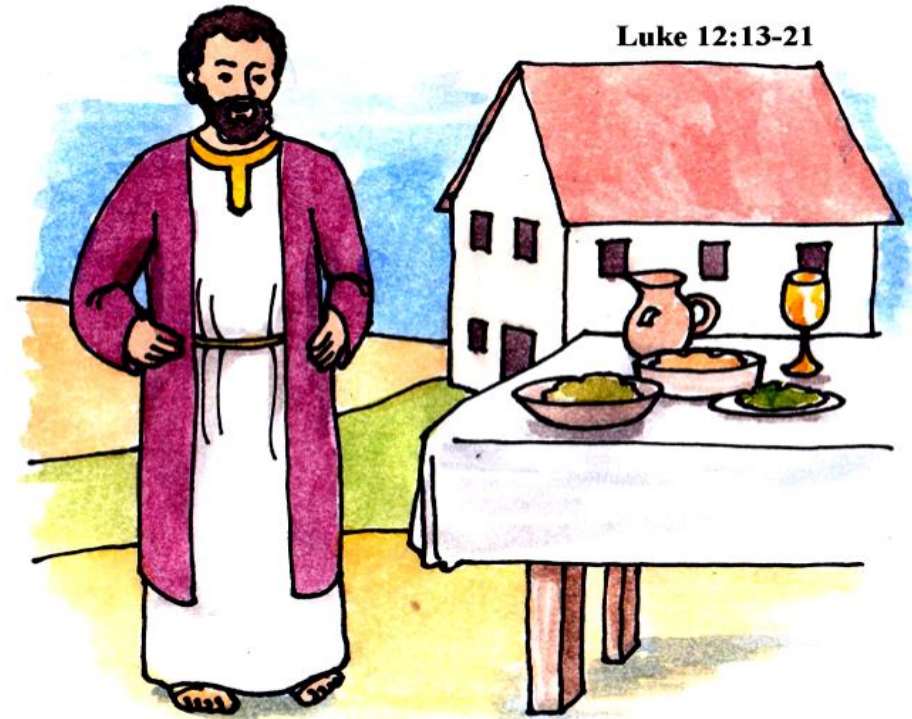


Answer to Puzzle on front page: Blessed are the poor in spirit.
Answer to the Rich Farmer Word-Find: Don't be greedy.



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 31st, 2022

Use the code at the bottom to find out what the rich farmer in today's Gospel wasn't thinking about.



Luke 12:13-21

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Saint Peter Julian Eymard

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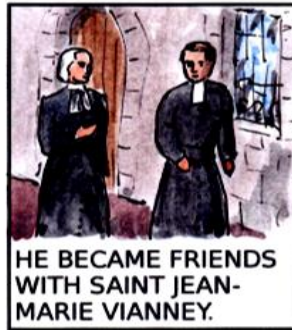
PETER JULIAN EYMARD WAS BORN TO A POOR FAMILY IN FRANCE IN 1811. HE ALWAYS HAD GREAT DEVOTION TO GOD.



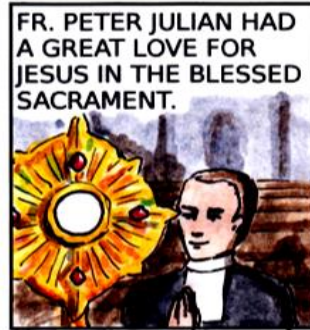
HE WANTED TO BECOME A PRIEST BUT AT FIRST HIS FATHER WOULDN'T LET HIM.



AFTER RECOVERING FROM AN ILLNESS HE WAS ORDAINED, AND LATER JOINED THE MARIST ORDER.



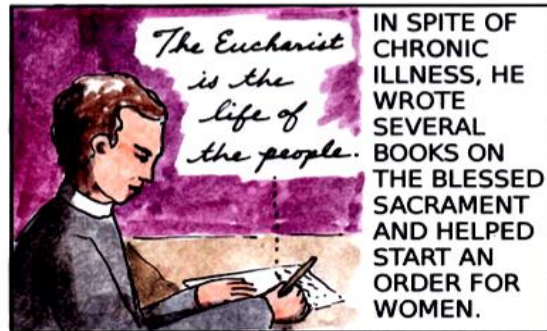
HE BECAME FRIENDS WITH SAINT JEAN-MARIE VIANNEY.



FR. PETER JULIAN HAD A GREAT LOVE FOR JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.



HE STARTED AN ORDER OF PRIESTS TO HONOUR THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.



IN SPITE OF CHRONIC ILLNESS, HE WROTE SEVERAL BOOKS ON THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND HELPED START AN ORDER FOR WOMEN.

SAINT PETER JULIAN DIED AT AGE 57 AND WAS CANONIZED IN 1962. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIS LIFE TO LOVE JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. JESUS TOLD US THAT HE IS THE FOOD FOR OUR SOULS, SO THE MORE WE RECEIVE HIM IN HOLY COMMUNION THE STRONGER OUR SOULS WILL BECOME.

The Rich Farmer Word-Find

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does NOT consist of POSSESSIONS." There was a rich man whose LANDS PRODUCED a BOUNTIFUL HARVEST. He asked himself, "What shall I do, for I do not have SPACE to store my harvest?" And he said, "This is what I shall do: I shall TEAR down my BARNs and build LARGER ones. There I shall store all my GRAIN and other GOODS and I shall SAY to MYSELF, "Now as for you, you have so MANY good things STORED up for many years, REST, EAT, DRINK, be MERRY!" But GOD said to him, "You FOOL, this NIGHT your LIFE will be DEMANDED of you; and the THINGS you have PREPARED, to whom will they belong?"

Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not RICH in what matters to God.

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Find the words from today's Gospel that are written in CAPITALS. Use the left over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

