

Being a Good Steward



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 18th September



Jesus tells the story of a steward who looked after a rich man's wealth. When he was about to lose his job, he quickly made friends by letting the rich man's debtors pay less than what they owed. Then when he couldn't work anymore these friends would look after him.

What Jesus is telling us through this parable is that we should use the money and things we have on earth to make friends with God and the saints so that they will be happy to take us into Heaven when we die and have nothing left.

How can you make friends with God using your money? First of all, God wants us to be good stewards. That means spending money when it is good or necessary, and not foolishly. We can also please God by giving money to the Church and the poor. He wants us to show that we can do well looking after small things like money so that He can trust us with bigger jobs.



ni lufatit zi odw sh"
 a very little
 also lufatit zi
 ni much, odw ni
 ni tsnodtib zi odw
 a very little is
 "dismal ni odw tsnodtib



Look in the mirror to find out one of the lessons Jesus taught from today's parable.

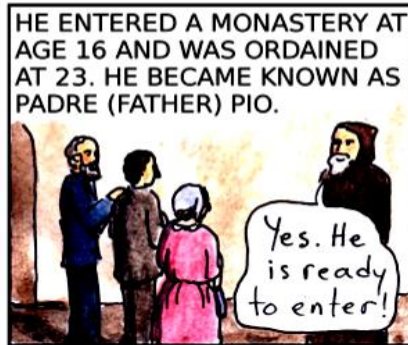
Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

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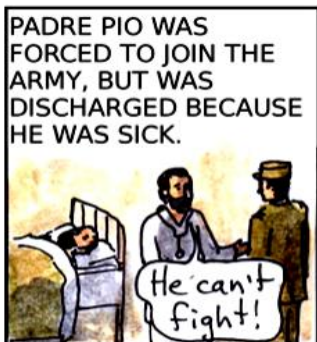
FRANCESCO FORGIONE WAS BORN IN 1887 IN ITALY TO A PEASANT FAMILY, ONE OF SEVEN CHILDREN. HE WAS VERY PIOUS EVEN AS A CHILD.



HE ENTERED A MONASTERY AT AGE 16 AND WAS ORDAINED AT 23. HE BECAME KNOWN AS PADRE (FATHER) PIO.



PADRE PIO WAS FORCED TO JOIN THE ARMY, BUT WAS DISCHARGED BECAUSE HE WAS SICK.



HE WAS SENT TO A FAR MONASTERY AND THERE HE RECEIVED CHRIST'S STIGMATA.



PADRE PIO SUFFERED GREATLY FROM THE WOUNDS BUT HE WAS STILL CHEERFUL.



SOON THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WERE COMING TO ST. PIO FOR CONFESSION. HE COULD SEE WHAT WAS IN THEIR SOULS.



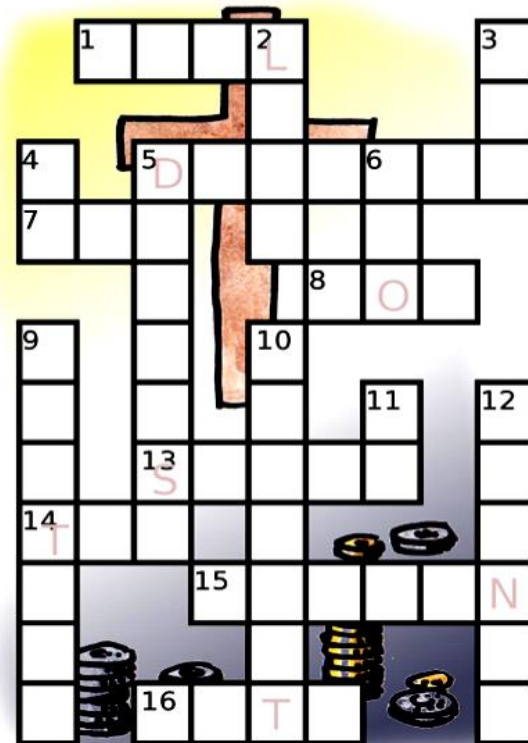
PADRE PIO BROUGHT ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE CLOSER TO GOD. HE LOVED THE SICK AND HAD A HOSPITAL BUILT. HE DIED AT THE AGE OF 81.



SAINT PIO SUFFERED MUCH DURING HIS LIFE, BUT HE KNEW THAT SAVING SOULS WAS WORTH IT. HE SPENT HUNDREDS OF HOURS HEARING CONFESSIONS TO HELP BRING PEOPLE BACK TO GOD. HAVE YOU GONE TO CONFESSION LATELY? IF YOU HAVEN'T, GO THE NEXT TIME YOU HAVE THE CHANCE!

Whom Do You Serve? Cross-Word

Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks in today's Gospel reading and fit them into the puzzle.
A=Across D=Down



- CANNOT
- HATE
- MASTERS
- SERVANT
- MAMMON
- THE
- SERVE
- HE
- DESPISE
- YOU
- TWO
- ONE
- LOVE
- NO
- DEVOTED
- GOD
- WILL

" ___ 4D ___ 10D can serve ___ 6D
 ___; 9D for either ___ 11D will ___ 16A
 the one and ___ 2D ___ 14A other, or he
 ___ 1A be ___ 5A to the ___ 7A
 and ___ 5D the other. ___ 8A
 ___ 12D ___ 13A ___ 3D and
 ___." 15A