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Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – 30 October 2016

We are surely no thieves. When Jesus asked to come to his house, Zacchaeus pledged to give half of what he owned to the poor. Half! And then he did more. This thief, this extortionist promised to return at a four-fold rate all that he stole. Giving away what is not mine is an act of justice. Giving away what is mine is an act of mercy.

- What do I have in my possession that belongs to another?
- What surplus do I have that I can give away?
- What shall I give away that another needs?

All Saints – Tuesday, 01 November 2016

Look to the Saints. Saints walked the earth – just like us. They struggled to be good – just like us. Were loved by God, Saint John says – just like us. Lived the beatitudes, the blessed attitudes, the new law given by Jesus in varied ways – just like us. And right at the heart, exactly in the middle, the fifth of nine “blessed” is:

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

This is Kingdom behavior; this is the proper attitude for living in heaven now in order to live in heaven later.

- Who is blessed among us?
- Who – dead or living – exudes mercy?
- How will I be like them? How will I be blessed?

All Souls’ Day – Wednesday, 02 November 2016

All Souls’ Day and mercy work.

- A corporal work: Bury the dead.
- A spiritual work: Pray for the living and the dead.

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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 06 November 2016

No game-playing. The Maccabees boys are clear today: even death by torture is not feared because life in heaven is next. The Sadducees, in trying to choose up sides, discover: who is married to whom in heaven is not a central question. Being in heaven is the central answer. With the love and hope and grace – all good gifts from God, Saint Paul tells us today – we await heaven. Not by playing games. But by good works and good words.

- What words of mercy can I speak?
- What works of mercy will I do?

Recall that Pope Francis has added this work of mercy to each list: Care of our common home.

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 13 November 2016

Closing the Mercy Door. Pope Francis set this day, 13 November, as the day to close diocesan Mercy Doors. That does not mean, however, that God will stop being merciful. And it surely does not mean that we have done enough, that we can stop doing mercy. These mercy works, these mercy words help broaden our focus from “only me and only mine” to “always us and always ours”. Such words pave the way to heaven.

- How will my heart remain open?
- How will my words match my works?
- How will my hands offer help?



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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – 20 November 2016

What does the Kingdom of God look like? We pray today in the Preface at the outset of the Eucharistic Prayer for

- a kingdom of truth and life,
- a kingdom of holiness and grace,
- a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

We know and we believe that we get glimpses of it all. Right here, right now. We practice for Kingdom of heaven living after death by Kingdom living now. The mercy works are cherished methods, splendid ways to do this.

The Works of Mercy

Corporal Works of Mercy

These are charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs. The corporal (bodily) works of mercy are:

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Shelter the homeless
- Clothe the naked
- Visit the sick
- Visit the prisoners
- Bury the dead
- Give alms to the poor

Pope Francis adds:

- Care of our Common Home

Spiritual Works of Mercy

These are actions that help our neighbor in their spiritual needs. They include:

- Counseling the doubtful
- Instructing the ignorant
- Admonishing the sinner
- Comforting the sorrowful
- Forgiving injuries
- Bearing wrongs patiently
- Praying for the living and the dead

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United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, pages 508 and 529