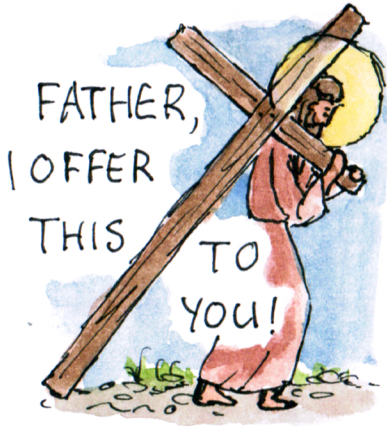


If you want to be my disciple...



What would you think if your best friend told you that you would have to die if you wanted to stay friends? In today's Gospel reading Jesus told the Apostles that if they wanted to be like Him they would have to take up their crosses and follow Him.

Jesus was teaching them that this world is a preparation for Heaven. If we make sacrifices for love of God then we will be ready for Heaven. Jesus opened the gates of Heaven to us by dying out of love for God the Father and for us. We get little crosses every day when things make us unhappy. If we offer them to God with love, they are like dying a little bit, and they prepare us for Heaven.



Sometimes we think that we need nice things or to be with fun people if we want to be happy. It's easy to forget that we will never be completely happy here. Next time you feel unhappy, remember that it's a cross that can help you get to Heaven!

The Kids' Bulletin

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
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What did Jesus say that the people would have to do to be His disciples? Find your way through the maze and then use the letters from that path to fill in the blanks.

Answers to maze on Front: Take up your cross and follow me. Answers to Match-up: 1.D 2.C 3.E 4.B 5.G 6.A 7.F

Saint Rose of Viterbo

September 4

ROSE WAS BORN TO A POOR FAMILY IN VITERBO, ITALY, IN 1233. SHE WAS TAUGHT THE FAITH AND LOVED GOD FROM A VERY YOUNG AGE.

WHEN SHE WAS THREE HER AUNT DIED, BUT SHE CAME BACK TO LIFE WITH ROSE'S PRAYERS!

AT THE AGE OF TEN SHE BECAME A THIRD-ORDER FRANCISCAN.

ROSE PREACHED TO THE LOCAL PEOPLE WHO DIDN'T CARE ABOUT THEIR FAITH.

BECAUSE SHE STOOD UP FOR THE POPE HER FAMILY WAS KICKED OUT OF TOWN BY THE GOVERNOR.

IN ONE OF THE TOWNS SHE CAME TO, AN EVIL WOMAN HAD TURNED EVERYONE AWAY FROM THE FAITH, SO ROSE BROUGHT THEM ALL BACK.

ROSE TRIED TO BECOME A NUN BUT WASN'T ALLOWED IN BECAUSE SHE HAD NO DOWRY. SHE ENDED UP LIVING THE REST OF HER SHORT LIFE IN A CELL AT HER PARENTS' HOME.

ROSE DIED WHEN SHE WAS ONLY 18. SHE HAD SPENT HER LIFE PRAYING, SACRIFICING AND PREACHING TO BRING SINNERS BACK TO GOD. ONCE THE SUFFERING JESUS HAD APPEARED TO HER, AND SHE RESOLVED TO TRY TO MAKE UP FOR THE SINS THAT HURT HIM. WHAT WILL YOU DO FOR JESUS TODAY?

"Take up Your Cross" Match-up

Jesus began to tell the disciples that He would have to suffer and be killed. How did the disciples react? What did Jesus say then?

Connect the phrases on the left with the ones that follow on the right.

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| 1. Peter said, "God forbid, Lord!" † | A. will find it. |
| 2. Jesus said, "Get behind me, Satan!" † | B. take up his cross and follow me." |
| 3. You are not thinking as God does † | C. You are an obstacle to me. |
| 4. Whoever wishes to come after me † | D. No such thing shall ever happen to You!" |
| 5. Whoever wishes to save his life † | E. but as human beings do." |
| 6. and whoever loses his life for my sake † | F. for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? |
| 7. For what profit would there be † | G. will lose it |