

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time – C

- When I was a boy I used to have a piggy bank
 - Won it at a carnival – golden glass, no opening, had to break it to get the money.
 - We all have different ways to save up our treasures
 - Bank Accts, CD, Piggy Banks, Alka Seltzer
 - Gospel says ‘Store up treasures in heaven’
 - How do we save up treasures in heaven?
- There is a story of a man who went to heaven
 - Peter, you need 100 points to get in
 - I was a faithful husband and father – 1 point
 - I went to church every Sunday – 1 point
 - I started a food pantry – 2 points
 - At this rate it will be by the grace of God I get to heaven – 100 points
- We won’t get to heaven by anything WE do – we get to heaven because of what JC did.
 - Its not by God’s Judgment – it’s by God’s Mercy.

NOW then – while this is true – it doesn’t answer my question

How do we save up treasures in heaven?

Jesus used the example of the faithful servant – so how we live makes a difference

What can WE do?

Well if it’s by Mercy we get to heaven – what merciful acts can WE do?

Baltimore Catechism

- Corporal Works of Mercy (body-centric)
- Spiritual Works of Mercy (spirit-centric)

Corporal Works of Mercy Towards our Neighbor’s Body (MT25:34)

1. Feed the hungry
 2. Give drink to the thirsty
 3. Clothe the naked
 4. Shelter the homeless
 5. Visit the Sick
 6. Visit those in Prison
 7. Bury the Dead
- ARE THERE ANY OF THESE YOU HAVE NEVER DONE?

Spiritual Works of Mercy Towards our Neighbor’s Soul

1. Convert Sinners
2. Teach the Ignorant
3. Counsel the Doubtful
4. Comfort the Sorrowful
5. Bear Wrongs Patiently
6. Forgive Injuries
7. Pray for the Living and the Dead

We are dependent on God’s mercy

Others are dependent on our mercy

God yearns for ALL of His people to return to Him

How we live, how we act can actually help or hinder others lives

If there are acts of mercy that we have never done – maybe its time