

Week of June 21, 2020

*Lectio Divina* for the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL: Matthew 10: 26-33

Jesus said to the Twelve: "Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna. Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others, I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Contemplation & Meditation:

What word or words in this passage caught your attention?

What in this passage comforted you?

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

*"What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light."*

How does my way of living reflect what I believe?

Children's Liturgy of the Word

(Suggested for children ages 3 - 5)

Gospel... Matthew 10: 26-33

Before Jesus sent the apostles out to bring the Good News to the people, he gathered them together and said: "Do not be afraid to stand before the crowds and speak, even though there will be many who wish you harm and will not listen. My heavenly father knows when even one little sparrow falls dead from the sky, and you mean more to him than all the birds in the world. He will watch over you and see how brave you are. If you lose your life for my sake, your reward will be great in heaven and you will share in my father's glory and have life everlasting."

The Word of the Lord.

Prayer:

*Lord Jesus, help us to share  
The good news of the Gospel.  
Through the power of your Holy Spirit,  
give us the strength and courage  
of the apostles,  
to stand up and be witnesses  
to what we believe.*

(Activity on the next page.....)

Activity: Cut out the hand outlines and the 2 people figures to place in each hand.

Do not be afraid:  
Put yourself in God's hands



