

# The Catholic Tugboat

A Children's Guide to God



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## Buried Treasures

The Gospel reading on the First Sunday of every Lent is always the story of



Jesus' Temptations

in the Desert.

The Gospel for the Second Sunday of Lent is always **The Transfiguration**.

This event

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18  
Psalms 27:1, 7-8a, 8b-9, 13-14  
Philippians 3:17-4:1  
Luke 9:28b-36

describes the 'Glory' of Jesus, the brilliant light and glow that appeared when the Father in

Heaven said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to Him."

In the Second Reading, St. Paul reminds us that we were meant to live in heaven, and that Christ will change our lowly bodies, too, and transform them into bodies fit for heaven. This is promised to all who *imitate* Jesus. We were not made for comfort – We were made for greatness. Let us look for God's glory today!

## Live the Mass!

Your *sacred imagination* makes invisible events real to the eyes of your soul. This is what we do in the Mass. We go inside ourselves and travel outside of time to events



that happened long ago. At Mass, we 'hear' the words in Scripture speak to us. We 'see' our guardian angel carrying our intentions up to the altar.

We use this gift to prepare for the Mass: **1. Confess** any **serious sin** (*mortal sin*) in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Holy Communion heals us of our less serious sins, **2. Listen** carefully and enter each word of the Liturgy, **3. Fast** (CCC 1387): take no solid food or liquids (except water and medicine) for one full hour before Communion.



These steps help us receive the Living Bread in a way that allows us to feel Jesus transform our soul.



## Catholic I.D.

One way to imitate Jesus is to put into action the **Seven Corporal Works** (*bodily, or physical acts*) **of Mercy**. This is done especially when we 'feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead.' (CCC 2447)

When we do things for other people, we forget ourselves and get outside ourselves for just a moment. When this happens, we make room for Jesus to fully live in us and transform our souls. Jesus wants nothing more than our love and our becoming open so that He can make His home in us.

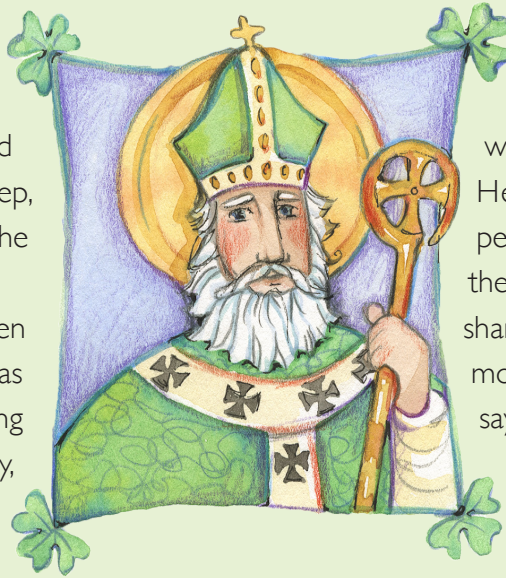
Talk with an adult about what Corporal Work of Mercy you may be able to do this week, given your particular situation.

## Church Builders: St. Patrick

St. Patrick's Day parties can get very rowdy, and do not reflect the reason for the celebration. March 17<sup>th</sup>, the day that Patrick died (461 A.D.), is his memorial.

Patrick lived a life of prayer, fasting, and service to the Church. As a matter of fact, Patrick celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday by praying and fasting for forty days on top of a steep, rocky peak in western Ireland (not the kind of celebration we're used to!).

He first came to Ireland at 16 when he was kidnapped. After six years as a slave, he escaped to a ship heading for the coast of France. On the way, his ship was captured by Vandals; however, escaping again, he entered



a monastery and was ordained a priest. He was made a missionary bishop to Ireland in 432.

For thirty years, Bishop Patrick argued with chiefs of local tribes and the High King of Ireland himself. Harder than all of this, though, was his fight against pagan religions. He managed to introduce the people to Jesus Christ, and taught them about the Holy Trinity, using a shamrock. By the time Patrick died, most of Ireland was Christian. Some say that he even drove all the snakes out of Ireland – today we remember his strength and courage!

## Tugboat Challenge

**Continue saying a prayer, giving alms, or giving up a food each day this week. Then, with an adult, talk about doing one of the **Corporal Works of Mercy** this week. Work with your adult to write it below, and then to make it happen!**

Feed the hungry – Give drink to the thirsty – Clothe the naked – Give shelter to the homeless – Visit the Sick – Visit the Imprisoned – Bury the dead

*[Remember, Sunday is a day of rest – no fasting or work!]*

*This week, I will...*



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