

**KNOWING OUR LASALLIAN HERITAGE
BEING PEOPLE OF SERVICE**

**Whatever you do to the least of My brothers and sisters, you do to Me.
Matthew 25: 40**

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**We pause and remember that the God Who created us, Who redeemed us,
and Who continually calls us to holiness and wholeness, is always with us.
Holy is God; holy and mighty; holy and living forever.**

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25: 35 – 39

**One of them [a scholar of the law] tested Jesus by asking,
"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"
He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all
your soul, and with all your mind.
This is the greatest and the first commandment.
The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**

John 13: 4–5; 12 – 17

**Jesus rose from supper and took off His outer garments. He took a towel and
tied it around His waist.**

**Then He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and
dry them with the towel around His waist.**

**So when He had washed their feet (and) put His garments back on and
reclined at table again, He said to them, "Do you realize what I have done for
you?**

You call me 'Teacher' and 'Master,' and rightly so, for indeed I am.

**If I, therefore, the Master and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to
wash one another's feet.**

**I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should
also do.**

**Amen, amen, I say to you, no slave is greater than his master nor any
messenger greater than the one who sent him.**

If you understand this, blessed are you if you do it.

LUKE 10: 30 – 37

A man asked Jesus, “Who is my neighbor?”

Jesus told this story: A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead.

A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side.

Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side.

But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight.

He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn and cared for him.

The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, 'Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.'

Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?"

He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Matthew 25: 31 – 46

When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, He will sit upon His glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before Him. And He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on His right and the goats on His left.

Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed by My Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

For I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, a stranger and you welcomed Me, naked and you clothed Me, ill and you cared for Me, in prison and you visited Me. Then the righteous will answer Him and say, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and welcome You, or naked and clothe You? When did we see You ill or in prison, and visit You?'

And the King will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers and sisters of Mine, you did for Me.

Then He will say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

For I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, a stranger and you gave Me no welcome, naked and you gave Me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for Me.

Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to Your needs?

He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for Me.

And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.

Thoughts of De La Salle

God is so good that He does not leave un-rewarded the good work that is done for Him and the service that is rendered to Him especially for the salvation of souls. If it is true that God rewards so generously in this world those who do not think of themselves but put others before themselves. They will receive a hundred-fold in this life, and how much more will He reward even in this present time those who have devoted themselves with zeal to spread His kingdom!

Produce good day by day so that as Saint Paul says, the hearts of the faithful may be strengthened in holiness and justice.

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THE SERVANT SONG RICHARD GILLARD

**Will You let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.
We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are travelers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.
I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you
and speak the peace you long to hear.
I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I will laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
'til we've seen this journey through.**



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Loving Father call others to live generous and joyful lives of service as priests, deacons, brothers, sisters and dedicated lay ministers, we pray:

Lord, give us a generous spirit.

Holy Spirit, Breath of God, call each of us to renew our baptismal commitment to be Your disciples in our world, we pray:

May the light and love of the Lord shine in and through us.

God of Promise, instill in us a desire to be of service to others, not counting the cost, we pray:

May we see You in the faces of our brothers and sisters.

Brother Jesus, let me think more about the needs of others rather than my own needs, we pray:

Lord, give us hearts that love, hands that reach out and feet to go where we are needed.

Prayer O God, hear our prayers this day and answer them as You know best. May we always graciously accept Your will in our regard. Amen.

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BLESSING of SAINT PATRICK

May the WISDOM of GOD instruct us.

May the EYE of GOD watch over us.

May the EAR of GOD hear us.

May the WORD of GOD inspire us.

May the HAND of GOD protect us.

And may the WAY of GOD guide us.

PRAYER of SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA

**Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous;
teach me how to serve You as You deserve,
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labor and not to seek reward
except that of knowing that I do Your will.**

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**Saint John Baptist de La Salle,
our model and guide,
and all you holy Brothers who have gone before us,
accompany us on our journey to the Father
and fill us with love, mercy and compassion for others.**

Live Jesus in our hearts. Forever!

A LASALLIAN PRACTICE

Put into practice the Gospel sayings:

Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. Matthew 5: 44

Love one another as I have loved you. John 15: 12

If you love your neighbor as yourself, you will do well. James 2: 8

**Let your light shine before others
that they may see your good deeds and glorify God. Matthew 5: 16**

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself,
and God our Father, who loved us
and by his grace gave us
eternal encouragement and good hope,
encourage your hearts and strengthen you
in every good deed and word.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

