



Minute of Mercy

I THIRST

"I thirst" are the words of Our Lord that spoke directly to the heart of Mother Teresa. As we said a couple of weeks ago, Mother Teresa is one of our greatest teachers, and soon to be a saint, who lived her life extending mercy to all without exception. We too have the capacity to offer as much mercy to others as Mother Teresa did. She had a simple formula to follow:

"The fruit of silence is prayer. The fruit of prayer is faith. The fruit of faith is love. The fruit of love is service. The fruit of service is peace."

Silence, prayer, faith, love and service are keys to Heaven. It is in the silence of our prayer that we too can hear the voice of Christ calling us. It is the cry of the poor that Christ uses to call us to serve Him. Then it remains, how will we respond? Will we respond grudgingly, out of obligation or out of love and joy? In prayer, we must ask Our Lord for the grace to love in abundance.

"...for God loves a cheerful giver. Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good deed."(2 Cor 9:7-8)

Let us enter this Lenten season to strive more ardently to love more and therefore be more merciful to others and serve them as Christ calls us to slake His Thirst.

"Prayer in action is love, and love in action is service." -Mother Teresa

Mercy in Action

*This week's **Mercy in Action** is for all of St. Peter Parish to participate in the Rice Bowl. You may pick one up in the back of church.*