



Minute of Mercy

OPPORTUNITIES

It is the Lord's will that we exercise mercy to all, in what we think, what we say and what we do. On any given day, we may wonder, How can I show mercy? Never think that anything is too small in the sight of God. It pleases Him that we seek to give of our self to do the Lord's work here on earth. It can simply be a smile to someone that is having a rough day or a word of encouragement to one whose life's burdens are weighing them down. Even when we are at a physical distance from someone needing us, our prayers for others are every bit efficacious to hold them up through difficult times in their life.

*Let us not be complacent, though, to those who daily need our love and concern on a regular basis. In this regard, let us look to those who have been forgotten who are living in nursing homes or those that are homebound with no one to visit them. They too have a story. In them, we can truly see the face of Christ longing for a kind word or an expression of love, so they too will know they have value and worth. Our **time** with the lonely is one of the greatest gifts we can offer to them and surely they will feel Christ's love and you will have given hope to the hopeless. In return, we shall receive more than words can say! The reward is their hopeful smile that you brought to their face. No value can be placed on the joy of that!*

Mercy in Action

*This week's **Mercy in Action** is for all of St. Peter Parish to reach out to those who are in nursing homes, or someone who is homebound. If you cannot visit, take time to pray for them. A list of local nursing homes can be found on the Year of Mercy table.*