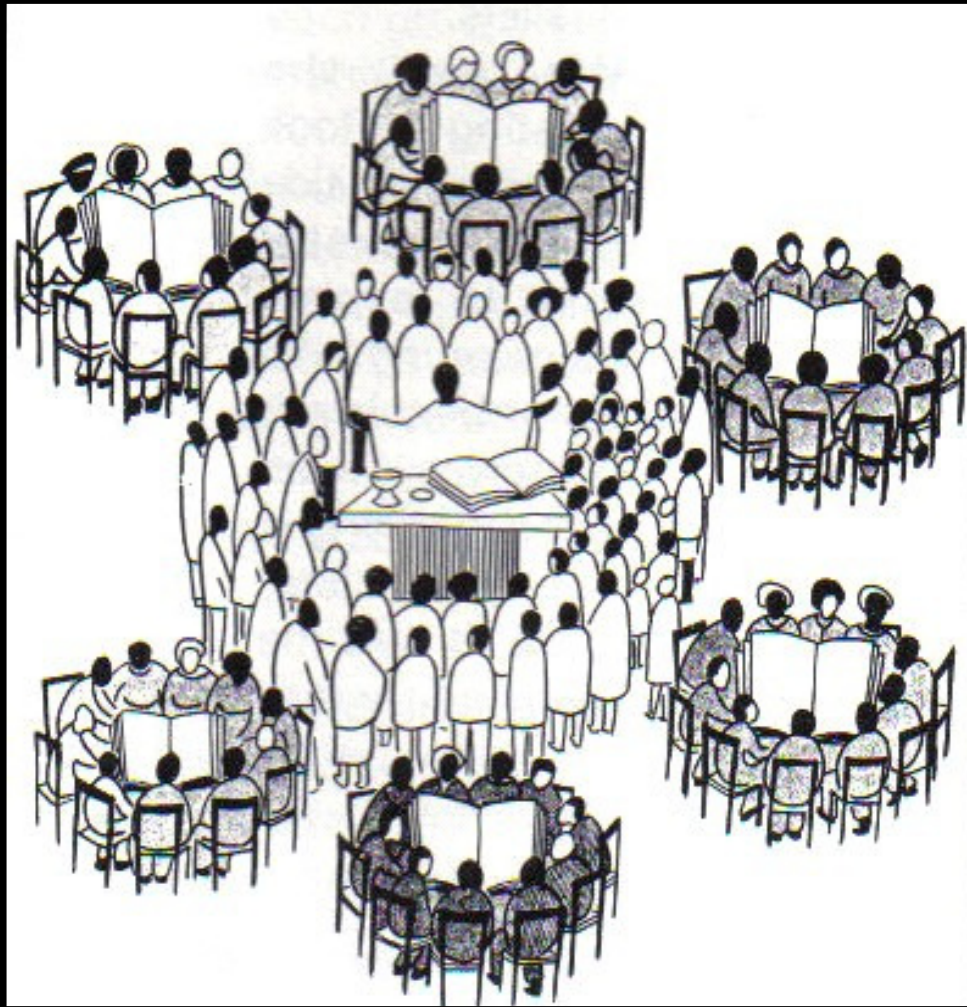


Saint Mary Youth Ministry

The Gospel of John

October 2010



JOHN 4:46-54

It is all about Faith

Jesus came again to Cana in Galilee (where he turned water into wine)

A royal officer was there. He had a son who was dying.

The officer went to Jesus begging to cure the son

Jesus said to the father....unless you see the signs and wonders you will not believe.

The father pleaded with Jesus to come to his son and heal him.

Jesus said to the father, go your son is healed.

The man believed Jesus and went on his way to see his son.

Before the officer got home, a slave came to meet him to tell him his son was healed

The officer asked at what hour this healing took place.

The slave told the father it was at 1:00 in the afternoon

This was the time Jesus told the father his son was healed

Lesson: You must have unwavering Faith and only God can give that to us. Pray for an increase in Faith daily.

Do you have unwavering Faith? Scripture is filled with miracles. In your lifetime, what miracles have you experienced? How about family members or friends? Movies or books?

JOHN 5:1-9

Faith dominates again

There was a man at the Sheep Gate, near the pool
Many ill people came to the pool to receive healing
This man was ill for 38 years and kept trying to reach the pool and be
healed.

Jesus knew of his long illness. Jesus asked the man if he wanted to be
healed. The man said yes, that he did. He never gave up.

Jesus said stand up, take your mat and walk.

At once the man did this and was healed.

Lesson: Never give up even if you have doubts...ask for greater Faith each
day.

Read "You are a Letter from God" What do you think?

JOHN 6:41-71

Jesus shares with his disciples and apostles a very difficult belief.

Jesus tells them that he is the Bread of Life.

The miracle of the loaves and fishes was the beginning sign that He will give them food that is much greater than food for the flesh.

The followers press Jesus to explain further. This belief that He is the bread and the wine is too hard for them to believe.

Jesus says it is only this bread that will give them true life. This bread that is coming is truly Jesus.

The Jews began to complain about this teaching and many of them walked away from Him and never followed Him.

The apostles did not leave. Jesus asked them if they would stay with Him.

They had come to believe that Jesus was the Bread of Life, even though they did not understand completely.

Lesson: Only through Faith could they believe in the Eucharist that was soon to come to them.



Every time you receive Communion, you receive a spiritual strength that no one or thing can ever give you.

Do you consciously receive the Eucharist as *Jesus* or just a piece of bread? What might happen if you started truly believing as the apostles and the disciples two thousand years ago or followers of Jesus today? Could it change your life?

SACRAMENTS

The Eucharist is Jesus...a core belief of our Catholic Christian Faith.

We should take time when we receive Jesus in the Eucharist to give Him adorations, thanksgiving and praise.

In Scripture, people went to the Our Lourdes Ministry program includes around 80 parishioners who take turns visiting the sick, homebound and parishioners in institutions. They visit the hospitals daily and others are visited weekly bringing them the Eucharist. Lourdes ministers either stop at church and retrieve the hosts directly from the Tabernacle, or they can pick up a host during Mass when they receive Communion for themselves. They carry the host in a pyx.

Do you remember receiving your First Communion?

What do you remember most about that day?

What was it like the first time you experienced the presence of God in the Eucharist?

Do you remember being excited about going to Church so you could receive again, like all the other people in church? Do you still have that same excitement? Why or why not?

MORALITY

Morality:

Jesus did many miracles for the sick while on earth.

We have the responsibility to care for our minds and bodies in a healthy manner.

John shares the story of Jesus healing the man who had been trying to reach the pool known for its healing powers, but was trampled on by others who were going to the pool to be healed.

Many teens today intentionally hurt themselves or others mentally and physically. It wasn't that long ago that there was maybe a handful of bullies in a school...and it was usually a big, mean-looking boy. Today, bullies come in all sizes, shapes and genders...girls can be bigger bullies than boys.

Why do you think this is happening in your generation? Is it violent video games, music, television, the internet...?

What can YOU do to change these violent actions against oneself and others?

LITURGY

We travel through the life of Christ with each Liturgical year. They begin on the first Sunday of Advent and end on the last Sunday of the Church year. There are three cycles to the Church year - A,B and C.

Do you know which cycle we're in this year? *Google it and find out...*

ACTIONS

Get your Actions recorded for this month and start planning for next month!!

October 16/17	Fun Run and Harvest Bazaar
November 14	Dismas Gift Cards for teens whose parents are in jail/prison
November 20	Advent Adventure
November 21	Community Action Thanksgiving Baskets

Check your gold booklet for more ACTIONS during November!!

