

Morning Announcement: Feast of Ste. Marguerite d'Youville

INTRODUCTION

Ste. Marguerite d'Youville was born the first of six children in 1701 in a small town in Quebec. Her father died when she was seven, and she learned to care for others by helping her mother at home and looking after her brothers and sisters. She was married at age twenty, and had six children, but only two of them survived the sicknesses of the time. When her husband died seven years later, she began collecting food and clothing for the poor. She and three friends took sick people into her home to look after them. Soon, Marguerite and her friends were asked to run the Montreal Hospital, where they looked after the poor and sick – no one in need was ever turned away. Marguerite and her companions became the Grey Sisters of the Immaculate Conception. The Grey Sisters have helped many people by caring for them in their hospitals and as teachers and principals in our schools. We give praise and thanks to God for the witness of Ste. Marguerite, and her “yes” to God’s wonderful plan.

BLESSING

Let us begin our prayer: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

READING

And now, let us listen to God’s word:

A reading from the Gospel of St. Matthew (Mt 25: 31, 34-40)

Jesus said to his disciples: “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory.

“Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that 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 something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’

“And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Consider for a moment...

Can I see Jesus in the people no one cares about?

How can I show him kindness today?

Closing Prayer:

Let us pray. O God, help us to welcome Jesus in our neighbour today, and like Ste. Marguerite, to give our “yes” to your wonderful plan for our lives. We make this prayer in the name of Jesus, your Son. Amen.

Ste. Marguerite, pray for us!

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.