

"You are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by all, shown to be a letter of Christ administered by us, written not in ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets that are hearts of flesh."

2 Corinthians 3:2-3

Have you heard the saying "Actions speak louder than words"? Do you know what this expression means?



It means if the way you live doesn't match the things that you say, people are most likely going to believe what you do instead of your words.

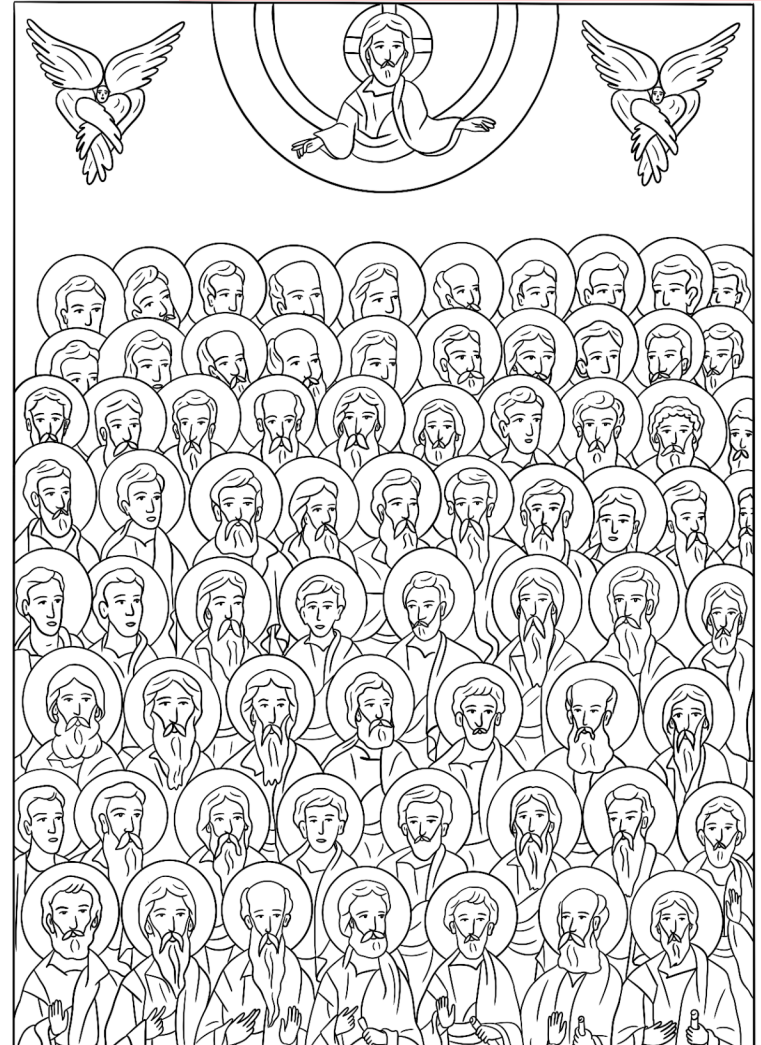
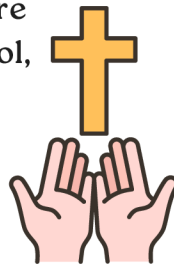
If you say you are a Catholic, but you refuse to go to Divine Liturgy, does it look like you are a Catholic?

If you say you love your mom, but you are rude to her and don't obey her, does it look like you love her? No, it doesn't!



I LOVE YOU MOM ❤️

Did you know that everything you do and say sends a message to those around you? Whether or not you realize it, you are being observed and there are people who are following your example. Maybe it's a friend at school, or a sibling, or someone you've never even met! There is always someone learning from us, so we need to be very careful to let the light of Christ shine through all of our actions.



After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others whome he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit.





Gospel Corner

Luke
10:1-7

Have you ever gone on a long trip to see family, go on vacation, or maybe even a pilgrimage? Perhaps you rode in a car, or even flew on a plane? Certainly before leaving home you packed a bag with extra clothes, a toothbrush, maybe some games. Mom and Dad probably brought along drinks and snacks for the journey.



These are very normal - and prudent - things to do before setting out on a long journey. It is good to be prepared! So isn't it odd that in today's Gospel Jesus sends 72 of his disciples to go out into the different towns and villages to proclaim the Good News, but he tells them *not* to take anything with them - no money, no bag with extra clothes or food, not even extra sandals! He also instructs them *not* to speak to anyone along the way.



Why would Jesus give what seems to be very foolish instructions? It is important to remember that anything Jesus says or does is meant to teach all of us!

When Jesus sent out the disciples, not only were they meant to bring the Good News to others, but it was also a test for them! Jesus was teaching them to rely on faith - to know that God would take care of all their needs. They would also have to trust in the hospitality of others in the villages they visited. Most of all, they were to remain focused on their task and not be distracted along the way. In the end, the 72 disciples passed the test and grew deeper in their faith! In order to grow in faith and to learn to trust God, we must face challenges in our lives! And doesn't it feel great when we pass the test with flying colors?



Did you know?

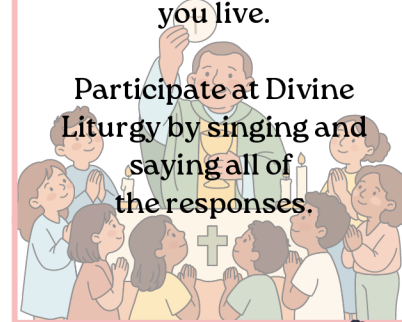
"Preach the Gospel.
If necessary use words."

This phrase is attributed to Saint Francis of Assisi and highlights the importance of living the Christian life in our daily actions. We are called to teach others about Jesus, but a powerful way to explain to others the Christian faith is to live the way Jesus taught us. How we behave and how we treat others shows whether or not we are truly Christian.

What you can do

Be mindful of your actions. Make sure that others can tell you are a Christian by the way that you live.

Participate at Divine Liturgy by singing and saying all of the responses.



Actions and Words

Match the statements on the left with actions that agree with the statement.

1. "I care about the environment."

2. "I respect my parents."

3. "Honesty is important."

4. "All people are equal."

5. "Cheating is wrong."

A. Always telling the truth, no matter what.

B. Holding onto your trash until you find a trash can instead of throwing it on the ground.

C. Taking the first and best cookie.

D. Doing whatever you want, no matter what your parents say.

E. Speaking kindly to everyone.

F. Obeying your parents without complaining.

G. Yelling at someone who you disagree with.

H. Doing your schoolwork to the best of your abilities without copying from someone else.