Priorities

In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that if we love anyone more that we love Him we are not worthy of Him. What He means is that we need to keep God first in our lives. The two great commandments He gave us are 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and mind and strength' and 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

How can we keep God first in our lives? We can start by talking to Him as soon as we start our day. We can tell Him we love Him and offer our day to Him! We also keep God first by following His laws—making sure we go to Mass at least every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation, and going to Confession when we have a serious sin.

The next most important thing is loving others. God wants us to love and care for the people He has put into our lives. First we must care for our family that He has given us and then our friends and neighbours.

What is the most important thing for you to do today? How can you put God first every day this week?

In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that if you give one of these to a little one because they are His disciple you will be rewarded. What is it? Connect the dots to find out!

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Saint Junipero Serra
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JUNIPERO SERRA WAS BORN IN 1713 IN MAJORCA, SPAIN. HE WAS VERY INTELLIGENT AND BECAME A PRIEST AND PROFESSOR.

THEN HE LEFT FOR AMERICA AND BECAME A MISSIONARY IN WESTERN MEXICO AND CALIFORNIA.

EARLY IN HIS WORK HE INJURED HIS LEG. HE SUFFERED FROM IT FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE.

HE BAPTIZED THOUSANDS AND TAUGHT THEM HOW TO FARM.

HE FOUNDED MANY MISSIONS INCLUDING SAN DIEGO AND SAN FRANCISCO.

SAINT JUNIPERO WORKED FOR MANY YEARS TO BRING THE NATIVE AMERICANS TO CHRIST, IN SPITE OF HIS BAD LEG AND THE DANGER OF BEING KILLED BY THE ENEMIES OF THE FAITH. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIM THAT GOD CAN DO GREAT THINGS THROUGH US WHEN WE DON'T GIVE UP EVEN WHEN IT HURTS.

A Gospel Crossword

Fill in the missing words in today's Gospel reading to find the answers to this crossword!
A = Across
D = Down

He who loves father or son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his own life 12A and follow me is not 3D of me. He who finds his life will find it, and he who loses his life for my 13D will find it. "He who receives you receives me. He who receives a prophet because he is a shall 9D a prophet's reward, and he who receives a 1D man because he is a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's 8A. And whoever gives one of these 4A ones even a 11A of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I 10A to you, he shall not lose his reward."