

Keeping a Secret

In today's Gospel reading, a poor man with leprosy asked Jesus to heal him. Our Lord was sorry for the leper and healed him. But then He told him not to tell anyone. Do you know what the man did?



Well, he didn't keep the secret. He started to tell everyone what had happened. Soon Jesus couldn't walk into towns because there were such big crowds. He had to stay out in the deserted places so that there wouldn't be mobs in the towns.

Has anyone ever told you a secret? Do you find it hard to keep secrets? Once in a while somebody might tell you something that you will need to tell your parents, but usually you shouldn't tell anyone somebody else's secret. Before you tell something to your friends, always

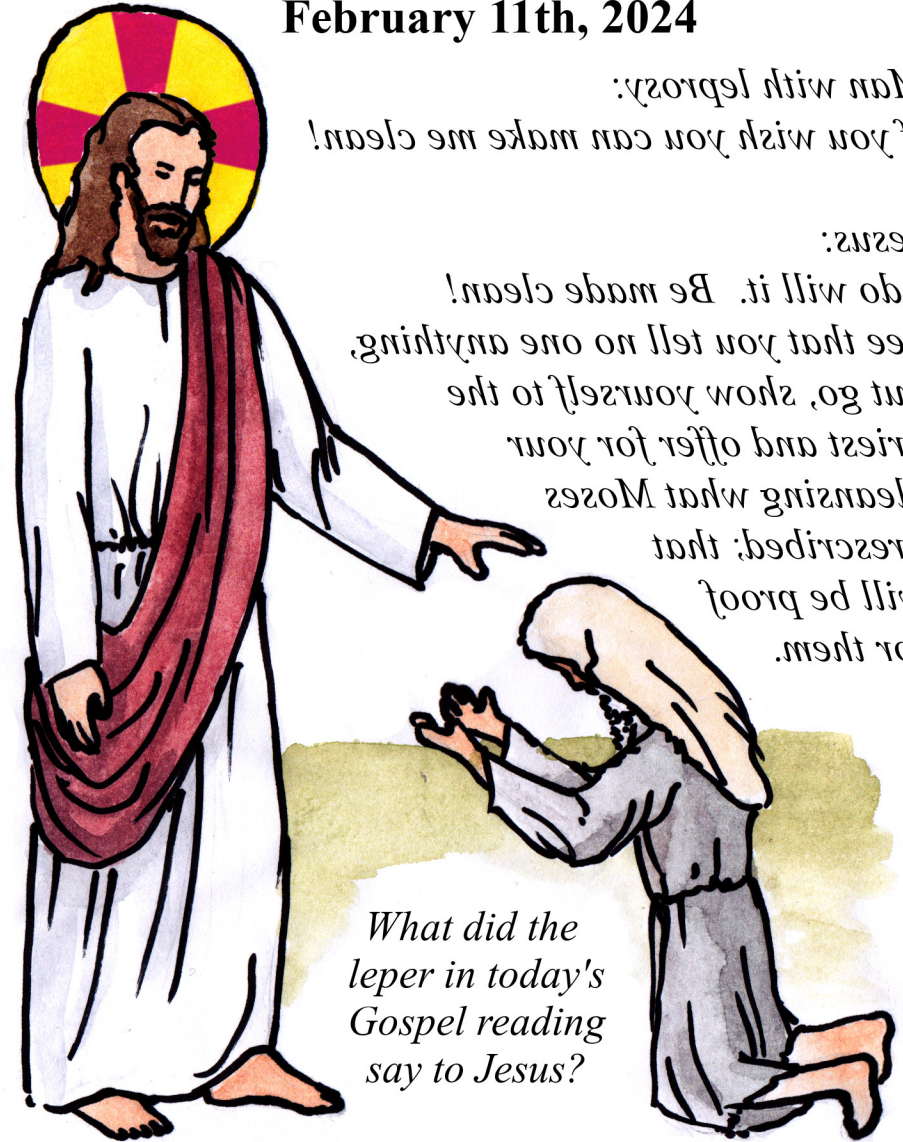
DO YOU WANT TO
KNOW A SECRET...



ask yourself if it's okay to share it with them. Will it make things hard for somebody else? Might you hurt someone's feelings? Think about how you would feel if someone told one of your secrets to their friends. And finally, always remember that the way you treat others is how you treat Jesus.

The Kids' Bulletin

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 11th, 2024



If you wish you can make me clean!

Jesus:
I do will it. Be made clean!
See that you tell no one anything,
but go, show yourself to the
priest and offer for your
cleansing what Moses
prescribed; that
will be proof
for them.

What did the
leper in today's
Gospel reading
say to Jesus?

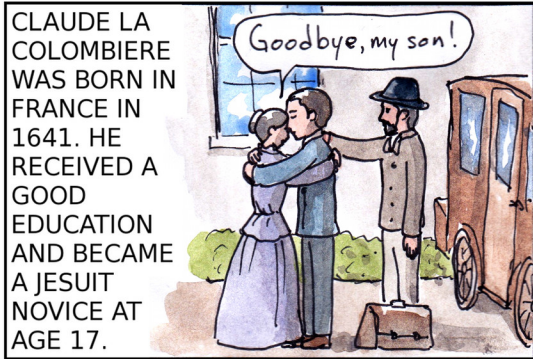
What did Jesus reply to him?

Look at this page in the mirror to find out!

Don't forget this Wednesday is Ash Wednesday!

Saint Claude de la Colombiere

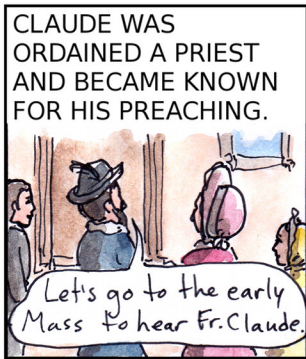
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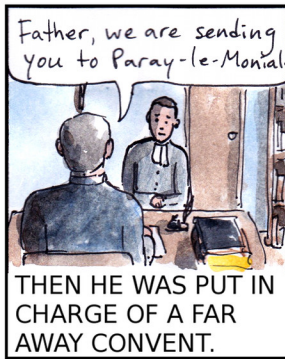
CLAUDE LA COLOMBIERE WAS BORN IN FRANCE IN 1641. HE RECEIVED A GOOD EDUCATION AND BECAME A JESUIT NOVICE AT AGE 17.



SOON HE WAS MADE THE TUTOR OF THE SONS OF THE KING'S MINISTER OF FINANCE.



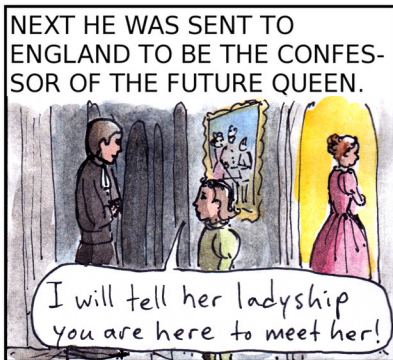
CLAUDE WAS ORDAINED A PRIEST AND BECAME KNOWN FOR HIS PREACHING.



THEN HE WAS PUT IN CHARGE OF A FAR AWAY CONVENT.



HERE HE BECAME THE DIRECTOR OF SAINT MARGARET MARY.



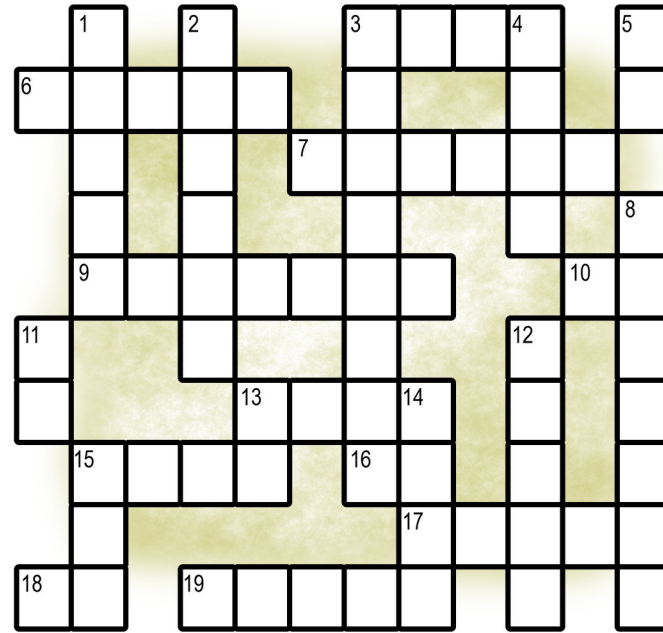
NEXT HE WAS SENT TO ENGLAND TO BE THE CONFESSOR OF THE FUTURE QUEEN.



MANY PEOPLE TURNED BACK TO GOD, BUT THEN SAINT CLAUDE WAS ACCUSED OF INVOLVEMENT IN A PLOT TO KILL THE KING AND WAS IMPRISONED AND EXILED.

ST. CLAUDE DIED SHORTLY AFTER RETURNING TO FRANCE DUE TO HIS POOR HEALTH. HE HAD TRIED HARD TO LOVE GOD AS PERFECTLY AS HE COULD SO GOD CHOSE HIM TO HELP SPREAD DEVOTION TO HIS SACRED HEART. LIKE SAINT CLAUDE, WE SHOULD ALL LEARN TO APPRECIATE GOD'S LOVE FOR US.

The Leper Cross-Word



kneeling if
touched in
begged to
people be
sternly he
Jesus go
began tell
whole man
proof kept
made leper
down hand

A _____ (6a) came to Jesus and _____ (3d) _____ (14d) _____ (2d) him and said, " _____ (5d) you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his _____ (13a), _____ (8d) him, and said to him, "I do will it. _____ (11d) made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was _____ (15a) clean. Then, warning him _____ (9a), he dismissed him at once.

He said to him, "See that you _____ (4d) no one anything, but _____ (16a), show yourself to the priest and offer what Moses prescribed; that will be _____ (12d) for them."

The _____ (15d) went away and _____ (19a) to publicize the _____ (17a) matter. _____ (13d) spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for _____ (1d) to enter a town openly. He remained outside _____ (18a) deserted places, and _____ (7a) _____ (3a) coming _____ (10a) him from everywhere.