

Saint Narcissus

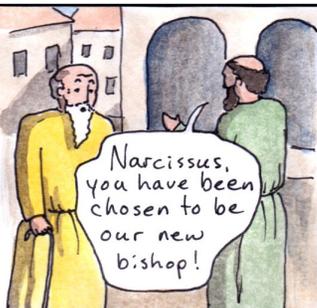
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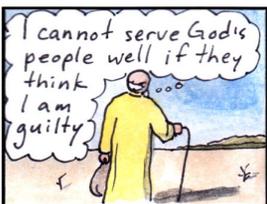
NARCISSUS WAS BORN IN THE EARLY 100'S. HE WAS A CHRISTIAN AND BECAME THE BISHOP OF JERUSALEM WHEN HE WAS ABOUT 80 YEARS OLD.



NARCISSUS WAS ONE OF THE BISHOPS WHO DECIDED THAT EASTER SHOULD ALWAYS BE CELEBRATED ON A SUNDAY.



SOME ENEMIES FALSELY ACCUSED HIM OF A CRIME.



BECAUSE OF THESE ACCUSATIONS BISHOP NARCISSUS WENT TO LIVE IN THE DESERT.

BUT WHEN THE BAD THINGS HAPPENED TO HIS ENEMIES EVERYONE KNEW THAT HE WAS INNOCENT.



SO THE BISHOP CAME BACK TO HIS PEOPLE, OLDER BUT MORE ZEALOUS THAN BEFORE.



Can you say Mass for the people this morning?



BECAUSE HE WAS SO OLD HE WANTED SOMEONE ELSE TO HELP HIM. SO THE BISHOP ST. ALEXANDER CAME AND HELPED HIM LOOK AFTER HIS PEOPLE.

ST. NARCISSUS LIVED UNTIL HE WAS MORE THAN A HUNDRED YEARS OLD, SERVING GOD AND HIS PEOPLE WITH GREAT LOVE. YOU CAN SEE FROM HIS STORY THAT EVEN OLD PEOPLE CAN SERVE GOD AND DO GREAT THINGS FOR HIM. DO YOU KNOW ANY OLD PEOPLE WHO CAN HELP YOU TO LOVE GOD MORE?

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



What were the two men in the Temple saying to God in today's Gospel reading?

Look in the mirror to find out!

Luke 18:9-14



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Be humble.

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the story about two men praying in the temple. One of them, a Pharisee, always looked like he loved God, but on the inside he really only loved himself. The other man was a tax collector. The people in those days hated tax collectors because they took too much money and worked for their enemies.

When the Pharisee was praying he was really just telling God how much better he was than other people. Do you think that God was pleased with his prayer?



The tax collector, on the other hand, was standing far off and prayed to God with his head bowed down, asking God to have mercy on him. He knew that he was a sinner and that he needed God's help. Do you think that God was pleased with the tax collector's prayer?

Being humble isn't a sad or bad thing. It means knowing that all the good things we have and do come from God. Being humble also lets us be sorry for the selfish things we have done, because it lets us admit that it was our own fault and God can help us overcome our selfishness.

*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
have mercy on me a sinner!*

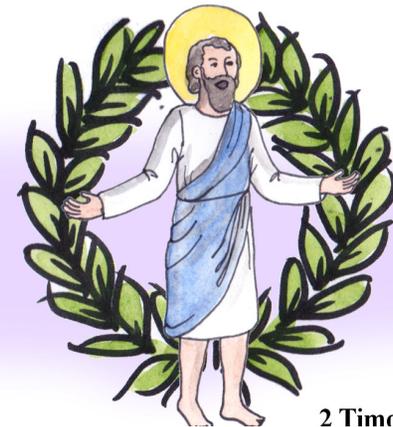
Answers to Match-up: 1. the good fight 2. the race 3. the faith 4. strength 5. the message 6. glory for ever and ever.

Saint Paul Match-Up

What comes next?

Match up the first parts with the next parts from today's second reading.

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| 1. I have fought ■ | ■ strength |
| 2. I have finished ■ | ■ the faith |
| 3. I have kept ■ | ■ the good fight |
| 4. The Lord gave me ■ | ■ the message. |
| 5. so that the Gentiles could hear ■ | ■ glory forever and ever. |
| 6. To Him be ■ | ■ the race |



2 Timothy 4:6-18