

Class Structure

- 1: Lords Prayer English & Greek**
- 2: Gospel Reading, discussion and explanation**
- 3: Pick a Saint to talk about and Miracles**
- 4: Read the Creed until learned by memory Greek & English**

1: Lords Prayer English & Greek *(Pray with class)*

2: Gospel Reading, discussion and explanation

Ask the students who wants to read the Gospel

Luke 12:16-21 *(New King James Version)*

The Parable of the Rich Fool

16 Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: “The ground of a certain **rich man yielded plentifully.**

17 And he thought within himself, saying, ‘**What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?**’

18 So he said, ‘I will do this: I **will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods.**

19 And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; **take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.**” ’

20 But God said to him, ‘**Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?**’

21 “**So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.**”

Why does God call this man a fool? The man was rich. He worked his land well. He saved his extra crops. God even blessed his soil and gave this rich man good harvests. He called him a fool because this rich man fooled himself into thinking that all he had in life was his own. He didn't think to share his wealth with others. He was a smart business man but not smart in God. His focus was on making money and not God. We hear that money is the root of all evil but, I think that the distraction of money is because it distracts us from God and when we are not focused on God slowly things come into our lives that start pulling us away from God and before you know it God is not in our lives. Jesus came and showed us the way to heaven through his teachings and actions.

Jesus tells us in Luke 10:27, ‘**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,**’ and ‘**your neighbor as yourself.**’ ”

Here, **Jesus teaches us exactly** what we must do to **enter heaven**. Everything else in life becomes easier when we **love God** as he describes. Through communion with Jesus, we become one with him and the Holy Spirit with the Body and Blood of Jesus will start to transform us, then we will truly begin to love God. Because of our love and gratitude for God, we begin to be like Jesus, and we are able to **have compassion** for our **neighbors**, and want what is best for them. Then we will be eager out of love to assist them in whatever their needs are.

Saint Paul said that those **rich** in this present age **should be rich also in good works**. They should be **ready to share**. They should be **generous**. They should **store up treasure for themselves in heaven**.

This done by **followings Jesus teachings**. This rich fool did not regard himself as a **steward of God's treasure**. He believed that following **his own will**. He was misled to believe that **ignoring God's plan** would bring him **more joy and fulfillment**. Each Gospel reading over the previous few weeks has shown us how to **love and care for our neighbor**. First in **The Rich Man and Lazarus** then in **The Parable of the Good Samaritan** and now in **The Parable of the Rich Fool**. When God speaks to us, we **should listen and do his will**. As we can see from these three readings, **God has instructed us to love our neighbor** and has given us **examples** of what to do and what not to do. When God tells us something it is important but when he repeats himself **three times** He is doing this to get it in our mind and soul. So let us be **generous** with what **God has given us**, whether it is our **time, youth, money, or knowledge**, and share it with our neighbors.

Discuss with the students as a reminder of what they learned in the last two parables.

Ask the students to divide into groups and outline some of their talents and how they can share them with their neighbors.

3: *Pick a Saint to talk about his life and miracles*

4: *Read the Creed until learned by memory Greek & English*