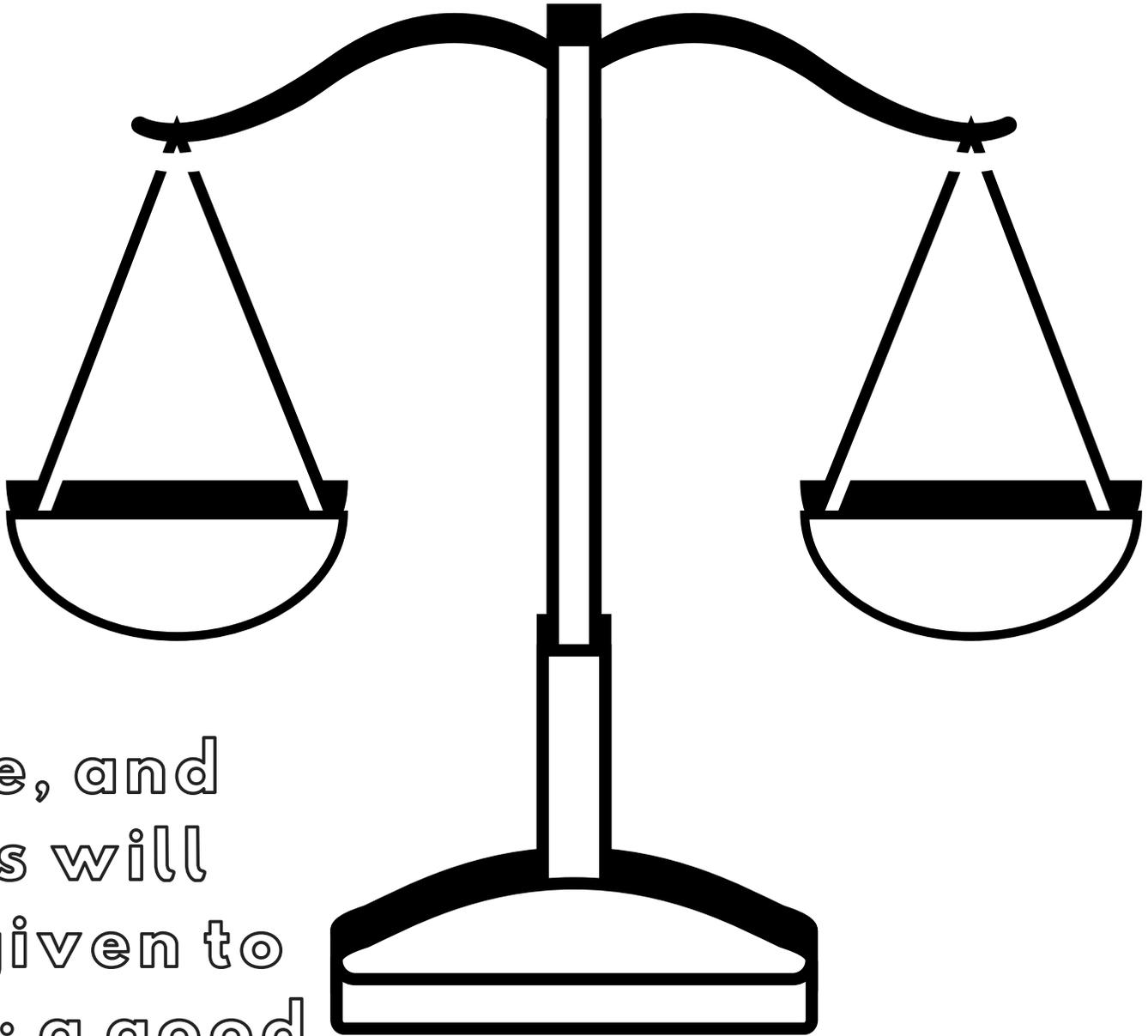


SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | Luke 6:27-38

Name: _____



Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap.

Luke 6:38

This week we continue to read from the Gospel of Luke as Jesus instructs his disciples and those who have gathered to hear him preach. Jesus tells us that we are called to be loving and kind. In this Gospel, Jesus challenges us to not only love those who love us – but to be loving even to our enemies, or those who have wronged us. This can be very hard to do – for adults and children. Maybe you have a classmate, neighbor or an adult who has hurt your feelings or is not kind to you! Jesus is asking you to forgive them and to be merciful. He reminds us it is easy to love those who love us – we are called to be loving and merciful to all those God puts in our life.

Why should we listen to this? Jesus tells us that by doing this – by obeying God’s commandment to love one another as God loves us – our reward will be great! God wants all of his children to live in peace and harmony – here and in heaven! He will judge us as we judge others – by the same measure of kindness and mercy. He wants you and I to be a witness to God’s infinite love for each and every person by radiating kindness and mercy. He is speaking to you in this Gospel asking - *will you be his joyful loving disciples today on earth?*

FAITH IN ACTION

- ★ None of us is perfect! Learning to love someone when they have hurt our feelings is hard! If you are struggling with being kind to someone who has been unkind to you - pray to Jesus and ask for him to guide you in how you handle this situation. Talk to a trusted friend or adult. You can start by forgiving them in your heart really and truly, and praying for them to know right from wrong.
- ★ In a few weeks Lent will begin. If you have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the next few weeks before Lent begins with your family it is a great gift! Ask for God's forgiveness and take time to seek His guidance before Lent on how to use the time to draw closer to Jesus.