

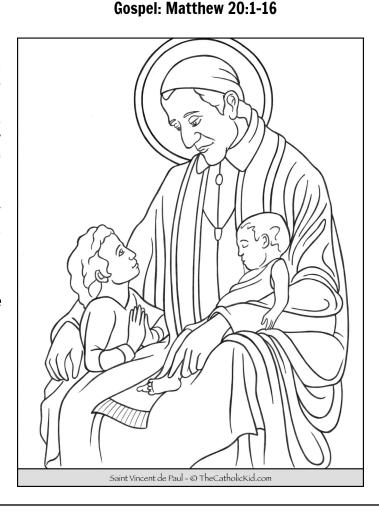
Sunday, September 17, 2023

**Saint Vincent de Paul** was born to a poor French family in 1581. Vincent was such a good student that his father sold the family ox to pay for him to attend seminary. After he became a priest, he was captured by pirates and was forced into slavery. He served many masters and helped his final master to conversion. He was then allowed to return to his home country where he worked tirelessly to help the poor. He was a gifted spiritual director and also worked hard to serve priests and seminarians. He is the patron saint of charities and volunteers. All around the country St. Vincent de Paul societies help the poor. His feast day is September 27. Saint Vincent de Paul, pray for us!

(Ref. TeachingCatholicKids.com)

"It is not enough to love God if my neighbor does not love Him."

- Saint Vincent de Paul



## **FAMILY TIME**

At the dinner table, in the car, we talk about our faith, wherever we are!



In this week's Gospel, we hear a parable illustrating how people come to follow the Lord at different rates through their lives. Some people are lifelong disciples of Jesus, and some people only come to Jesus near the end of their lives, but every follower's reward is the same: The Kingdom of Heaven. Those who lived a long life of faith receive their just reward. Those who convert late in life receive the benefit of God's generosity, and we should not be envious of this.

**FAMILY DISCUSSION:** Are there any instances I have been envious of God's generosity to others? How can I repent of this and find gratitude for God's generosity and mercy? Are there any people in our lives in need of conversion? Let us pray for them now!

## Psalm 145 "The Lord is near to all who call upon him."

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## Let us learn...

Want to learn more about St. Vincent de Paul and the Society that even today continues to serve those in need? Check out these videos!



St. Vincent de Paul: Stories of Saints

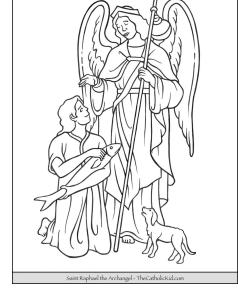


We are the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

## The Feast of the Archangels is September 29. Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, pray for us!







Learn more about St. Michael:

Learn more about St. Gabriel:





