

Monday of the First Week of Lent

Readings: Leviticus 19.1-2, 11-18 – Calls us to love; Matthew 25.31-46 – Jesus in disguise.

Reality: “One evening a gentleman came to our house and told us there was a Hindu family with many children which had not eaten for several days. He asked us if we could do something. So, I took some rice and went to them. When I got there, I saw hunger in the shallow eyes of the children, real hunger. The mother took rice from my hand and divided it in two and left the room. She said simply, ‘Next door they are hungry also.’”
(Mother Teresa, “The dignity of suffering,” *Childhood*, Jan/Feb., p. 7).

Prayer: God, may we strive to be holy as you are holy. Give us the graced vision to see your presence in the hand reaching out to another.
