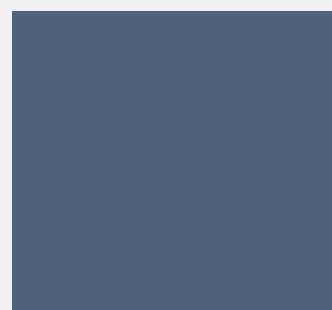
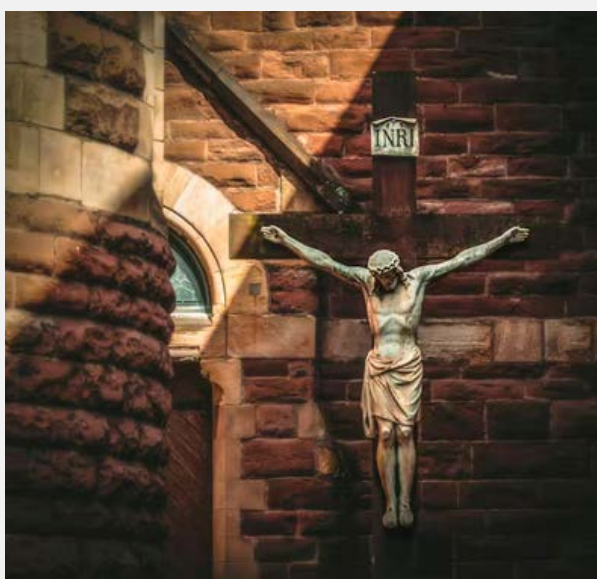


# EVERY SACRED FAMILY

*A 52-Week Catholic Mass Discussion Guide  
Year C*



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# *Every Sacred Family*

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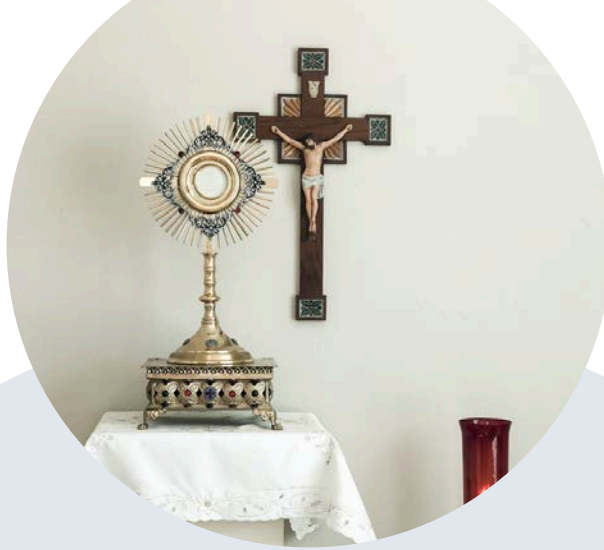
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# Welcome!

*we're so glad you're here*

One of the greatest joys and tasks God gives us as parents is the opportunity to share the love of Christ with our kids. We are their parents, and they trust us above all other people. Who else in our lives will absorb our words and actions like they will?

The goal of this guide is to provide a simple framework centered around the Mass for you to lead your family by example and catechize through conversation. We encourage you to read the Gospel together before Mass and use the discussion questions whenever works for your family – for example around the dinner table or in the car on the way to Mass. Print it out or keep it bookmarked on your phone. Store this guide in the car, your purse, or by the coffee maker – there is no wrong answer!

However you use this resource, our top tip is to commit to using it, even if that means starting small with a single question before or after Mass. We're praying for you and your family, that the Holy Spirit will lead you to fruitful conversations and a renewed love for God and one another!

In Him,

Ablaze Families and Every Sacred Sunday

*before we dive in...*

## WHY A MASS DISCUSSION GUIDE?

The Church says that as parents, we are our child's "primary catechists", which means that it is primarily up to us to teach them about the faith. This calling is both exciting and terrifying! Not one of us has all the answers – not even close – but the thought that we are "cooperating" with God in bringing our children to heaven is an honor.

One of the best opportunities we have for bringing our children to Jesus is through the Mass! And although many of us struggle with bringing our kids to Mass, it is always a place for you to belong, and it is always a place where your kids belong. With this in mind and guided by the Holy Spirit, we are so excited to offer you this resource! *Every Sacred Family: A 52 Week Catholic Mass Discussion Guide* was intentionally created to help you talk with your kids about faith, because conversation is foundational to catechesis!

Developed by Every Sacred Sunday, creators of the ESS Mass journal, and Ablaze Families, a ministry dedicated to raising saints, this guide is designed to help you dive deeper into the Mass as a family, with a focus on fostering Christ-centered conversations. In the following pages, you'll find tips to prepare for Mass, how to engage children of different ages at Mass, conversation starters for after Mass, and a full liturgical year's worth of discussion questions for each Sunday. Each question was thoughtfully written by Ablaze Families and reviewed by a Catholic theologian. We saw the need for a Mass discussion guide in our own families and hope that this resource helps your family grow closer to Christ – one Sunday at a time!



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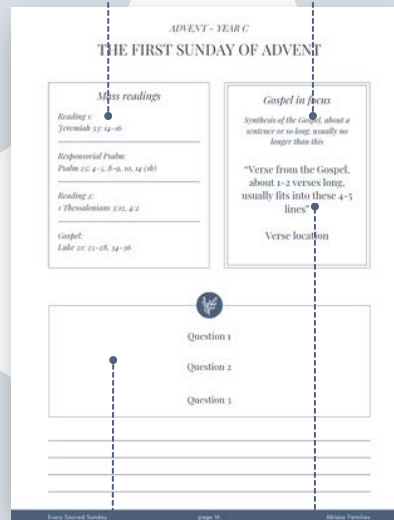
# THE WEEKLY DISCUSSION PAGES

## MASS READINGS

Reflecting on the readings before Mass primes our hearts to hear the Word proclaimed. If preparing for Mass is new for you, start with the Gospel reading! You can find the full readings in your Bible, on the USCCB website, or in an Every Sacred Sunday Mass journal.

## GOSPEL SYNOPSIS

If you didn't have time or forgot what was in the pre-reading (we get it!) the synopsis is the perfect reminder to jog your memory. You can then confidently dive into the discussion questions, for example in the car on the way to Mass.



## FAMILY DISCUSSION

This is the meat of the weekly page! These questions were curated by Catholic parents and a theologian to spark conversation and authentic connection. Read on in the "Prepare" section for more tips on using these questions!

## MEMORY VERSE

Words we repeat influence who we are! Memorizing or repeating a Bible verse throughout the week is a wonderful practice for both adults and kids. Put this page on your fridge for reference throughout the week, or discuss it as a family.

# 3 SIMPLE STEPS

## FOR MASS-CENTERED FAMILY CATECHESIS



*Before Mass:  
Prepare*



*During Mass:  
Engage*



*After Mass:  
Continue*

Preparing for Mass as a family is the first step! In this guide, we'll show you how to integrate Mass preparation with activities you already do with your family. You can start small, even just in the car on the way to Mass, trusting God can multiply any effort for His glory. Read more on pages 8-9 for details on preparing for Mass as a family, logistical tips to set you up for success, and a prayer for parents before Mass.

The most important hour of the week is Mass! Your Mass experience won't look the same with kids as it was without - and that's okay! Our kids learn what is important by watching what is important to us. Model engagement during Mass by singing, following along with the readings (a Mass journal can be a useful resource for notes), and participating fully. Your child might need help engaging, and we've provided age-appropriate ideas on pages 10-11.

Immediately after Mass is a wonderful opportunity to continue the conversation with your family! If you didn't have time to use the discussion guide before Mass, the car ride home can be a great time to revisit this guide. If one question leads to another fruitful topic, go where the Holy Spirit leads you! It's okay not to do every question in the guide - the point is to grow closer to God and one another! Page 12 also includes our favorite categories for conversation starters.

# STEP 1: PREPARE

## *A simple method to catechize with conversation*



What does Sunday morning look like in your house? For so many of us, it sometimes feels like complete chaos! The thought of adding something to do before we make it to Mass can seem daunting. How can we prepare our hearts to meet Jesus when we are barely making it out of the house?

But Jesus doesn't want to make mornings harder for you - He wants to redeem them and orient our hearts towards Him in the midst of everything!

Reading and discussing the Gospel readings before Mass is a simple way to refocus as a family on what you are about to experience at Mass and bring greater peace in your life. If this is new for your family, take it one small step at a time.

You can make it a goal to read the Gospel together and use at least one question from the weekly discussion pages before Mass. If that feels like too much, then read the provided synopsis and re-tell the story in a way that your kids might understand. You could also invite your older kids to read aloud or be responsible for reminding the family when it is time to read the Gospel. By starting small, it's easier to build consistency - and Jesus takes even the smallest gift of self and makes it something beautiful!

Another key tip is that Mass preparation can happen at any time during the week and in any place that works for your family! For your family this may mean reading the Gospel at dinner together the night before Mass. Or maybe it looks like reading aloud in the car on the way to Mass. It could be something earlier in the week, scheduled for a specific day. When possible, it helps to connect Mass preparation with routines that are already well established in your family and to put it on the calendar.



For example, you can tape the memory verse on the mirror to read while brushing teeth, or keep this guide on the kitchen table with a Bible or Mass journal to read scripture aloud and ask one discussion question before starting homework. By connecting the new habit of preparing for Mass with an already established routine, you'll have a much better likelihood of keeping up with it.

Separately from pre-reading and discussing the readings as a family before Mass, it's important to prioritize personal prayer time for each parent. When can you dedicate time during the week to read the Mass readings? If you are struggling in your current season to prioritize prayer, we recommend the books *A Mother's Rule of Life*, by Holly Pierlot, and *Searching for and Maintaining Peace* by Fr. Jacques Philippe. If you're not sure how to pray, *Conversation with Christ*, by Peter Rohrbach details St. Teresa of Avila's excellent step-by-step method of prayer. Additionally, having a personal Mass journal with the readings, such as the one from Every Sacred Sunday, can be a wonderful resource to help you spend time in scripture.

Finally, here are a few of our favorite logistical tips for the "day of":

- Try to choose outfits the night before for a morning Mass.
- Make sure everyone has eaten well. Bring a snack in the car to prevent "hangry" kids.
- Have everyone go to the bathroom before Mass starts.
- Say a prayer as you walk into Mass – try the prayer below!
- Keep your "tools" in a handy place – for example, a faith-based book for littles or a Mass journal and pen for homily notes.

And please remember – you and your kids are wanted at Mass. Always. The Church needs your family. Thank you for joining in worship!

### *A Parent's Prayer Before Mass*

Lord, prepare my heart to receive you today. Open my heart and ears to hear your word. Send your Holy Spirit to give me patience with my family, and show me how to lead my kids closer to you through the Mass. Amen.

## STEP 2: ENGAGE

### *Our top tips to help engage kids of any age at Mass*

One of the best opportunities we have for bringing our children to Jesus is through the Mass. How ironic that the very thing many Catholic parents struggle with the most is one of the most effective avenues for grace in the family! Many people have asked us "How can I get my kids to behave at Mass?", and there is no magic answer. What we do know is that the Mass is still a place for you to belong, and it is still a place where your kids belong! Rather than behavior modification ("sit still and be quiet"), instead seek to engage your kids in what is going on. It might mean accepting that your own experience at Mass will look different, but the reward in the long run is worth it!



#### *Babies - <18 months old*

Congrats on your new arrival! If your baby is young enough, you can time your Mass attendance with your baby's nap time. As your little one starts getting mobile and talkative, remember that your baby sounds much louder to you than anyone else around you. You belong in Mass, and so does your little one. Engage your baby by pointing out the stained glass, candles, and Jesus on the cross.



#### *Littles - 18 months to 5 years*

Having a toddler at Mass can be one of the most drastic changes in terms of our Mass experience. Rather than behavior modification - "sit still and be quiet" - seek rather to engage them in what is going on. This means accepting that your own experience at Mass will look different. To engage littles, have them count the candles or find Mary. Make a big deal during the transubstantiation, and point out the bread becoming Jesus' body. Remember that Mass is for them too; they just need a little help. And most of all, give yourself a lot of grace!



### *Elementary – 6 to 11 years*

At this age, your child has either received their first Holy Communion or soon will. This is a great age for your child to start learning the Bible, imagining what life would be like in Jesus' time, and memorizing the verse for the week. Help them read along with the readings, follow the music notes in the missal with their finger, or draw a picture of something that stood out to them about the Gospel. This can be a time to get them involved, such as with altar serving or singing in the children's choir.



### *Middle School – 12 to 14 years*

This is a great age to encourage your kids to take ownership in their prayer life! Ask your middle schoolers to lead your family discussion, and give them the responsibility of quizzing the younger kids on the verse to memorize that week. Encourage them to invite friends to Mass, and get them involved with a middle school youth group. At this age they could also start using a Mass journal!



### *High School – 15 to 18 years*

At this age, your kids will have received their Confirmation or soon will. Encourage them to take their initiation into the Church seriously by serving in some way, whether by becoming a reader, an usher or greeter, taking communion to the elderly and homebound, or some other way. Encourage them to join youth group or serve on mission. Invite your high schooler to take a regular Holy Hour to encourage personal prayer and love of the Eucharist.

## STEP 3: CONTINUE

*After Mass, it's time to continue the conversation!*

At the end of Mass, we "Go Forth" into the world - and raising Catholic kids is an action we carry forth into the entire week! If you didn't have a chance to go through the weekly discussion questions before Mass, you can start on the car ride home or at your next meal time. You can also naturally continue the conversation by referencing these three categories of conversation starters: Truth, Beauty, and Goodness.

### TRUTH

*What is true and builds our knowledge?*

Part of being a disciple is building up our minds with knowledge as we journey towards Truth. No matter how much we study and pray, there will always be something new to learn about God! What did you learn about God at Mass? What did you learn about how God has interacted with His people throughout salvation history in the Scriptures? Share this insight with your family.

### BEAUTY

*What is beautiful and points to Christ?*

Cultivating our awareness of beauty can direct us to Christ. Take note of your senses. What beauty did I notice at Mass? This could be something like a candle, the music, or the way the person in front of you was praying. Maybe it was a certain word in the readings or worship that caught your attention. How did beauty lead you to experience God?

### GOODNESS

*What is good and how can we share it?*

God is always present in our lives, even when we don't notice it! How have you seen God's goodness moving in your life? Spend time in thanksgiving! The next step is to share God's goodness with others. God speaks to us through the Scriptures, even though they were written long ago. How is God asking you to love those around you better, and how is He calling you to serve Him?

# A NOTE FOR PARISHES

## A FEW TIPS AND TRICKS

*Thank you for investing in your parish families!  
Here are two potential ways to use this guide in your parish.*

### *Option 1: Provide weekly handouts after Mass*

This is a simple way to start using this resource at your parish! Hand out printouts for that day's Mass as parishioners are leaving Mass, or give them to kids in CCE to bring home and use with their family. This way, families who just heard the readings proclaimed are primed to dive into the discussion questions. This method also makes it easy to adjust print volume weekly and introduce this guide over time.

### *Option 2: Provide the full discussion guide*

Another great option is to print off this full guide and bind multiple copies, providing each family with their own copy. Three ring binders or spiral binding at a local print shop can be good options here. A benefit of this is that you invest the time once to print, announce, and distribute this resource. Then each family is able to take ownership from there to use before or after Mass, however works for them!

*Once you've decided which method works  
for your parish, don't be shy!*

Announce the new resource after Mass, provide handouts of the introduction pages, or even host a kickoff evening, such as "Catechize with Conversation: How to Discuss the Mass Readings as a Family," using the information on pages 4-12.



# MEET THE TEAM

## *We're so happy you're here!*

This guide was created with lots of prayer and by combining the expertise of Ablaze Families and Every Sacred Sunday. We hope you love it!

### ABLAZE FAMILIES

#### *Dedicated to raising saints*

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We are a nonprofit on a mission to equip and empower parents to lead their kids to Heaven! Our resources include online courses, e-books, and intentional Catholic communities. Come say hi and get connected!



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### EVERY SACRED SUNDAY

#### *Creator of the ESS Mass Journal*

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Hello from Kassie & Christie, co-founders of Every Sacred Sunday! We were in a Bible study together in 2017 when the Holy Spirit placed the idea on our hearts to publish Mass journals that were beautiful, functional, and 100% Catholic. Thanks for joining us!



# SAY "YES!" TO GOD, ONE SUNDAY AT A TIME

*let's dive in!*

*P.S. - The following pages can be used again each 3 year cycle. The Every Sacred Sunday Mass journal (pictured above) is a great companion resource which has specific dates for each Sunday, Full Mass readings, and space for notes.*

# THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Jeremiah 33:14-16*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14*

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*Reading 2:*

*1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 21:25-28, 34-36*

## *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus instructs the disciples  
to remain vigilant for when  
He comes again.*

“And then they will see  
the Son of Man coming  
in a cloud with power  
and great glory.”

Luke 21:27



How do we stay centered on Christ as a family?

What actions in my day allow me to stay close to the Lord?

What can we do this Advent season as a family and as individuals  
to spend time with the Lord?



## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Baruch 5:1-9*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6*

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*Reading 2:*

*Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 3:1-6*

### *Gospel in focus*

*John the Baptist  
proclaims the coming  
of the Messiah.*

“Prepare the way of  
the Lord, make straight  
his paths.”

Luke 3:4



Who in your life acts as John the Baptist for you and points you  
back to Christ?

Who have you been a John the Baptist for, either in your words  
or in actions?

How can we follow the direction of John the Baptist and prepare  
the way of the Lord in this time of Advent?

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Zephaniah 3:14-18a*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6*

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*Reading 2:*

*Philippians 4:4-7*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 3:10-18*

### *Gospel in focus*

*John the Baptist teaches the  
crowds and tells them about the  
One who is to come.*

“I am baptizing you with water,  
but one mightier than I is  
coming. I am not worthy to  
loosen the thongs of his  
sandals. He will baptize you  
with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

Luke 3:16



How would you describe your Advent season so far?

How are our priorities reflected in our to-do lists and tasks in this  
busy season of life?

How is God calling you into a deeper relationship with Him in this  
time of the Church?



## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Micah 5:1-4a*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19*

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*Reading 2:*

*Hebrews 10:5-10*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 1:39-45*

### *Gospel in focus*

*Elizabeth greets Mary and is filled  
with the Holy Spirit.*

“And how does this happen  
to me, that the mother of my  
Lord should come to me?  
For at the moment the sound  
of your greeting reached my  
ears, the infant in my womb  
leaped for joy.”

Luke 1:43-44



How do you think this moment impacted Mary?

What qualities does Elizabeth show in this Gospel? Who is an  
“Elizabeth” in your life? What can you learn from this person?

How does praise or encouragement in our home and family life  
make a difference?

# SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY (Dec. 8)

## *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Genesis 3:9-15, 20*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4*

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*Reading 2:*

*Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 1:26-38*

## *Gospel in focus*

*The angel Gabriel visits Mary, who accepts God's plan for her life and becomes the mother of our Lord.*

“He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High...he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his Kingdom there will be no end.”

Luke 1:32-33



In moments when it is hard to have hope, what can we do?

Who in your life needs to hear a message of hope?

How can we share hope this Advent and Christmas season?

## SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY

### *Mass readings\**

*Reading 1: Isaiah 62:1-5; Isaiah 9:1-6;  
Isaiah 62:11-12; Isaiah 52:7-10*

*Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17,  
27, 29; Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Psalm  
97:1, 6, 11-12; Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6*

*Reading 2: Acts 13:16-17, 22-25;  
Titus 2:11-14; Titus 3:4-7; Hebrews 1:1-6*

*Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25 or 1:18-25;  
Luke 2:1-14; Luke 2:15-20; John 1:1-18  
or 1:1-5, 9-14*

*\*Order listed: Vigil; Mass at midnight; Mass at  
dawn; Mass during the day*

### *Gospel in focus*

*The angels appear to the shepherds  
and celebrate the birth of Jesus.*

“Do not be afraid; for  
behold, I proclaim to you  
good news of great joy that  
will be for all the people.”

Luke 2:10



When was the last time you experienced great joy? What happened?

How is joy different from happiness?

Joy to the world! How can we share joy with others?

## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

### *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 or*

*1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10*

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*Reading 2:*

*Colossians 3:12-21 or 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 2:41-52*

### *Gospel in focus*

*After losing Jesus, Mary and Joseph find Him in the temple.*

“Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?”

Luke 2:49



How do you think the Holy Family grew in love for one another after the events in this Gospel passage?

How do Joseph, Mary, and Jesus each have an irreplaceable role in the Holy Family? What does this tell us about our own role in our own holy family?

How does our family teach us about what it means to love one another?

## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Isaiah 60:1-6*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13*

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*Reading 2:*

*Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6*

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*Gospel:*

*Matthew 2:1-12*

### *Gospel in focus*

*The magi visit the baby Jesus to  
pay Him homage.*

“They were overjoyed at  
seeing the star, and on  
entering the house they  
saw the child with Mary  
his mother.”

Matthew 2:10-11



What can we learn about Jesus from the actions of the three wise men?

What “gifts” can we offer Jesus in this Christmas season?

How have we grown closer to Jesus through this past Advent and  
Christmas season?



## BAPTISM OF THE LORD

### *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30*

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*Reading 2:*

*Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 3:15-16, 21-22*

### *Gospel in focus*

*After John the Baptist baptizes Jesus, God the Father affirms the identity of the Son.*

“And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.’”

Luke 3:22



When you were baptized, you became a beloved child of God. How should we act everyday and treat others as children of God?

Imagine God the Father speaking these words over you.  
How does it make you feel?

How can we encourage one another in our individual gifts and abilities from God the Father?

# SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (January 1)

## *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Numbers 6:22-27*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8*

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*Reading 2:*

*Galatians 4:4-7*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 2:16-21*

## *Gospel in focus*

*Mary, Joseph, and the  
baby Jesus are visited by  
the shepherds who continue  
to glorify God.*

“And Mary kept all these  
things, reflecting on them  
in her heart.”

Luke 2:19



How do you think Joseph and Mary responded to the amazement  
of the shepherds?

Why was it important for Mary to keep all of these things in her heart?

Mary is our Mother. How can we ask Mary to pray for us this week?

## ASH WEDNESDAY

### *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Joel 2:12-18*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17*

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*Reading 2:*

*2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2*

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*Gospel:*

*Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18*

### *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus instructs how we are to approach prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.*

“And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.”

Matthew 6:6



What does Jesus ask us to do (or not do!) when fasting, praying, and giving alms?

Why do you think He instructed His disciples to fast, pray, and give alms in this way?

What is one way we will follow Jesus' teachings this Lent as a family?

# THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

## *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Deuteronomy 26:4-10*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15*

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*Reading 2:*

*Romans 10:8-13*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 4:1-13*

## *Gospel in focus*

*While fasting and praying in the desert for 40 days, Jesus was tempted by Satan.*

“You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve.”

Luke 4:8



How do you think Jesus felt while fasting in the desert for 40 days?

Why do you think Satan chose this moment to tempt Jesus?

What or who can help us when we are faced with temptation?

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14*

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*Reading 2:*

*Philippians 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 9:28b-36*

### *Gospel in focus*

*Peter, James, and John witness the Transfiguration of Jesus as He speaks with Moses and Elijah.*

“Then from the cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is my chosen Son; listen to him.’”

Luke 9:35



Which moment of the Transfiguration stands out to you the most?

Place yourself on the mountain as one of the three disciples.

How would you respond to these incredible events?

Why do you think Jesus asked the three disciples to accompany Him?



## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### *Mass readings\**

#### *Reading 1:*

*Exodus 17:3-7; Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15*

#### *Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9;*

*Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11*

#### *Reading 2:*

*Romans 5:1-2, 5-8;*

*1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12*

#### *Gospel:*

*John 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42;*

*Luke 13:1-9*

*\*Order Listed: Scrutiny; Otherwise*

### *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus tells the parable of the fig tree that bears no fruit in order to teach the crowd a lesson.*

“I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not, you can cut it down.”

Luke 13:8-9



What do you think Jesus is wanting to teach the crowd?

What does the fig tree in the parable represent?

What kind of “fruit” do we bear through our thoughts, words, and actions?

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### *Mass readings\**

#### *Reading 1:*

*1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a;*

*Joshua 5:9a, 10-12*

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#### *Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;*

*Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7*

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#### *Reading 2:*

*Ephesians 5:8-14; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21*

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#### *Gospel:*

*John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38;*

*Luke 15:1-3, 11-32*

*\*Order Listed: Scrutiny; Otherwise*

### *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus tells the story of the Prodigal Son to teach about the Father's mercy and forgiveness.*

“This son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.”

Luke 15:24



How did the younger son expect to be treated when he returned home?

When he arrived home, how was the younger son received by the father?

From the way the father in the parable speaks with both of his sons, what can we learn about God's love and mercy?

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### *Mass readings\**

#### *Reading 1:*

*Ezekiel 37:12-14; Isaiah 43:16-21*

#### *Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8;*

*Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6*

#### *Reading 2:*

*Romans 8:8-11; Philippians 3:8-14*

#### *Gospel:*

*John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45;*

*John 8:1-11*

*\*Order Listed: Scrutiny; Otherwise*

### *Gospel in focus*

*The woman caught in adultery  
receives mercy from Jesus.*

“Jesus said, ‘Neither do  
I condemn you. Go, and  
from now on do not sin  
any more.’”

John 8:11



What does Jesus want to teach the scribes and the Pharisees?

How can I enter into and accept the mercy and forgiveness  
God offers me?

When others sin against me, how can I show them the love  
of the Father?

## PALM SUNDAY

### *Mass readings*

*Procession: Luke 19:28-40*

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*Reading 1: Isaiah 50:4-7*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24*

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*Reading 2:*

*Philippians 2:6-11*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49*

### *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus celebrates the Passover with  
His disciples before His passion  
and death on the cross.*

“Jesus cried out in a loud  
voice, ‘Father, into your  
hands I commend my spirit’;  
and when he had said this  
he breathed his last.”

Luke 23:46



Which moment from the Palm Sunday Gospel stands out  
to you the most? Why?

When it is hard to trust in God’s plan, how can we  
learn from Jesus in today’s Gospel?

This is the most solemn time in the liturgical year. How will we  
enter into the Triduum this week?

# SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH

## (March 19)

### *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29

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*Reading 2:*

Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22

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*Gospel:*

Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a

### *Gospel in focus*

*Joseph is obedient to the Father and receives Mary into his home after an angel appears to him in a dream.*

“She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

Matthew 1:21



What are three words you would use to describe St. Joseph based on this Gospel?

What is one way I can follow St. Joseph's example this week?

How can we ask St. Joseph to pray for us and our family?

# SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

## *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Isaiah 7:10–14, 8:10*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 40:7–8a, 8b–9, 10, 11*

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*Reading 2:*

*Hebrews 10:4–10*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 1:26–38*

## *Gospel in focus*

*Mary is visited by the angel Gabriel  
and responds with her beautiful  
“fiat.”*

“Mary said, ‘Behold, I am  
the handmaid of the Lord.  
May it be done to me  
according to your word.’”

Luke 1:38



Mary listened to the angel Gabriel, even when the message was surprising.  
How do we learn to listen to God in our own lives?

When Mary could have responded out of fear, she instead chose to trust.  
When we encounter fear, what can help us trust God and His plan for us?

How would you describe Mary to someone that has never read this Gospel?

# MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, HOLY THURSDAY

## *Mass readings\**

### *Reading 1:*

*Isaiah 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9;*

*Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14*

### *Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 89:21-22, 25, 27;*

*Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18*

### *Reading 2:*

*Revelation 1:5-8; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

### *Gospel:*

*Luke 4:16-21; John 13:1-15*

*\*Order Listed: Chrism Mass; Otherwise*

*\*\*The Chrism Mass day is moveable by diocese.*

## *Gospel in focus*

*Before the feast of the Passover  
begins, Jesus washes the feet  
of His disciples.*

“I have given you a model  
to follow, so that as I have  
done for you, you should  
also do.”

John 13:15



How would you have responded to Jesus wanting to wash your feet?

When is it difficult to serve others? When is it easy to serve others?

How will we serve those in our family and community and world,  
as Jesus calls us to?



## GOOD FRIDAY

### *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Isaiah 52:13—53:12*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25*

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*Reading 2:*

*Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9*

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*Gospel:*

*John 18:1—19:42*

### *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus enters into His passion and  
is put to death on the cross.*

“For this I was born and for  
this I came into the world, to  
testify to the truth. Everyone  
who belongs to the truth  
listens to my voice.”

John 18:37



What does Jesus mean when he says to “listen to my voice”? What is the difference between listening and hearing?

Today’s Gospel passage is one of the longest of the whole year. What part stands out to you in particular? Who do you most relate to?

The last words Jesus said on the cross were “I thirst” and “It is finished”. As we end this penitential season, how can we offer up our own suffering or pray for those who are suffering right now?

# EASTER

## Mass readings\*

*Reading 1: Genesis 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26–31a;  
Acts 10:34a, 37–43*

*Responsorial Psalm: Various;  
Psalm 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23*

*Reading 2: Genesis 22:1–18 or 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13,  
15–18; Colossians 3:1–4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b–8*

*Reading 3: Exodus 14:15—15:1*

*Reading 4: Isaiah 54:5–14*

*Reading 5: Isaiah 55:1–11*

*Reading 6: Baruch 3:9–15, 32–4:4*

*Reading 7: Ezekiel 36:16–17a, 18–28*

*Epistle: Romans 6:3–11*

*Gospel: Luke 24:1–12; John 20:1–9  
or Luke 24:1–12 or Luke 24:13–35*

*\*Order Listed: Holy Saturday Easter Vigil; Easter Day*

## Gospel in focus

*After Mary of Magdala discovers  
the empty tomb, John and Simon  
Peter quickly go to the tomb and  
find it is empty.*

“For they did not yet  
understand the Scripture  
that he had to rise from  
the dead.”

John 20:9



How do you think Mary of Magdala felt when she saw the heavy stone removed from the tomb? Was she confused, excited, hopeful or scared? How would you feel?

What is something in your life that has been surprising to you or not as you expected? How can you trust God in these moments?

How can I make this new liturgical season one of rejoicing?

# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

## *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Acts 5:12-16*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24*

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*Reading 2:*

*Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19*

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*Gospel:*

*John 20:19-31*

## *Gospel in focus*

*After He rises from the dead,  
Jesus appears to the disciples and  
performs many signs before them.*

“Jesus came and stood  
in their midst and said to  
them, ‘Peace be with you.’”

John 20:19



Who is someone you would describe as peaceful?

What is a time in your life when you felt peaceful? Where is a place  
that you always feel peace?

What do you find is an obstacle to peace? It is a thing? A habit?  
How can we make space for Christ’s peace to fill our hearts?

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13*

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*Reading 2:*

*Revelation 5:11-14*

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*Gospel:*

*John 21:1-19 or 21:1-14*

### *Gospel in focus*

*Peter and the disciples go fishing  
and encounter Jesus on the shore,  
who helps them catch their fill of fish  
and invites them to eat with Him.*

“He said to him,  
‘Follow me.’”

John 21:19



Imagine if Jesus came up to you today and asked “Do you love me?” like he asks Peter in today’s Gospel. What would you say? What are daily actions that show my love for Jesus?

When was a time when it was hard to recognize Jesus at work in my life?

What does following Jesus look like for me this week? Where can my family help me follow Jesus?

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Acts 13:14, 43-52*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5*

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*Reading 2:*

*Revelation 7:9, 14b-17*

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*Gospel:*

*John 10:27-30*

### *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus reminds us that in following Him, we are His and He gives us eternal life.*

“I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.”

John 10:27-28



When was a time you heard God's voice or felt like God was leading you?

How can we be more open to listening to God's voice or seeing how God is asking us to follow Him?

Who is someone in my life who has answered Jesus' call to follow Him? How can I learn from this person?

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Acts 14:21-27*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13*

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*Reading 2:*

*Revelation 21:1-5a*

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*Gospel:*

*John 13:31-33a, 34-35*

### *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus gives the disciples  
a new commandment,  
to love one another.*

“This is how all will  
know that you are my  
disciples, if you have love  
for one another.”

John 13:35



When it is hard to love someone, how can we look to Jesus to guide us? Instead of getting frustrated or upset with them, what is the best way to show them love, kindness, or compassion?

What is one way that you feel particularly loved in your family?

What is one way I will show love to someone else this week? Pick a specific person and decide what you will do.

## THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Acts 15:1-2, 22-29*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8*

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*Reading 2:*

*Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23;*

*Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20*

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*Gospel:*

*John 14:23-29; John 17:20-26*

### *Gospel in focus*

*Before He goes to be with the Father, Jesus tells the disciples about the Holy Spirit who will remain with them and guide them.*

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.”

John 14:27



Saying goodbye can be hard. What is a time you had to say goodbye?  
How do you think the disciples felt in this Gospel passage?

Jesus says “Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.” Are there areas of my life that are troubled and I can trust in His peace?

How is Jesus preparing the disciples for what the Father has in store for them?



# SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

## *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Acts 1:1-11*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9*

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*Reading 2:*

*Ephesians 1:17-23 or*

*Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:19-23*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 24:46-53*

## *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus instructs the disciples about all that has happened and ascends into Heaven, leaving the disciples filled with joy and praising God.*

“Then he led them out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven.”

Luke 24:50-51



Why do you think the disciples were filled with joy?

When was a time you were overcome with gratitude or joy?

Praising God can take many forms! What are different ways we can praise God this week?

## THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Acts 7:55-60*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 97:1-2, 6-7, 9*

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*Reading 2:*

*Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20*

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*Gospel:*

*John 17:20-26*

### *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus prays to the Father for us,  
that we would be one and see the  
glory of God.*

“Father, they are your  
gift to me. I wish that  
where I am they also  
may be with me.”

John 17:24



What is one of your favorite gifts you have received? How did it make you feel?

What makes a good gift?

God wants only the best for us. How can we invite God into our hopes and dreams for the future?

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

### *Mass readings\**

#### *Reading 1:*

*Genesis 11:1-9 or Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b or  
Ezekiel 37:1-14 or Joel 3:1-5; Acts 2:1-11*

#### *Responsorial Psalm:\*\**

*Psalm 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30; Psalm 33:10-11,  
12-13, 14-15; Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34*

#### *Reading 2:*

*Romans 8:22-27; Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b;  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Romans 8:8-17*

#### *Reading 3: Ezekiel 37:1-14*

#### *Reading 4: Joel 3:1-5*

*Epistle: Romans 8:22-27*

#### *Gospel:*

*John 7:37-39; John 20:19-23 or 14:15-16, 23b-26*

*\*Order Listed: Vigil Mass, Extended Vigil, Mass During the Day*

*\*\* Additional Psalms available from the USCCB website or  
Every Sacred Sunday Mass journal*

### *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus breathes upon the disciples  
and the Holy Spirit descends  
upon them.*

“Receive the Holy Spirit.  
Whose sins you forgive are  
forgiven them, and whose  
sins you retain are retained.”

John 20:22-23



Why does Jesus give us the gift of the Holy Spirit before He  
ascends into heaven?

When is a time you had to forgive someone or when someone  
forgave you? What did this teach you about God's mercy?

How can we invite the Holy Spirit into our daily lives this week?

## THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Isaiah 62:1-5*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10*

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*Reading 2:*

*1 Corinthians 12:4-11*

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*Gospel:*

*John 2:1-11*

### *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus turns water into wine at  
the wedding at Cana.*

“His mother said to the  
servers, ‘Do whatever  
he tells you.’”

John 2:5



Picture yourself as one of the servers at the wedding. How would you  
have reacted to Jesus’ miracle?

Why do you think Jesus chose this to be His first miracle?

Share a time when you have asked Mary for help.

## THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15*

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*Reading 2:*

*1 Corinthians 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21*

### *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus tells the people at the synagogue that He is the One the prophet Isaiah was referring to.*

“He said to them, ‘Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.’”

Luke 4:21



Jesus returns to his hometown in this Gospel. How do you think everyone felt when Jesus declared that He is the One referred to in scripture?

Today's Gospel reminds us how important it is to read scripture.

How can I spend time in scripture this week?

Jesus claims to release captives and free the oppressed. In what ways does He do this throughout His earthly ministry?

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17*

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*Reading 2:*

*1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 4:21-30*

### *Gospel in focus*

*The people of the synagogue drive  
Jesus out of town when they hear  
Him say He is the prophet that  
Isaiah spoke of.*

“And he said, ‘Amen, I say  
to you, no prophet  
is accepted in his own  
native place.’”

Luke 4:24



Have you ever shared your faith with someone? How did it go?  
If not, what keeps you from sharing your faith?

Why do you think the people didn't like what Jesus had to say?

Have you ever been frustrated by something Jesus had to say?

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8*

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*Reading 2:*

*1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 5:1-11*

### *Gospel in focus*

*Simon, James, and John  
become Jesus' disciples after  
Jesus performs a miracle.*

“When they brought  
their boats to the shore,  
they left everything and  
followed him.”

Luke 5:11



Has God ever done something unexpected in your life? What happened?

How might Jesus be calling you to follow Him? What might you need  
to “leave behind” to follow Jesus?

What do you think it feels like to leave “everything”? Try going for  
a walk this week without bringing anything. What do you notice?



## THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Jeremiah 17:5-8*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6*

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*Reading 2:*

*1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 6:17, 20-26*

### *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus teaches the Beatitudes.*

“Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied.”

Luke 6:20



When you hear the word “blessed,” what comes to mind?

Do you know anyone who lives the Beatitudes well? If so, who?

Which of the Beatitudes do you live out? Which are difficult to live out?

# THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## *Mass readings*

### *Reading 1:*

*1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23*

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### *Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13*

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### *Reading 2:*

*1 Corinthians 15:45-49*

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### *Gospel:*

*Luke 6:27-38*

## *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus teaches His disciples how  
to treat their enemies.*

“To you who hear I say,  
love your enemies, do good  
to those who hate you.”

Luke 6:27



Today's Gospel says to lend to others and expect nothing back. Does this challenge the way you have behaved with others in the past?

Jesus says to “stop judging and you will not be judged.” Have I ever judged others unfairly or harshly? How does it feel when I have been judged myself?

What is the difference between mercy and judgment?

## THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Sirach 27:4-7*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16*

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*Reading 2:*

*1 Corinthians 15:54-58*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 6:39-45*

### *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus teaches His disciples about  
humility in dealing with others.*

“A good tree does not  
bear rotten fruit, nor  
does a rotten tree bear  
good fruit.”

Luke 6:43



Today's Gospel reminds us to discern our own actions rather than condemning others. Looking at this past week, have I fallen into this habit?

Jesus says “from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.” What does this mean to you?

How can you treat others in a way that would please Jesus? What “good fruit” do we have to offer others this week?

## THE NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*1 Kings 8:41-43*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 117:1, 2*

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*Reading 2:*

*Galatians 1:1-2, 6-10*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 7:1-10*

### *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus heals the centurion's servant.*

“Therefore, I did not consider myself worthy to come to you; but say the word and let my servant be healed.”

Luke 7:7



Have you ever felt like you were not worthy or qualified enough to do something? What does this Gospel passage teach us?

Today we hear the centurion say important words that we repeat each week at Mass during the consecration. Do you recognize this quote?

This Gospel shows us that Jesus can heal anyone! Do you need healing or is there anyone you can pray for today that needs healing?

## THE TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*1 Kings 17:17-24*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13*

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*Reading 2:*

*Galatians 1:11-19*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 7:11-17*

### *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus raises a young man  
from the dead.*

“When the Lord saw her,  
he was moved with pity  
for her and said to her,  
‘Do not weep.’”

Luke 7:13



Why do you think Jesus decided to raise the man from the dead?  
What does this say about His love for us?

What comforts you when you're sad? How is God calling you to  
comfort those who mourn?

Share a time when God comforted you.

# THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## *Mass readings*

### *Reading 1:*

*2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13*

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### *Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 7, 11*

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### *Reading 2:*

*Galatians 2:16, 19-21*

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### *Gospel:*

*Luke 7:36—8:3 or 7:36-50*

## *Gospel in focus*

*A sinful woman anoints Jesus' feet.*

“So I tell you, her many sins  
have been forgiven; hence  
she has shown great love.  
But the one to whom little  
is forgiven, loves little.”

Luke 7:47



Have you ever had a hard time forgiving someone?

Love is a natural response to being forgiven – why? What does  
forgiveness mean to you?

Today's Gospel focuses on forgiveness. Have you been to Confession  
lately or are you preparing for your first Confession soon? Do you  
have any questions on it?

## THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Zechariah 12:10-11, 13:1*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9*

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*Reading 2:*

*Galatians 3:26-29*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 9:18-24*

### *Gospel in focus*

*Peter proclaims Jesus is  
the Messiah.*

“For whoever wishes to  
save his life will lose it,  
but whoever loses his life  
for my sake will save it.”

Luke 9:24



Today's Scripture opens with Jesus praying in solitude. Why do you think He did this?

Jesus tells the disciples to deny themselves and take up their cross.  
What does Jesus mean by “cross”?

Jesus asks Peter, “Who do you say that I am?” Imagine Jesus asking you this question. What would you say?



# THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11*

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*Reading 2:*

*Galatians 5:1, 13-18*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 9:51-62*

## *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus tells us we must be willing  
to leave everything behind to  
follow Him.*

“But he answered him,  
‘Let the dead bury their  
dead. But you, go and  
proclaim the kingdom  
of God.’”

Luke 9:60



What does it mean to “proclaim the kingdom of God”? How can we  
do that with our family, friends, and community?

What is hard about following Jesus?

What is God calling you to leave behind?

## THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Isaiah 66:10-14c*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20*

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*Reading 2:*

*Galatians 6:14-18*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 10:1-12, 17-20*

### *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus sends out His disciples  
to preach the Gospel.*

“He said to them,  
‘The harvest is abundant  
but the laborers are few;  
so ask the master of the  
harvest to send out  
laborers for his harvest.’”

Luke 10:2



Jesus sends out His disciples in pairs. Who is someone that helps you in your faith journey? Why do we need others as we walk with Christ?

What keeps you from sharing Jesus with others?

Who is God calling you to share His love with this week?

## THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Deuteronomy 30:10-14*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37  
or 19:8, 9, 10, 11*

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*Reading 2:*

*Colossians 1:15-20*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 10:25-37*

### *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus tells the parable of the  
Good Samaritan.*

“He answered, ‘The one  
who treated him with  
mercy.’ Jesus said to him,  
‘Go and do likewise.’”

Luke 10:37



Jesus is called many different names throughout the Gospels. What does it mean when we hear him called “Teacher” today?

The Good Samaritan shows us God’s love in action. How can we follow his example in our own lives?

Do I hold tightly to my plans? Am I willing to be inconvenienced to help others? How do I react when things don’t go my way?

## THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Genesis 18:1-10a*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 5*

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*Reading 2:*

*Colossians 1:24-28*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 10:38-42*

### *Gospel in focus*

*Martha and Mary receive Jesus  
in their home.*

“There is need of only one  
thing. Mary has chosen the  
better part and it will not  
be taken from her.”

Luke 10:42



Compare and contrast Martha and Mary's actions in today's Gospel.  
Do you relate to one of them more than the other?

What does it mean to sit at the feet of Jesus?

What does “the presence of the Lord” mean to you?

## THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Genesis 18:20-32*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8*

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*Reading 2:*

*Colossians 2:12-14*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 11:1-13*

### *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus teaches His disciples  
how to pray.*

“And I tell you, ask and  
you will receive; seek and  
you will find; knock and  
the door will be opened  
to you.”

Luke 11:9



What is your favorite way to pray? Why?

Why do you think God wants us to ask Him for what we need,  
when He already knows what we need?

What do you humbly need from God this week? Pray for it  
sincerely today while at Mass or throughout the week.

## THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17*

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*Reading 2:*

*Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 12:13-21*

### *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus warns against greed.*

“Then he said to the crowd,  
‘Take care to guard against  
all greed, for though one  
may be rich, one’s life does  
not consist of possessions.’”

Luke 12:15



Today’s Gospel reminds us that our earthly possessions can never fulfill us. How can our family guard against greed?

What does it mean to be “rich in what matters to God”?

Why do you think Jesus uses parables to teach us about God and how we should live our lives?

## THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Wisdom 18:6-9*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22*

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*Reading 2:*

*Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 12:32-48 or 12:35-40*

### *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus tells us to be ready at any  
moment for His return.*

“For where your treasure  
is, there also will your  
heart be.”

Luke 12:34



What do you treasure?

If you knew Jesus were returning tomorrow, how would  
you live today?

If Jesus returned today, would you be ready?

## THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 40:2, 3, 4, 18*

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*Reading 2:*

*Hebrews 12:1-4*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 12:49-53*

### *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus tells us that we will be  
divided in following Him.*

“I have come to set the  
earth on fire, and how  
I wish it were already  
blazing!”

Luke 12:49



What do you think Jesus meant when He said He came to set the  
earth on fire?

Would you say you are on fire for Christ? Why or why not?

Do you know and love anyone who does not know Jesus? Who?  
How can you share the love of Christ with them?



# THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Isaiah 66:18–21*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 117:1, 2*

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*Reading 2:*

*Hebrews 12:5–7, 11–13*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 13:22–30*

## *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus teaches the parable of the  
“narrow gate” that not all  
will be saved.*

“For behold, some are last  
who will be first, and some  
are first who will be last.”

Luke 13:30



Jesus uses powerful language to share his message today – how do these words make you feel? Excited, frightened, confused, or convicted?

What does it mean to be “first” or “last” in terms of the Gospel?

What do you think Jesus meant when he talks about the “narrow gate”?

## THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11*

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*Reading 2:*

*Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 14:1, 7-14*

### *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus teaches the importance  
of humility.*

“For every one who exalts  
himself will be humbled,  
but the one who humbles  
himself will be exalted.”

Luke 14:11



What does “humility” mean to you?

Do you have anyone in your life who you try to impress? Why?

How is God calling you to be humble this week?

# THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Wisdom 9:13-18b*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17*

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*Reading 2:*

*Philemon 9-10, 12-17*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 14:25-33*

## *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus teaches that we must deny ourselves to follow Him.*

“Whoever does not  
carry his own cross and  
come after me cannot  
be my disciple.”

Luke 14:27



In this Gospel Jesus tells us we must do many hard things in order to follow Him. What are some of those actions we must take?

Have you ever had to give anything up to follow Jesus? What was it?

What cross is God asking you to carry?

# THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19*

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*Reading 2:*

*1 Timothy 1:12-17*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 15:1-32*

## *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus tells the Parables of the Lost Sheep, Lost Coin, and Prodigal Son to teach about the joy God has when a sinner repents.*

“And when he does find [the lost sheep], he sets it on his shoulders with great joy.”

Luke 15:5



Today we see three different parables showing God’s love for us and his joy when we turn back to Him. Which parable stands out the most to you? Why?

Have you ever been ashamed to talk to God? Why or why not?

Jesus leaves the 99 sheep to chase after just one! What does this say about how much He loves us?

ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

# THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Amos 8:4-7*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8*

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*Reading 2:*

*1 Timothy 2:1-8*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13*

## *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus tells a parable about the dishonest steward.*

“If you are not trustworthy  
with what belongs to  
another, who will give  
you what is yours?”

Luke 16:12



Jesus says that we cannot serve two masters. What does he mean by “masters” and why can’t we serve more than one?

What does the word “trustworthy” mean to you? How can we show we are trustworthy through our actions this week?

As a family, how can we be wise stewards of what God has given to us?

# THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Amos 6:1a, 4-7*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10*

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*Reading 2:*

*1 Timothy 6:11-16*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 16:19-31*

## *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus tells the story of a rich man  
who dies and regrets that he had  
ignored the needs of the poor man  
Lazarus .*

“But Abraham replied,  
‘They have Moses and  
the prophets. Let them  
listen to them.’”

Luke 16:29



Today’s Gospel shows that there can be serious consequences of not following God’s teachings. Why did the rich man make this mistake?

Why was it hard for him to listen to God?

Has anyone ever treated you poorly like Lazarus was treated? Can you relate to how he might have felt?

What could the rich man in today’s Gospel have done differently?

# THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9*

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*Reading 2:*

*2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 17:5-10*

## *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus tells us we can do much with  
even just a little bit of faith.*

“The Lord replied, ‘If you  
have faith the size of a  
mustard seed, you would  
say to this mulberry tree,  
‘Be uprooted and planted in  
the sea,’ and it would obey  
you.’”

Luke 17:6



What do you think of when you hear the word “faith”?

Have you ever seen God answer a prayer? What happened?

What are “little” acts of faith you can make this week?

# THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*2 Kings 5:14-17*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4*

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*Reading 2:*

*2 Timothy 2:8-13*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 17:11-19*

## *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus heals 10 lepers.*

“Then he said to him,  
‘Stand up and go; your faith  
has saved you.’”

Luke 17:19



Why do you think Jesus healed the lepers?

Ten lepers were cleansed but only one came back to thank Jesus.

Why do you think this detail was included in the Gospel today?

There are many types of healing. How can we follow God to be instruments of His healing grace to our family and community?



# THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Exodus 17:8–13*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 121:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8*

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*Reading 2:*

*2 Timothy 3:14–4:2*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 18:1–8*

## *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus teaches us to be persistent  
in prayer.*

“Will not God then secure  
the rights of his chosen  
ones who call out to him  
day and night? Will he be  
slow to answer them?”

Luke 18:7



Have you ever had a prayer that felt unanswered? What happened?

What does “persistence in prayer” mean to you?

Pick an intention to pray for as a family, and pray for  
it every night.

# THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23*

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*Reading 2:*

*2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 18:9-14*

## *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus teaches that the Lord hears  
the cries of humble sinners.*

“But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, ‘O God, be merciful to me a sinner.’”

Luke 18:13



Have you ever felt “convinced of your own righteousness”?

Tax collectors were often disliked, yet Jesus draws our attention to this man in today’s Gospel as an example of humility – why do you think He did this?

Have you ever prayed the Litany of Humility? Consider praying it as a family this week.

ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

# THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Wisdom 11:22—12:2*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14*

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*Reading 2:*

*2 Thessalonians 1:11—2:2*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 19:1-10*

## *Gospel in focus*

*Zacchaeus climbs a tree to see  
Jesus, and Jesus stays at his house.*

“For the Son of Man has  
come to seek and to save  
what was lost.”

Luke 19:10



Zacchaeus makes a great effort to climb a tree and be able to see Jesus! How can we make an effort to always seek out the Lord in our own lives?

How would you react if Jesus told you He was coming to your house?

How is the Lord asking you to prepare your heart for Him?

ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

# THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## *Mass readings*

### *Reading 1:*

*2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14*

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### *Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15*

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### *Reading 2:*

*2 Thessalonians 2:16—3:5*

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### *Gospel:*

*Luke 20:27-38*

## *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus teaches the  
Sadducees about the  
resurrection of the dead.*

“And he is not God of the  
dead, but of the living, for  
to him all are alive.”

Luke 20:38



What do you think heaven is like?

Do you fear death? Why or why not?

As a family, pick a saint that you would like to ask to pray for you.

ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

# THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*  
*Malachi 3:19–20a*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*  
*Psalm 98:5–6, 7–8, 9*

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*Reading 2:*  
*2 Thessalonians 3:7–12*

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*Gospel:*  
*Luke 21:5–19*

## *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus teaches about coming  
persecution.*

“Remember, you are not to  
prepare your defense  
beforehand, for I myself shall  
give you a wisdom in speaking  
that all your adversaries will  
be powerless to resist  
or refute.”

Luke 21:15



In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that nothing on earth is a guarantee, rather our faith is ultimately in Him alone! How can we live our days with this reminder?

Who is someone that you think has great wisdom? What can we  
learn from them?

Has anyone ever challenged your faith? What happened?

## SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

### *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Proverbs 8:22-31*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9*

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*Reading 2:*

*Romans 5:1-5*

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*Gospel:*

*John 16:12-15*

### *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus shares with His disciples  
about the relationship between the  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

“But when he comes, the  
Spirit of truth, he will guide  
you to all truth.”

John 16:13



As Catholics we believe in the Holy Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
How would you explain this to someone who has never heard of it before?

How would you describe your relationship with the Holy Spirit? Have you  
ever tried to call upon the Holy Spirit throughout your day to guide you  
and protect you?

What questions do you have about the Holy Trinity? How can we find  
the answers together this week?

# SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

## *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Genesis 14:18–20*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4*

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*Reading 2:*

*1 Corinthians 11:23–26*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 9:11b–17*

## *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus prays over and blesses the  
five loaves and two fish to feed the  
five thousand.*

“Looking up to heaven,  
he said the blessing over  
them, broke them, and gave  
them to the disciples to set  
before the crowd.”

Luke 9:16



Imagine you are tired and hungry in a crowd of people, and Jesus provides a plentiful meal! What is Jesus trying to teach us here?

In today's Gospel, Jesus takes an offering that seems small and magnifies it. What is something small you can offer to God? How might he transform it?

What is an area of your life where you feel “hungry”?

## FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION (Feb. 2)

### *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Malachi 3:1-4*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10*

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*Reading 2:*

*Hebrews 2:14-18*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32*

### *Gospel in focus*

*Mary and Joseph present Jesus at the temple to Simeon and Anna.*

“The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him”

Luke 2:40



In today's Gospel we see that Jesus was destined for great things even as a small child! We also have many great saints who lived out God's will as children. What decisions and actions this week can help lead you towards sainthood?

Mary and Joseph were obedient in bringing Jesus to the temple. What does obedience look like in my life?

How can our family help each other attend Mass regularly and pray together consistently, just as the Holy Family did?



## SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST (June 24)

### *Mass readings\**

#### *Reading 1:*

*Jeremiah 1:4-10; Isaiah 49:1-6*

#### *Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17;*

*Psalm 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15*

#### *Reading 2:*

*1 Peter 1:8-12; Acts 13:22-26*

#### *Gospel:*

*Luke 1:5-17; Luke 1:57-66, 80*

*\*Order listed: Vigil; Mass during the day*

### *Gospel in focus*

*An angel appears to Zechariah  
in the temple to tell him about  
John and all that John will do  
for the Lord.*

“You will have joy and  
gladness, and many will  
rejoice at his birth, for he  
will be great in the sight  
of the Lord.”

Luke 1:14-15



Zechariah had reason to be troubled or even doubt God’s promises, but he continued to serve God. How did God respond to his faithfulness?

What can we learn from Zechariah?

As a child, John the Baptist “grew and became strong in spirit”. What does it mean to be strong in spirit? How do you think he did this?

# SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART

## *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Ezekiel 34:11-16*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6*

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*Reading 2:*

*Romans 5:5b-11*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 15:3-7*

## *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus uses the Parable of the Lost Sheep to describe His love for us and joy when we return to Him.*

“There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.”

Luke 15:7



Imagine you lost something you deeply loved and then suddenly found it! How would you react?

Jesus relates the joy at finding a lost sheep to a sinner who repents. What does this tell us about the nature of sin and trying to follow God's will?

Jesus celebrates our steps towards holiness. Help each person in your family think of a “holy step” they took recently and celebrate with them!

# SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

## (June 29)

### *Mass readings\**

#### *Reading 1:*

*Acts 3:1-10; Acts 12:1-11*

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#### *Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5;*

*Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9*

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#### *Reading 2:*

*Galatians 1:11-20; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18*

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#### *Gospel:*

*John 21:15-19; Matthew 16:13-19*

*\*Order Listed: Vigil; Mass during the day*

### *Gospel in focus*

*After responding that Jesus is the Son of the living God, Peter is told he will be the rock upon which Jesus will build His Church.*

**“You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.”**

**Matthew 16:18**



How do you think Peter felt when He heard these words from Jesus?  
Would you have been scared, excited, nervous, or joyful?

What can we learn about the person of Peter through this  
Gospel passage?

How did Peter and Paul impact the early Church? How do we play  
a role in the Church today?

# FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

## (August 6)

### *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 9*

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*Reading 2:*

*2 Peter 1:16-19*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 9:28b-36*

### *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John as He talks with Moses and Elijah.*

“While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white.”

Luke 9:29



Imagine being present at the Transfiguration. What questions would you have for Jesus while walking back down the mountain?

Jesus goes up high on a mountaintop to pray and spend time with His Father. Where do you feel closest to God?

Have you experienced awe or wonder? How can these experiences reveal to us God’s glory?

# SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (August 15)

## *Mass readings\**

### *Reading 1:*

*1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16, 16:1-2;  
Revelation 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab*

### *Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14;  
Psalm 45:10, 11, 12, 16*

### *Reading 2:*

*1 Corinthians 15:54b-57;  
1 Corinthians 15:20-27*

### *Gospel:*

*Luke 11:27-28; Luke 1:39-56*

*\*Order Listed: Vigil; Mass during the day*

## *Gospel in focus*

*After Elizabeth greets Mary,  
Mary rejoices and proclaims her  
beautiful Magnificat.*

“And Mary said: ‘My soul  
proclaims the greatness of  
the Lord; my spirit rejoices  
in God my Savior.’”

Luke 1:46-47



Mary’s beautiful words about the Lord’s faithfulness are spoken to her dear friend Elizabeth. How can I share my faith with my friends as well?

What can I give praise for today, just as Mary did in the Magnificat?

How can we include praise in our daily routine as a family?

# EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

## (September 24)

### *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Numbers 21:4b–9*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 78:1bc–2, 34–35, 36–37, 38*

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*Reading 2:*

*Philippians 2:6–11*

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*Gospel:*

*John 3:13–17*

### *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus shares with Nicodemus  
why He has come and how He  
will return to the Father.*

“For God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who  
believes in him might not  
perish but might have  
eternal life.”

John 3:16



If you met someone who had never heard of Jesus, how would you explain Jesus and what He has done for them?

Jesus died for every single one of us and His love is for all! What does that mean for those who I do not always agree or get along with?

We each are given the choice to decide whether we believe in Jesus as our Savior. Why is it important that this is a personal decision?

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# SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

## (November 1)

### *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6*

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*Reading 2:*

*1 John 3:1-3*

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*Gospel:*

*Matthew 5:1-12a*

### *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus teaches the Beatitudes  
to the crowds.*

“Blessed are the clean  
of heart, for they will  
see God.”

Matthew 5:8



Which of these beatitudes do you see in the lives of the  
saints you know?

Which of these beatitudes do you see in the lives of your  
family members?

Which of the beatitudes do you find challenges you the most?

## COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS) (November 2)

### *Mass readings\**

*Reading 1:*

*Wisdom 3:1-9*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6*

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*Reading 2:*

*Romans 5:5-11 or 6:3-9*

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*Gospel:*

*John 6:37-40*

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*\*Lectionary 668 (given above) or from  
Masses for the Dead (1011-1016)*

### *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus tells that he has been sent to  
do the will of God the Father..*

“For this is the will of my  
Father, that everyone who  
sees the Son and believes in  
him may have eternal life.”

John 6:40



Jesus offers each of us “eternal life” – hallelujah! Have you ever  
thought about what this will be like? How do you imagine it?

Who can we pray for today? Do we have family or friends who have  
passed away, who we can offer our prayers throughout the week?

Why do we take the time as a Church to pray for those who are departed?



# THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA (November 9)

## *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9*

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*Reading 2:*

*1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17*

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*Gospel:*

*John 2:13-22*

## *Gospel in focus*

*Jesus drives the markets out  
of the temple.*

“Take these out of here,  
and stop making my  
Father’s house a  
marketplace.”

John 2:16



Are there any places in our hearts we need to clean up and make  
space for the Lord?

What is reverence? How can we be respectful and reverent when we  
are in the house of the Lord?

How can Jesus help us rebuild if there are “markets” in our lives  
we need to drive out?

# SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

## *Mass readings*

*Reading 1:*

*2 Samuel 5:1-3*

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*Responsorial Psalm:*

*Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5*

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*Reading 2:*

*Colossians 1:12-20*

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*Gospel:*

*Luke 23:35-43*

## *Gospel in focus*

*Before Jesus dies on the cross,  
He forgives the repentant criminal.*

“Then he said, ‘Jesus,  
remember me when you  
come into your kingdom.’  
He replied to him, ‘Amen,  
I say to you, today you will  
be with me in Paradise.’”

Luke 23:42-43



As Jesus was on the cross “people stood by and watched”. How do  
you think He felt in these moments?

How does Jesus respond to those who mock and torment Him?

Christ is King above all other kings. How does this offer  
comfort or peace today?

*before you go*

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



### Ablaze Families Community

*[ablaze.us/ablaze-families](https://ablaze.us/ablaze-families)*

Join the Ablaze Families online community and find more parenting resources to raise saints.



### Ablaze Parent Courses

*[ablazefamilies.mykajabi.com](https://ablazefamilies.mykajabi.com)*

Online Catholic parenting courses that help you bring your kids to heaven while growing in faith yourself.



### ESS Mass Journal

*[everysacredsunday.com/journal](https://everysacredsunday.com/journal)*

A keepsake quality hardcover journal with full Sunday Mass readings and space for notes to help you prepare and pray.



### The Sunday Series

*[everysacredsunday.com/sundayseries](https://everysacredsunday.com/sundayseries)*

Free weekly reflections on the Sunday Mass readings from a variety of Catholic writers, sent directly to your inbox.

## Questions or comments?

*We'd love to hear from you! Email us at [hello@everysacredsunday.com](mailto:hello@everysacredsunday.com), and thank you for joining us in saying "yes!" to God, one Sunday at a time!*