

**Confirmation Mass Assignment**

November 5, 2017

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12**

**Instructions:** While attending mass listen to the gospel and then read the gospel reflection. Answer the questions. Turn in with a bulletin from the mass.

**Gospel Reflection**

Today's gospel reminds us that the good example of one person can have far reaching effects. The advice Jesus gives is that our lives--not just our words--should bring the good news to others. In other words, we should practice what we preach. When we fail to do this, we rob our beliefs of their power to affect others. Think of the early Christian martyrs whose example of faith led others to Christ.

**Gospel Questions:**

1. What does Jesus say are the traits of a good leader? Is humility important? How did Jesus live the virtue of humility?
2. Where do you see people in your life reflecting God's love and wisdom?
3. Recall people in your own life who have brought you closer to God. Who was it and how did they bring you closer to God?
4. How will you act so that your life can be a message of faith to everyone you meet?

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**Confirmation Mass Assignment**

November 12, 2017

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13**

**Instructions:** While attending mass listen to the gospel and then read the gospel reflection. Answer the questions. Turn in with a bulletin from the mass.

**Gospel Reflection:**

As we get closer to Advent the readings seek to awaken us. Jesus makes it clear that the joys of heaven are not a given, but nor do we have to earn them. Rather, we have to be ready and present. The gift is already given but we need to be prepared to receive it. Attentiveness brings us to live more fully in each moment instead of focusing on the past or the future. Nothing is a given and not even the past is static as our experiences are constantly changed by our present interactions.

**Gospel Questions:**

1. A parable is a story told to teach a lesson. What is the lesson of the story of the wise and foolish bridesmaids? According to this story, can wisdom be borrowed?
2. Why do we need the gift of wisdom? Name some wise people or wisdom figures in your life who can help us to discover sensible ways of acting.
3. Why is it good to be prepared? What are some things that need more of your attention?
4. Name some ways that Jesus comes into your life. Why do we need to be prepared daily for Christ's coming? How can we wisely be ready when he comes?

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**Confirmation I Mass Assignment**

November 19, 2017

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30**

**Instructions:** While attending mass listen to the gospel and then read the gospel reflection. Answer the following questions and turn in your answers with a bulletin from the mass.

***Gospel Reflection***

Our gifts are given to us to be used. However, it can be scary that the offer of our gifts will be rejected. What we see in the story is that God will make our gifts more bountiful when we use them. Our gifts will not grow unless they are used. Sometimes, it takes a while to discover our strengths and talents, but when we do, they will bring abundance to us and others as well.

***Gospel Questions***

1. Why does the third servant bury his funds? Have you ever been afraid to do something good?—Why or Why not?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. List some of your gifts/talents. When God gives gifts/talents He expects them to be used to help others. How can the gifts/talents on our list be used to help others?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. When the wise servants report to their master, he says, "Come share your master's joy." Have you ever felt joy after you have done a good job at something? Explain.

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**Confirmation I Mass Assignment**

November 26, 2016

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

**Gospel: Matthew 25:31-36**

**Instructions:** While attending mass listen to the gospel and then read the gospel reflection. Answer the following questions and turn in your answers with a bulletin from the mass.

***Gospel Reflection***

Recognizing Christ as King reminds us of our baptismal call and our anointing at Baptism. Made in the image of God, we gave a promise through our Baptism to reflect the divine in all we do. When we pay attention to this call, people will be attracted to the spark of divinity that shines through us. Proudly wear the crown you were born with and the difference in you will be as clear as separating sheep from goats.

***Gospel Questions***

1. How do you reflect God in everyday situations?
2. In what way does God's love rule in your heart?
3. How lucky we are to have Jesus tell us what they did not seem to know, that when we do for others, we do to him. What does this mean about whom we might choose to befriend or about how we ought to act toward other people?
4. How will God's love be lived through you?