

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?

DUE: November 30th

Name _____

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?

