

Confirmation Mass Assignment

October 1, 2017

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

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

Jesus tells a parable to a group of religious leaders. He wants them to figure out which one of the sons did his father's will. Was it the one who said yes but never showed up? Or was it the one who said no but later repented and carried out the father's wishes. Sometimes people can deceive us by smooth talk. But God is never deceived. Like Jesus, our lives can be a "yes" to God the Father in word and deed.

Gospel Questions:

1. Have you ever said, "yes" to someone and then not done what you agreed to do or did you ever say "no" to someone who asked you (like a parent or teacher) but then regretted it and changed your mind? How did you feel when this happened?
2. Which son do you think the father was more pleased with? Why? Which response would you prefer from someone?
3. Why is it important to follow through on your promises to others?
4. What care does the vineyard need today? How do you respond to the Lord's call to work in his vineyard?

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Confirmation Mass Assignment

October 8, 2017

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

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:

Jesus compares God to a vineyard owner whose messengers go to the tenants of the vineyard to collect his share of the grapes at harvest time. But the tenants beat, stone, or murder the owner's messengers. When the owner sends his son, the tenants treat him as they did the messenger. They kill the son, hoping to keep the vineyard, his inheritance, for themselves.

The son in the parable is Jesus, of course, and the messengers are God's prophets, who speak in God's name. Jesus is reminding us that the kingdom will be taken away from those who do not give God a harvest of good works.

Gospel Questions:

1. When Jesus was telling the story of what happened to the prophets and to the son, how do you think he must have felt? Are you rejecting any of God's messengers, or in any way rejecting Jesus? Explain.
2. How can you accept Jesus and his messengers in your life? What prayers can help us offer the harvest of our lives and work to God?
3. Rejection is a very difficult experience that can take time to overcome. What does it say about God that, even though his love has been rejected so many times, he continues to reach out to us?

Confirmation I Mass Assignment

October 15, 2017

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

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

This is a story that actually happened: When a groom-to-be called off the wedding, the bride decided to go ahead with the wedding banquet. Instead of inviting friends and relatives, she invited some homeless people. These unlikely guests in their thrift-shop clothes had a wonderful time. And the bride who didn't become a bride had the joy of sharing her banquet with them. This story is very similar to today's gospel and the parable Jesus tells about the feast hosted by God. The invited guests do not show up, so other guests are gathered from the streets and invited to share the table and the joy. Sometimes we might ignore God's invitation.

Gospel Questions

1. Do you recognize that God has an invitation for you every day? How can you receive and accept it?

2. Have you ever thought that other things were more important, or that you were too busy to accept God's invitation to Eucharist, sacraments, prayer, or doing something pleasing to God and helpful to others? Explain.

3. What three things can you do this week to show that you are a follower of Jesus?

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Confirmation Mass Assignment

October 29, 2017

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

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

When you heard the Pharisee's question to Jesus, did you know what the answer would be? If not, now would be a good time to learn the answer by heart. Which is the greatest commandment? Jesus quotes the law of love in two parts. First we must love God with our entire selves. Out of that love of God grows the love of others. We must love our neighbors with as much care and concern as we have for ourselves. Does it seem very easy to love? As we try to do it, we will find it can be very difficult.

Gospel Questions:

Whom do you consider as "neighbors"? How can you expand whom you call neighbor?

How does this sum up the ten commandments and other teachings of Jesus?

Why is it hard sometimes to love your neighbor? How can you do a better job of following Jesus' Commandment?

Jesus' answer suggests that our love of God can be measured by our love of neighbor. Loving our neighbor makes our love of God visible. What is one thing you can do each day that shows your love of God and your neighbor?