

Confirmation Mass Assignment

February 5, 2017

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

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

Imagine a hamburger with nothing on it but some salt that proved to be chemically impure and tasteless. Imagine a house at midnight with one lamp, and that lamp is covered by a basket. Finally, imagine a disciple of Jesus who either does no good at all or hides his or her good deeds. In each example, something crucial is missing.

Jesus insists that our light must shine before others. He wants us to bring the brightness and flavor of God's word into our world.

Gospel Questions:

1. What satisfies your spiritual hunger? How can you share the nourishment of your faith with someone today?

2. How can you and your family take the light of goodness and bring it out to your town, your city, your world?

3. Can you think of ways that individuals or families in your area have spread light and hope to others? How has their example helped others to do the same? How has their example helped others to find God?

4. I know I am a light to others when . . .(Explain)

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Confirmation Mass Assignment

February 12, 2017

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

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 the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom none of scripture will be done away with. Instead it will be fulfilled. Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires. God had always been at work in history through “the Law and the prophets.” But God’s work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah who reveals the definitive will of God. The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of God.

Gospel Questions:

1. Jesus teaches us that we fulfill the Law by going beyond the minimum requirements. What can you do in your daily life that fulfills the Law the way Jesus teaches?

2. How can you “teach” the commandments?

3. How can you respond with love in all that you do?

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Confirmation I Mass Assignment

February 19, 2017

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

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

In today's Gospel, we continue to hear from Matthew's account of the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus calls us to holiness. Jesus' preaching does not devalue the Mosaic Law, but reveals the heart of God's Law. To observe God's Law, we are to live a life of holiness. We are called to be perfect as God is perfect. Perfection is a tall order, but Jesus asks us as his disciples to emulate the perfection of God the Father. Jesus is calling us to "be perfect" in our relationships with one another. So we are called to love one another as God loves us. And in loving others as God loves us, we emulate the perfection of God.

Gospel Questions

1. Jesus challenges us to evaluate constantly the messages we receive from our society and culture. He tells us that being his disciple requires us not to settle for what everyone else does, but to go beyond what society expects of us and do what God expects of us. As a disciple of Jesus, how do you do this?

2. Is Jesus' command to love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you hard for you to accept? Why or Why not?

3. Jesus wants us to show by our loving actions that the Kingdom of God is already here. How can you show that the Kingdom of God is here by your actions?

