

**Confirmation Mass Assignment**

October 2, 2016

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Gospel: Luke 17:5-10**

**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**

The two sayings of Jesus in today's gospel make us wonder about the other side of the story. When the apostles ask, "Increase our faith," are they secretly quite satisfied with their record of faithfulness? Jesus tells them that if they really have faith they can tell a tree what to do, and it will do it! The story about the servant tells us that Jesus' disciples should be grateful to God. When we do God's will, we should not expect to receive a gold medal. We have, after all, done no more than "what we were obliged to do."

**Gospel Questions:**

1. What does this reading tell us about why we should want to do the work of God and serve others?
2. Think about this gospel passage from Jesus' point of view. Jesus wants to do so many good things for people. What is your attitude toward the next good thing asked of you?
3. When have you experienced the power of faith?
4. I wish I had more faith when it comes to . . . Explain.

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**Confirmation Mass Assignment**

October 9, 2016

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Gospel: Luke 17:11-19**

**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:**

In this story of a miraculous healing, ten lepers cry out to Jesus for help. In Jesus' time, lepers were outcasts of society. Jesus tells them to go show themselves to the priests, who will witness their healed condition and allow them back into society. Only one leper, a Samaritan, returns to Jesus to praise and thank God. This man is not a Jew but a foreigner. Jesus points out that the Samaritan leper has gained something far more important than a physical cure; he has gained his eternal salvation.

**Gospel Questions:**

1. How would you feel if you were one of the 10 lepers healed by Jesus? Do you think you would have returned to give thanks?
2. Do you wonder why the other nine lepers did not return to thank Jesus? Do you always thank someone for a gift? Why or why not? How do you do it?
3. List some of the things for which you want to thank God.
4. When and how do you give thanks to God for his gifts to you?

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**Confirmation I Mass Assignment**

October 16, 2016

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Gospel: Luke 18:1-8**

**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***

Just as our first reading was a victory story, so is the parable Jesus tells about the widow and the judge. A lowly widow comes before a judge, seeking her rights. The immoral judge ignores her, but the widow goes on pleading and nagging until he finally decides the case in her favor. He helps the widow not because he is good but because she is persistent. Jesus concludes that if a corrupt judge can do justice to someone who keeps on asking, God, the most just judge of all, will certainly listen to those who persist in prayer.

***Gospel Questions***

1. "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" What do you think? How will you try to be one of these faithful ones?
2. What or who helps you to pray? Explain.
3. I have never given up asking for . . .
4. The widow's first and last request was not for privilege but for justice. How can you work and pray for justice and peace in our time?

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**Confirmation I Mass Assignment**

October 23, 2016

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Gospel: Luke 18:9-14**

**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***

How should we approach God in prayer? Jesus tells a wonderful parable today contrasting two ways of appearing before God. The Pharisee is proud and pleased with himself. He has "outdone" himself in abiding by religious laws. He looks down on others "less holy" than himself, and he believes that this alone will bring him salvation. But the tax collector really looks at himself. He admits that he is a sinner and begs God to have mercy on him. Because he humbles himself, the tax collector is raised high by God. The Pharisee, who does not really know God as he should, is limited in his prayer.

***Gospel Questions***

1. God knows when we are doing things just for show, and when they come from the goodness of our heart. When have you caught yourself doing something just to be more popular or liked?
2. How do you understand humility? How do you practice it?
3. How do you see yourself? What is the danger of seeing yourself as "more" in comparison to others? What is the danger of seeing yourself as "less" than others?
4. How does it feel to do something that you know is good and just?

**Confirmation Mass Assignment**

October 30, 2016

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Gospel: Luke 19:1-10**

**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**

The incident in today's gospel may well be a God's eye view of each one of us! We are all "little," like Zaccheus, trying to see Jesus from a distance, and often getting ourselves up into trees or into other difficult situations and needing Jesus to come by and call us back down to earth, back down to an honest relationship with him. "When you come down from there, and admit your need," says Jesus, "we'll talk, heart to heart."

**Gospel Questions:**

1. How are you like the "old Zaccheus," before he met Jesus? How are you like the "new Zaccheus," after he was found and saved by Jesus?
2. After you have read this story, what do you think about Jesus? Would you like Jesus to "come to your house?"
3. How would you receive Jesus in your home?
4. How do you participate in Jesus' mission to "save what was lost?"