

Confirmation Mass Assignment

October 7, 2018

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

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

The beginning of a family is a holy time. Surrounded by a community of support, two people come together and join their lives. The holiness and grace within the act of commitment can never be undone. Jesus, however, cautions that family members should be careful not to harden their hearts to one another. Every day this commitment is a choice a family makes over and over again.

In the second story, Jesus scolds his disciples for trying to keep the little children away from him. He hugs, holds, and blesses the children. Once again he teaches that all who follow him must trust in God and openly accept the Good News.

Gospel Questions:

1. Have you ever “hardened your heart” to others? How can you open your heart to all?
2. In the Gospel reading this week, Jesus wants us to accept the Kingdom of God with complete trust. God wants us to depend on him and to trust him to take care of us. One of the ways in which we show our dependence on God is by thanking him for all the good things that he has done and continues to do for us. What are some good things that God gives to you?
3. Do you always keep your promises? Do other people keep the promises they make to you? What are some things that might make it difficult for us to keep the promises we have made to another person?

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Confirmation Mass Assignment

October 14, 2018

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: Mark 10:17-27

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 assures his disciples that entering the kingdom of God is no easy matter. Those who are attached to their possessions will have a more difficult time. However, those who rely on God to achieve the impossible can do all good things.

This can be a hard Gospel to apply to our lives. Most of us have many possessions; some of these are necessary. How could God call us to give up everything? Perhaps you might want to consider if there is anything that keeps you from your relationship with God. Is there anything that you depend on more than you depend on God?

Gospel Questions:

1. Jesus doesn't want to make it difficult for us to follow him, but he does want us to follow him with our whole heart. Sometimes this requires that we make changes in our lives to be Jesus' disciple. What might you do as a first step toward giving your whole self to Jesus?
2. What have you put before your love for Jesus? What is holding you back from following him fully?
3. Where could you make more room for God in your life? How would that feel?

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Confirmation I Mass Assignment

October 21, 2018

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

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

We can often recognize those who are considered great in the world by the number of people they have serving and protecting them. Jesus teaches his disciples that it cannot be like that with them. He has come not to be served but to serve others, especially the poor and those who need healing. His greatness is seen most clearly in his laying down his life for others.

Through Baptism we share in the Church's ministry to serve all who are in need. We share Christ's mission of working for peace and justice in our homes, our parish, and our world.

Gospel Questions

1. What do you want most from Jesus today?

2. Who are some of the people in today's world who are considered great? In what ways do you think their greatness differs from the greatness described by Jesus? Who are some of the people you have seen exercising Jesus' kind of greatness?

3. Jesus teaches us that there is a more persuasive form of leadership. In what ways have you served the needs of others?

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Confirmation I Mass Assignment

October 28, 2018

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

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

Jesus does not claim glory for his miracles but repeatedly points out the role of faith in healing. We will never be whole, healed, or anything but broken if we don't believe we can be. Our divine origins are often beyond our imagination, but if we dare to see with the eyes of faith, we discover the limitlessness of our lives. Healing is simply returning home to the person God made us to be from the very beginning.

Gospel Questions

What are some of the influences in our society that weaken our ability to see as Jesus does?
What kinds of blindness might people your age experience?

How can you improve your spiritual eyesight?

In today's Gospel, we hear how a blind man's persistence in asking Jesus for help was rewarded. Why must we be persistent in calling out (prayer) to Jesus?

What would you like God to heal in your life?