

**Confirmation Mass Assignment**

October 6, 2019

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**

Jesus' disciples ask for an increase of faith. In response, Jesus tells them this parable, which exhorts us all to fulfill our duties to the master (God) faithfully. Our faith will grow and change through the loving attention to the ordinary tasks of life. These tasks can include our work, our service to our loved ones, our responsibility to our neighbors, and especially the duty of prayer we owe to God. Faith increases in the quiet, routine work of daily life.

**Gospel Questions:**

1. What does it mean for you to serve God?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Do you faithfully undertake the work he has called you to do? Explain.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Is your faith increased by the work you do (chores, schoolwork, prayer, athletics, arts)? How do these tasks serve God?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. When have you done something extra for someone in your family without being asked? What did you learn from this?

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**Confirmation Mass Assignment**

October 13, 2019

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:**

The ten lepers, in faith, called out to Jesus for mercy, and their faith was rewarded with physical healing. The only one to return to the Lord in gratitude was the Samaritan. His thankfulness for his physical healing leads to his spiritual healing. Through this encounter, Jesus shows us that no one, not a leper or even a Samaritan, is beyond God's mercy. Salvation is offered to each of us if we only cry out for God's mercy and respond to his love with thankfulness and praise.

**Gospel Questions:**

1. Whose generosity do you tend to take for granted? How will you change this?
2. When have you failed to say thank you? Why does this matter?
3. Do you remember to thank God for his goodness to you? How can you show your gratitude?
4. The word *Eucharist* means "thanksgiving." How do we thank God in a special way at Mass?

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**Confirmation I Mass Assignment**

October 20, 2019

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Gospel: Luke 18:1-7**

**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***

Today's Gospel parable is about persistence in prayer. Jesus teaches us that we must pray constantly and not become tired doing so. Prayer is one way we may deepen our faith and become stronger.

***Gospel Questions***

1. What does prayer mean to you?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Why do you pray? When and how often do you pray?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What or who helps you to pray?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. How can you work and pray for justice and peace in our time?

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**Confirmation I Mass Assignment**

October 27, 2019

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***

This week we continue our focus on prayer. It is human nature to compare ourselves to others. It is easier to focus on the ways in which we are “better” than others than to attend to our own failings. In fixating on the faults of others, the Pharisee blinds himself to his own sins and they become obstacles to his relationship with God. The tax collector, in contrast, confesses his sins and begs the mercy of God. He approaches God with fear and trembling, fully aware of his own failures, and God will exalt him in return.

***Gospel Questions***

1. Why should we avoid comparing ourselves to others?
2. How can comparisons be an obstacle to holiness?
3. Have you ever thought you were better than someone else? What is the problem with such thoughts?
4. What is the definition of “humility?” How should you practice humility?