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13th Sunday Ordinary Time-Matthew 10:37-42

God invites every person to be close to him, to trust him and love him. From the beginning God called human persons to be with him for he is the creator for he has made every human person in his own image and likeness and desires to have constant contact with him. He invites everyone to a close personal relationship with him and when they do wrong and go astray; he invites them to a spirit of repentance to make them live a life worthy of him. He

wants everyone to observe his commands and be close to him in obedience and self-sacrifice. God speaks to us in many ways, particularly through the word of God. The Sunday scriptural readings provide useful background. This leads us to better understand the word of God and link it with our daily activities of life in a meaningful way. In the Gospel of today Jesus invites his disciples to a great sacrifice even death itself for Christ. He adds that it is necessary to give and share what we have with others. Every giving in the name of Jesus involves a sacrifice and our reward is ultimately Heaven. The first reading also gives us the message of reward for giving in the name of God. In the second reading Paul invites us to be buried in Christ through Baptism in order to receive new life. In and through our Baptism we die to sin and enter into new life with God. All of today's readings remind us that we become fully alive through the generous giving of ourselves. That does not mean only giving a lot of money or things to others or placing importance to worthy causes. It is more important to give ourselves to people: in the way we speak about them, in the way we forgive their failings, in the way we encourage them, in the way we show hospitality towards them and even in the way we think about them. These types of generosity reflect warmth radiating from the very love of God. However, the generosity we exhibit should be here now and not at the last moment. Generosity should he here and now, coming from the depth of our hearts and totally committed. It is like what Jesus says, that our left hand must not know what the right hand is doing. But Jesus promises us that the smallest services done to others will not go unrewarded.

"...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." (Matthew 10:38)

Pope Benedict XVI said, "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for

comfort, you were made for greatness." "Comfort" puts me first. "Picking up your cross and following Jesus" puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!"



.. el que no toma su cruz y me sigue no es digno de mí". (MATEO 10:38)

El Papa Benedicto XVI dijo: "El mundo te ofrece consuelo. Pero no fuiste hecho para la comodidad, fuiste hecho para la grandeza ".

La "comodidad" me pone a mí de primero. "Recoger tu cruz y seguir a Jesús" pone a Dios y a los demás primero. ¡Por qué conformarse con la comodidad cuando puede alcanzar la grandeza! ¡Levanta tu cruz, pídele a Jesús que te guíe en el uso de sus dones y vive la vida que Dios planeó para ti!

CURIOUS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

If you are curious about the Catholic Faith or want to return to the Catholic Faith we want to hear about your faith journey and we would also like to invite you to something more....



We want to hear from you! Please contact us so we may help you get more acquainted with or reacquainted with our beautiful Catholic Faith.

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Saturday, June 27

5:00 p.m. †Guadalupe Ortiz

Sunday, June 28

10:30 a.m.

† All Souls in Purgatory 12:30 p.m.

†Omar Gutierrez

Tuesday, June 30

5:30 p.m. †Bobby Harris

Friday, July 3

8:15 a.m. †Linda Kapalski Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles *Mass* Monday June 29th 8:15 a.m.





Feast Day of
St. Thomas the
Apostle
Mass
Friday, July 3rd
8:15 a.m.
*FIRST FRIDAY
ADORATION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
UNTIL 9:30 A.M.*



The Catholic Church is Home for ALL Christians

G.K. Chesterton once wrote, "The difficulty in explaining 'why I am a Catholic' is that there are ten thousand reasons all amounting to one reason: that Catholicism is true." Nearly 2,000 years ago, Jesus Christ founded the Catholic Church to preserve the truth He gave us and hand it down through the centuries, helping people all around the world encounter the love of God in every age and in every corner of the earth.

Over the years, there have been an untold number of questions and objections raised about the Catholic Church's teachings and practices. The answers are there, and it's worth your time to find them. As the Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen once said, "There are not even 100 people in this country who hate the Catholic Church, but there are millions who hate what they think the Catholic Church to be."

The Lord wants us all to know and understand His truth, so we can embrace it wholeheartedly and live by it. Christ reminds us, "The truth shall make you free" (John 8:32).

The word "Catholic" means universal, and that is really what the Catholic Church is—a universal body of believers, united in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Our Catholic family is made up of every race, age, and walk of life. For centuries, the Catholic Church has been the place to turn to for the source of Christian belief, an intimate encounter with Jesus Christ, a welcoming family, and a guiding light to get to heaven.

2 Common Questions About the Catholic Church

Why does it matter what church I belong to? In other words, what makes the Catholic Church different?

The Catholic Church is not just one denomination among many. In fact, it can trace its founding roots back to Jesus Christ, who started our Church. For 2,000 years, the Catholic Church has guarded the truth that Jesus has taught, whether in or out of style. In the Church today, one can experience the most personal relationship with Christ through the Holy Eucharist, the gift of Christ's Body and Blood to us. Since its founding, the Catholic Church has continued to be the largest body of Christians on earth. Though it's not perfect, nor does it have perfect members, the Church still contains the fullness of truth, which Jesus promised would set us free.

Are Catholic beliefs rooted in the Bible?

Not only are Catholic teachings rooted in the Bible, the Catholic Church, having been given authority by Jesus Christ and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, compiled the Bible in the form that it exists today. The Catholic Church has as its sole rule of faith the entire Word of God, as it is found in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition. It is important to remember that all of the Word of God was at one time (after the death of Christ and before the compilation of the Bible) passed on orally through Sacred Tradition. Catholic beliefs are all rooted in the Word of God—communicated through Scripture and Tradition, and preserved by the Church.





ACTIVIDADES PARA CATÓLICOS NIÑOS EN CASA

Padres, no olviden que USTEDES son los catequistas principales y más efectivos para sus hijos. Las clases de Catecismo son solo una pequeña parte de su formación en la fe y dado que no podemos tenerlas en este momento, depende completamente de ustedes a enseñarles sobre su fe cada día.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time • June 28, 2020 Corner

Sunday Readings: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a; Romans 6:3-4, 8-11; Matthew 10:37-42

About the Gospel

The first part of Sunday's Gospel sounds confusing; we are supposed to love Jesus more than our parents and our children. When we remember that our families are gifts from God, it makes sensel God gave our families to us because he knew they would make us happy. He is the giver of every good gift.

Visit www.usccb.org/bible/readings to read this Sunday's Scripture.

In Church

If someone compliments you, find a way to give the glory to God.

(For example, "Your hair looks so pretty today." You might respond, "I'm grateful God gave me a mom who is so good at styling it").

Question of the Week

How can you remember to give God thanks for your family?

Family Prayer

God, thank you for giving our family the gift of one another. Help us to remember that you give us every good thing! Amen.

who is so good at styling it').

Rincon de
la Familia

Family

Acerca del Evangelio

La primera parte del Evangelio del domingo suena confusa; nos dice que debemos a amar a Jesús más que a nuestros padres e hijos. Cuando recordamos que nuestras familias son regalos de Dios, esto toma sentido. Dios nos dio a nuestras familias porqué él sabía que nos harían felices. El nos da todo lo bueno que tenemos.

Visita www.usccb.org/bible/lecturas para leer las lecturas de este domingo.

En la Iglesia

Si alguien te dice un halago, busca una manera para para dar la gloria a Dios. (por ejemplo, "Tu pelo está muy bonito hoy." Puedes responder, "Le doy gracias a Dios por darme una mamá que lo sabe peinar muy bien").

Pregunta de la semana

¿Cómo puedes recordar darle gracias a Dios por tu familia?

Oración en familia

Señor, gracias por darnos a nuestra familia. Ayúdanos a recordar que tú nos das todo lo bueno que tenemos. Amén.

Resources for Families / Recursos para Familias

www.pflaumweeklies.com/resources-for-families/ www.pflaumweeklies.com/recursos-en-espanol/

- Establezca un espacio de oración en su hogar. Coloque una tela y artículos religiosos sobre una mesa (Biblia, agua bendita, v elas, etc.), tal vez agregue una almohada en el piso para arrodillarse. Pídales que escriban las intenciones de oración y las coloquen en un tazón o jarrón sobre la mesa para colocar las intenciones.
- Enséñeles cómo pasar un tiempo tranquilo simplemente "prestando atención" a lo que Dios quiere que sepan en sus corazones. Enséñeles a cerrar los ojos, callar, respirar profundamente y concentrarse en Dios. Programe varias veces para esto todos los días y haga esto con ellos.
- Aprenda la oración del Padre Nuestro o Ave María en latín u otro idioma.
- Escuche y canten canciones católicas
- · Recen el rosario juntos en familia después de cenar cada noche.
- Prepare comida para un vecino anciano y entréguela o haga otra cosa amable por él. (Asegúrese de mantener al menos 6 pies de distancia por seguridad y lávese las manos mientras prepara algo)
- Haga una "Letanía familiar de los santos"... averigua quién es el santo patrón de cada miembro de la familia y llámalos al final de todas las oraciones (San Francisco, ruega por nosotros ... San José, ruega por nosotros ... etc.)
- Oren juntos en la mañana, en el mediodía y en la noche ... el Padre Nuestro, Dios te salve María, Gloria. Termina con "Jesús confiamos en ti".
- Lea los pasajes de la Biblia para la misa diaria y haga que los busquen en una Biblia. Pueden encontrarlos en "USCCB.org" o en la aplicación "Laudate".
- Vea videos sobre el Evangelio para el próximo fin de semana en www.pflaumweeklies.com/weekly-videos/
- Conéctese en línea y descubra quién es el Santo del Día, luego encuentre un video para niños sobre ellos en Youtube.
- Hay muchas ideas en <u>www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/family/catholic-kids</u>
- Busque fotos de personas en su familia celebrando su Bautismo, Primera Comunión o
 Confirmación
- ¡Asegúrense que todos los días les digan cuanto los aman, y que Dios también los ama!
- Ayude a sus hijos a reconocer lo BUENO que Dios hace en nuestras vidas cada día. Ayúdelos a ver Su mano en TODAS las cosas... incluso caminar afuera puede ayudar a ver la gloria de Dios revelada.



Activities for Catholic Children at Home

Parents, don't forget that YOU are the primary and most effective catechists for your children. CCE classes are only a small part of their faith formation and since we cannot have them right now it is completely up to you to teach them about their faith each day.

- Set up a prayer space in your home. Place a nice cloth and religious items onto a table (Bible, holy water, candles, etc) maybe add a pillow on the floor for kneeling. Have them write prayer intentions down and place in a bowl or vase on the table for the intentions to be placed in.
- Spend quiet time just "paying attention" to what God wants them to know in their hearts. Teach them to close their eyes, be silent, breathe deeply and just focus on God. Schedule multiple times for this every day.
- Learn the Lord's Prayer or Hail Mary in Latin or another language.
- Listen to and sing Catholic songs.
- Pray the rosary together as a family after dinner each evening.
- Make food for an elderly neighbor and deliver it or do something else kind for them.
- Make a "Family Litany of Saints"...find out who the patron saint of each family member is and call on them at the end of all prayers (St. Francis, pray for us...St. Joseph, pray for us...etc.)
- Pray together morning, noon and night...the Our Father, One Hail Mary, Glory Be. End with "Jesus we trust in you."
- Read the Bible passages for daily mass and actually have them look them up in a Bible. You can find these at "USCCB.org" or on the "Laudate" app.
- Watch videos regarding the Gospel for the coming weekend at www.pflaumweeklies.com/weekly-videos/
- Go online and figure out who the Saint of the Day is then find a children's video about them on Youtube.
- There are lots of ideas at www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/family /catholic-kids
- Look for photos of people in your family celebrating their Baptism, First Holy Communion or Confirmation.
- Make sure they hear you say, every day, how much you love them and that God loves them too!
- Help your children recognize the GOOD that God does in our lives each day.
 Help them see His hand in ALL things...even a walk outside can help us see God's glory revealed.



SAINT OF THE DAY

Saturday, June 27 ~ Saint Cyril of Alexandria

Saint Cyril of Alexandria was instrumental in the Church's doctrinal statement that there is one person but two natures in Christ. The practical implication of this teaching is that we believe that Jesus is truly God and truly human. This definition was the source of much controversy in the early Church.

Sunday, June 28 ~ Saint Irenaeus

While we know little about the birth and death of Saint Irenaeus, we know that his life's work of fighting Gnosticism had a tremendous influence on the theology of the Church. A man of learning and high passions, Saint Irenaeus refuted the Gnostic claims of "secret" knowledge, and supported the teachings of the Apostles and Scripture.

Monday, June 29 ~ Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

We celebrate two great saints today, Saints Peter and Paul.
Saint Peter is often considered the Apostle to the Jews and
Saint Paul to the gentiles (based, most probably, on his
extensive travels among the gentiles). Together they witnessed
to the budding of Christianity, and both laid down their lives for
the faith.

Tuesday, June 30 ~ First Martyrs of the Church of Rome

Around the year 64, the city of Rome experienced a devastating fire. The Emperor Nero blamed it on the Christians, and a severe persecution followed. Included in the mass murder of Christians were the First Martyrs of Rome. We don't know their names, but their witness to the faith is certain.

Wednesday, July 1 ~ Saint Junipero Serra

Embroiled in some controversy due to the interpretation of historical facts, Saint Junipero Serra was canonized by Pope Francis on the steps of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC on September 23, 2015. Known for having traveled the west coast of the country, Saint Juniper founded many of the famous California Missions in the 18th century.

Thursday, July 2 ~ Saint Oliver Plunkett

Saint Oliver Plunkett may not be a household name in the United States but he certainly is well known in the British Isles. The Archbishop of Armagh, Saint Oliver Plunkett led his archdiocese through the rough days of persecution of Catholics. Finally apprehended, Saint Oliver was hanged, drawn, and quartered July 1, 1681.

Friday, July 3 ~ Saint Thomas the Apostle

We don't know a lot about Saint Thomas the Apostle, but tradition has it that he traveled to and preached the gospel in India, where he was eventually martyred. His name means "twin," and due to his skepticism, he is also known as "Doubting Thomas."



If you would like to add or remove a name from the prayer list, please contact the church office.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

God of all creation and of our salvation, we ask for your healing to come to those who are in need, physically or spiritually, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Aceves, Jaime Adams, Linda Adams, Louise Anders, Liam Anderson, Jeff Ansley, Shelby Bederka, Martha Bederka, Curtis Bexlev, Marv Bielamowicz, Beverly Bietz, Carolyn Bomer, Burton Borski, Thersa Carson, George L Cienfuegos, Aurora Cortright, Lori Coules, Joann Darby, Dalton Jr. Davis, Nancy Davis, Valery Dearbonne, Olivia Delong, Darlene Doty, Homer Duran, Pablo Dybala, David Dybala, Pauline Fisher, Tommy Fruge, Larry (Family) Galvan, Michael Gansky, Jerry Goff, Landrey Granier, Carla Green, Mike Guerrerra, Barry Hanel, Maria & Leroy Harer, Jane Hernandez, Alizae Hohn, David Jamison, Cathy Janacek Young, Emily Johnson, Loretta Jones, Virginia Kelly, Frances

Klotz, Jimmy Kolarik, Catherine Kotch, Bob & Angie Kowis, Pat Kubeczka, Carol Kubeczka, Jimmy Landry, Pat Landry, Philip Lara, Clarissa Lavergne, Loraine Lechowit, Bill LeBlanc, Rory Lopez, Jesse Luce, Elanie Luce, David Marshall, David Martinez, Rita McDonald, Bill McKinney,Bernadette McLaughlin, Bonnie Medina, Josie Medrano, Ruth Mendoza, Carlos Merka, Stephanie Michaelski, Kevin Moore, Alton Owen Montes, Bob Mosley, Maxine Nash, Leonard Nichols, Tyson Novotny, Matt Parish, Ryan Patterson, Cynthia Payonk, Andrea Payne, Bobby Plauche, Phil Potter, Shawn Pousson, Elaine Provost, Sandy Quiroz, Madeline

Raczkowski, Sharon

Rangel, Isidro

Ripkowski, James A Sr. Rivera, Joel Rodriguez, Angelicia Rodriguez, Rudy Rossow, Jason Rossow, Katrina Rossow, Randy Romo, Alvaro Rousselle, Michelle Rousselle, Roland Salek, Ruth Salinas, Emilio Saenz, Reynaldo Shaver, Donny Siner, Roy Skarpa, Earlene Skarpa, Marie Skillen, Jacob Staples, Wally Svzdek, Colleen Teeter, Jim Theriot, Bertha Theriot, Terry Theriot, Paul Taylor, Charley Trevizo, Aaron Tyler, Ann Valdez, Angelina Varen, Debbie Vaughn, Elizabeth Vaughn, Hailey Vyoral, Ed Vyoral, Margaret Wagner, Jacob Walker, Tina Ward, Julia Watson, Cameron Wetterman, Dee White, Sidney Wolfford, Laura Wood, Quinn Zaruba, Juanita