



October 20, 2024

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Respect Life Month Continues

Building Faith @ HOME

[1st Reading - Is 53:10-11](#)

[Responsorial Psalm - Ps 33:4-5, 18-19,](#)

[20, 22](#)

[Second Reading - Heb 4:14-16](#)

[Gospel - Mk 10:35-45](#)

In Mark 10:35-45, Jesus presents a lesson on servant leadership when James and John ask for seats of honor in His glory. Rather than rebuking their ambition directly, Jesus redirects their desire toward a higher calling: true greatness is found in serving others. "Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant," He says, "and whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all." This radical reversal of the world's view of success reveals that leadership is not about power or prestige, but about self-giving love and service.

This model of servant leadership is foundational to the mission of the Church. Just as Jesus came "not to be served, but to serve," Christians are called to engage in missionary work that embodies humility and service. On World Mission Sunday, we are reminded that the heart of the Church's mission is to follow Christ's example by reaching out to others, particularly those in need, not for recognition, but to reflect the love and mercy of God. Whether through formal mission work abroad or through acts of love and service in our everyday lives, we are called to participate in this mission of humble leadership.

Yet, living with humility in a world that celebrates success and achievement for status can be a struggle. Society often measures greatness by wealth, power, or influence, making it difficult to embrace the call to humility and service. But Jesus invites us to seek a deeper fulfillment—one that comes not from being served, but from serving others with a heart rooted in love and sacrifice. This is the path of true leadership, and it is central to the Church's missionary identity.

October 22nd: Saint Pope John Paul II.

St. Pope John Paul II worked hard to teach the world about the importance of every human life. He reminded us that all people, from babies in the womb to the elderly, are precious and deserve love and care. His mission was to help everyone see that life is a special gift from God that we must protect and respect.

Learn more about

St. Pope John Paul II here:

bit.ly/St-JPII-Life (video)



Prayer for the Dignity for Human Life.

Download and print for your home:



St. Pope John Paul II, pray for us.

bit.ly/Prayer-Dignity-Human-Life

Family Table Talk

Once again, Jesus teaches us to embrace the virtue of humility.

How can we practice humility in our daily lives?

In what ways can we serve others selflessly, following Jesus's example?

Questions taken from Youngcatholics.com



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Power and Honor



bit.ly/Catholic-Kids-Media-29B

Today is World Mission Sunday



World Mission Sunday is a day set aside for the Catholic Church throughout the world to publicly renew its commitment to the missionary movement. It is celebrated on the second to last Sunday of October every year. It was created by Pope Pius XI in 1926 as the day of prayer for mission.

'I am a mission, always; you are a mission, always; every baptised man and woman is a mission.' This goes to the heart of our baptismal call. - Pope Francis.



More Faith Builders!

How much do you know about the Eucharist?



Try this 12 question "quiz" with your family. Fun way to learn some facts about the Liturgy of the Eucharist.



bit.ly/Eucharist-Quiz-For-All



Celebrate St. Crispin Day - October 25

October 25th is the historical feast of Sts. Crispin and Crispinian, twin brothers who evangelized France in the middle of the third century. Even though they hailed from Roman nobility, they worked as simple shoemakers by night and preached the gospel during the day. These saints are the patron saint of cobblers, so what better way to his feast day than to bake an apple cobbler with New York Crispin apples! Here is an easy recipe for an apple cobbler to make together as a family. bit.ly/Apple-Cobbler



This week's action: Donate gently used shoes.

As we celebrate St. Crispin Day, gather any gently used shoes that aren't worn by family members anymore. These shoes can be restored and given to those in need. Find a local charity or organization that takes used shoes. Fleet Feet in Syracuse partners with the Samaritan Center and the Syracuse Rescue mission. Also, Soles4Souls has drop offs at DSW and Famous Footwear. Visit Soles4Souls for more information.



bit.ly/Soles-4-Souls

Listen and Watch:

Liturgy of the Eucharist

In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about drinking from the cup. At what point at Mass does the priest first drink from the cup?

Watch closely!

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells James and John that the cup He drinks, they will drink. It is foreshadowing the sacrificial love for others that Jesus will give. In Scripture, the cup is often a metaphor for suffering or sacrifice.

In this way, the priest's drinking from the cup is a powerful symbol of his acceptance of the call to be a servant leader, mirroring Christ's own example of sacrifice and love for humanity.

In drinking from the cup, the priest acknowledges the reality of Christ's sacrifice, which is central to the Eucharist. This moment signifies not only the priest's participation in the sacrificial nature of the Eucharist but also his commitment to embody the values of humility and service that Jesus exemplified throughout His life.



Learn about St. Pope John Paul II's Coat of Arms and create your family Coat of Arms with this activity sheet.



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bit.ly/Coat-of-Arms-Activity