

# August 7, 2022 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time We Need To Be Ready for Jesus

# **PRAY**



Dear Jesus, help us to listen and do what you want, so we can be ready for you when you come. Amen.

#### **LEARN**



**Read Bible:** Luke 12:35-40

Catholic Children's Bible, pages 1613

35 "Be ready for whatever comes, dressed for action and with your lamps lit, 36 like servants who are waiting for their master to come back from a wedding feast. When he comes and knocks, they will open the door for him at once. 37 How happy are those servants whose master finds them awake and ready when he returns! I tell you, he will take off his coat, have them sit down, and will wait on them. 38 How happy they are if he finds them ready, even if he should come at midnight or even later! 39



And you can be sure that if the owner of a house knew the time when the thief would come, he would not let the thief break into his house. 40 And you, too, must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you are not expecting him."



#### **Did You Know?**

Jesus is also called the Son of Man. He told the wedding story above so that his friends would know that they should be ready when he, like the master, returns.

# **DISCUSS & DO**



Explain to your children that Jesus wants us to be ready whenever he comes for us. How do we do this? We must listen to what God wants us to do. We are to pray, do our best in school, say we are sorry, and show love to other people. Now, let's talk about one thing you will do this week to be ready for Jesus.

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# August 14, 2022 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### **PRAY**



O Blessed Mary, help us to be more like your son, Jesus, and one day follow you to heaven. Amen.

On Monday, August 15, we celebrate the Assumption, the day when Jesus' mother, Mary, went to heaven. As part of God's plan, Mary had a special calling and gave her whole life to him. She was full of grace and goodness and never did anything that would hurt God. Mary loved and cared for Jesus from the time he was a baby and all during his life. After Jesus returned to heaven, Mary's love for Jesus grew, and she wanted to be more with him. At the end of her life, Mary was taken up into heaven, body and soul. That is what we celebrate today.



## DISCUSS & DO

Explain to your children that Mary has a special job to care for and protect us, just like she did for her son, Jesus. She wants us to talk to her and one day be with her in heaven. We can do this by praying the rosary and by saying a prayer called the "Hail Mary". Ask your child who or what they would like to pray for today; then, say the Hail Mary together:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

Amen.

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# August 21, 2022 - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Jesus Is the Way

## **PRAY**



Dear Jesus, thank you for showing us the way to God. Help us each day to know that you are with us wherever we go. Amen.

## **LEARN**



Read Bible: John 14:6

Catholic Children's Bible, page 1689

6 Jesus answered him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one goes to the Father except by me.



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#### Did You Know?

To go on a trip, we need a map, a compass, or a GPS to help us find the right way to go. As we get older, we will make many decisions on what to do and will need help on what path to take. If we take a wrong turn, we need to get back on the right path and follow Jesus.

# DISCUSS & DO



Ask your children if they have ever been lost. Explain a time when you got lost and how you used tools that helped you find your way. In life, we need to depend on Jesus to help us know what to do and to do the right thing. No matter where we go, we can always trust Jesus to be our guide. He will care for us and bring us safely to God.

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# August 28, 2022 - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Jesus Wants Us to Be Humble

### **PRAY**



Dear Jesus, help us to be humble and not put ourselves above others. Amen.

#### **LEARN**



**Read Bible:** Luke 14:1, 7-14

Catholic Children's Bible, pages 1617-1618

14 One Sabbath Jesus went to eat a meal at the home of one of the leading Pharisees; and people were watching Jesus closely.

7 Jesus noticed how some of the guests were choosing the best places, so he told this parable to all of them: 8 "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place. It could happen that someone more important



than you has been invited, 9 and your host, who invited both of you, would have to come and say to you, 'Let him have this place.' Then you would be embarrassed and have to sit in the lowest place. 10 Instead, when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that your host will come to you and say, 'Come on up, my friend, to a better place.' This will bring you honor in the presence of all the other guests. 11 For those who make themselves great will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be made great."

12 Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your rich neighbors—for they will invite you back, and in this way you will be paid for what you did. 13 When you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind; 14 and you will be blessed, because they are not able to pay you back. God will repay you on the day the good people rise from death."

#### **Did You Know?**

In the story above, Jesus is encouraging his disciples (friends) to be humble. Being humble means to lower yourself below another one's importance.

# **DISCUSS & DO**

Ask your children if they have seen someone jump first in line? How did that make you feel? How would you feel if they let you go first? That is what Jesus is asking us to do ... to let someone else be in the first or best spot they want. Think of a person or situation where you can be humble.

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# **FEAST DAYS IN AUGUST**



#### **AUGUST 4 - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY**

John was born in France in 1786. After he became a priest, he would spend 10-15 hours a day hearing confessions and gave what he had to the poor. "St. John Vianney, pray of us."



#### **AUGUST 8 - SAINT DOMINIC**

Dominic lived 800 years ago in Europe. He was a very good speaker and told people about Jesus. People came from many places to listen to him. Dominic told people to praise God and be good to others. "St. Dominic, pray for us."



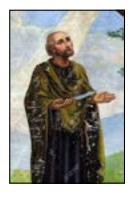
#### **AUGUST 11 - SAINT CLARE**

Clare founded an order of nuns called the Poor Clares. Nuns are women who stay single and devote their lives to God. Clare wanted to serve Jesus like her friend, St. Francis of Assisi; so, she cut her hair short, worn brown robes, and lived in a poor house. "St. Clare, pray for us."



#### **AUGUST 23 - SAINT ROSE OF LIMA**

Rose was born in the 1500s in Peru, a country in South America. She prayed and received Holy Communion every day. Rose grew and sold beautiful flowers to give money to her family and to the poor. She was the first person in the Americas to be named a saint. "St. Rose, pray for us."



#### **AUGUST 24 – SAINT BARTHOLOMEW**

Bartholomew knew Jesus and was with his other apostles when they received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. He later traveled far away to teach about Jesus. "St. Bartholomew, pray for us.