



FAITH IN THE HOME

*November 2022*

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC CHURCH





## November 6, 2022 - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **PRAY**



Dear Jesus, thank you for giving us your love. Help us to be strong so we can always be good in all that we say and do. Amen.

### **LEARN**



**Read Bible:** 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

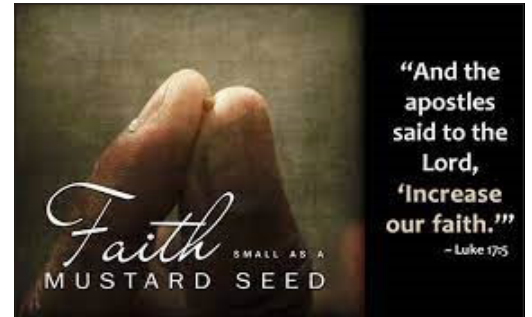
Catholic Children's Bible, page 1875

16 May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and in his grace gave us unfailing courage and a firm hope, 17 encourage you and strengthen you to always do and say what is good.

3 Finally, our friends, pray for us that the Lord's message may continue to spread rapidly and be received with honor, just as it was among you. 2 Pray also that God will rescue us from wicked and evil people; for not everyone believes the message.

3 But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and keep you safe from the Evil One. 4 And the Lord gives us confidence in you, and we are sure that you are doing and will continue to do what we tell you.

5 May the Lord lead you into a greater understanding of God's love and the endurance that is given by Christ.



### **Did You Know?**



Saint Paul wrote the Bible passage above. He was one of the great leaders in our early church. While Paul traveled around the Mediterranean Sea, he wrote many letters that explained Jesus' teachings and asked people to love one another. Paul wrote this letter of hope to the Thessalonians. They were a people who lived where Greece is today.

### **DISCUSS & DO**



Explain to your children that Jesus loves us so much that he gives us what we need to be strong. He wants us to always say and do what is good. We do this by praying to God every day and by depending on him in every situation. Talk to your children about many kinds of situations they are in ... at school, activities, family and friends. Remind them that they can pray in all these situations for God to help them say and do what is good. What specific situation can they pray for today?

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## November 13, 2022 - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Let's Give Thanks to Our God

#### PRAY



Dear Jesus, thank you for everything you have given us. Thank you for all the people who love us. Thank you for our friends with whom we can play and laugh, for our food, our clothes, our loving home. Thank you, Lord, for all these blessings. Amen.

#### LEARN



**Read Bible:** Psalm 30:12 (*This passage is not read this Sunday, but it is used to explain the Thanksgiving holiday.*)

Catholic Children's Bible, pages 859

12 So I will not be silent;  
I will sing praise to you.  
LORD, you are my God;  
I will give you thanks forever.



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

That everything around us is a gift from God? We can show that we are thankful for all that God has given us. This is called thanksgiving. There are many ways to give thanks: by praying, by remembering all that we have comes from God, by taking good care of our things, by sharing our gifts with others, and by telling our family and friends "thank you" for what they do.

We can also give thanks when we go to church. At Mass, we are thankful to God for all that he has given us, especially his son, Jesus. Jesus came to save us so we could be happy with him forever in heaven. In the Mass, Jesus gives himself to us in Holy Communion so that his love and grace will be with us in our lives.

In a few weeks, on the fourth Thursday of November, our country will celebrate Thanksgiving Day. It is a day set aside to give thanks to God for the many blessings he has given us throughout the year.

#### DISCUSS & DO

Explain to your children that everything in our lives comes from God. We should remember always to be grateful to God for all that we have. Ask your children to tell you what they are most thankful for. Then have them pick one of the ways above to give thanks to God.

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# November 20, 2022 - Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

## Let's Learn About Advent

### PRAY



Dear Jesus, come be with us this Advent. Help us to prepare for your coming. Teach us to be kind to one another. Teach us to wait in joyful hope and grow closer to you. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### LEARN



**Read Bible:** Matthew 3:1-3 (*This passage is not read this Sunday, but it is used to explain Advent.*)

Catholic Children's Bible, pages 1450-1451

3 At that time John the Baptist came to the desert of Judea and started preaching. 2 "Turn away from your sins," he said, "because the Kingdom of heaven is near!" 3 John was the man the prophet Isaiah was talking about when he said, "Someone is shouting in the desert, 'Prepare a road for the Lord; make a straight path for him to travel!'"

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

Next Sunday, we will begin the season of Advent. Our church has different seasons during the year, and Advent happens right before Christmas. "Advent" means "coming"; we are getting ready for the coming of Jesus!

We celebrate that at Christmas, God sent his Son, Jesus, 2000 years ago to save us and to show us how to live. The people at that time heard that a savior might come. John the Baptist was telling them to get ready and prepare their hearts (themselves) to turn away from doing wrong (sin) and to do good.

We also know that Jesus is coming back to take us to Heaven! No one knows when. Since it might be tomorrow or in a hundred years, we too need to prepare our hearts. Advent reminds us to think about Jesus' coming 2000 years ago and his coming again in the future.

In our church, Advent is celebrated on four Sundays. The priest wear purple at Mass, and the church is decorated in purple. This color reminds us to ask God to forgive our sins and to do good. At Mass, we light a candle on the Advent Wreath each Sunday. Each lit candle means Christmas is getting closer. We learn to wait and be patient during Advent.



### DISCUSS & DO



Explain to your children that we are to show others love during Advent especially to those in need. We can donate food, clothes, and toys. Our parish has many ways to do this: the Giving Tree, St Vincent de Paul, and Mercy Teams food collections. Pick one of these charities or another one for your family to participate. Each week of Advent, you can also say the Advent Blessing together as a family:

#### **The Advent Blessing**

May God bless and keep us. Amen.

May God's face shine on us. Amen.

May God look on us with kindness and give us peace. Amen.

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## November 27, 2022 - First Sunday of Advent

### No One Knows When Jesus Is Coming

#### **PRAY**



Dear Jesus, thank you for coming to save us. Help us to prepare our hearts for you so we will be ready when you return. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen!

#### **LEARN**



**Read Bible:** Matthew 24:37-44

Catholic Children's Bible, page 1507

37 The coming of the Son of Man will be like what happened in the time of Noah. 38 In the days before the flood people ate and drank, men and women married, up to the very day Noah went into the boat; 39 yet they did not realize what was happening until the flood came and swept them all away. That is how it will be when the Son of Man comes. 40 At that time two men will be working in a field: one will be taken away, the other will be left behind. 41 Two women will be at a mill grinding meal: one will be taken away, the other will be left behind. 42 Watch out, then, because you do not know what day your Lord will come. 43 If the owner of a house knew the time when the thief would come, you can be sure that he would stay awake and not let the thief break into his house. 44 So then, you also must always be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you are not expecting him.



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

The "Son of Man" and "Lord" are other names for Jesus. The Bible passage above tells us that Jesus is coming back to us. Since we do not know when he will come, we need to be ready all the time.

#### **DISCUSS & DO**

Talk to your children about a time when you were not ready for something ... a test at school, a game, an activity, friends or family coming to your house. What was the result? Rushing around, not performing well, being anxious. Jesus will return to take us to heaven, but only if we are ready. That is why we have to work every day to be prepared. With your children, think of ways to prepare yourselves to get ready for Jesus' coming: pray daily, go to church, ask for forgiveness, and be good to others. Ask you children what they are going to do this week.

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## **FEAST DAYS IN NOVEMBER**

### **NOVEMBER 1 – ALL SAINTS DAY**



Some saints were never famous. Whether we know some of the saints or not, we still celebrate the lives of all of them. A saint is a person who had great faith. During their lives, saints may have taught, served, or healed people, loved children, or shared their riches, all because they loved Jesus. They put the needs of others first. Saints did things not to feel important, but to praise God. “All the Saints, pray for us.”



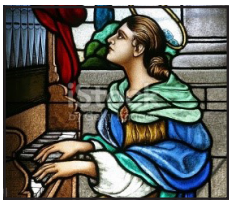
### **NOVEMBER 3 – SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES**

Martin was born in the late 1500s in Peru in South America. He was looked down upon because he was a mixed race. As a boy, Martin worked for a barber. Later, he became a priest and helped the poor and sick. Martin did a lot in his life. He took care of slaves from Africa, founded an orphanage for children, and started the first animal shelter in the New World. “Saint Martin de Porres, pray for us.”



### **NOVEMBER 17 – SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY**

Elizabeth was born a princess in the 1200s in Europe. Instead of spending her money on fancy things in her palace, she chose to spend it on the poor. Elizabeth took food from the family kitchen and gave it to the hungry. She also served in a hospital, and many people were healed due to her prayers. “Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us.”



### **NOVEMBER 22 – SAINT CECILIA**

Cecilia lived in Italy about 200 years after Jesus. Even though she was forced to marry, at her wedding she sang in her heart to God. Cecilia was also a martyr. A martyr is someone who dies because they will not give up their religious beliefs. Before Cecilia died, she asked that her home be converted into a church. This happened and the church is still in Rome today. “Saint Cecilia, pray for us.”



### **NOVEMBER 30 – SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE**

Andrew lived during the time of Jesus. Like his brother, Simon Peter, he was a fisherman. When Jesus saw them fishing, he called them to follow him. Also in the Bible, we learn that Andrew was the one who found the little boy who gave the five loaves and two fishes to the large crowds. “Saint Andrew, pray for us.”