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13th
Sunday in
Ordinary Time

In the Beginning...

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As I write this we are still in Mexico visiting family. On Sunday we attended Mass at [Parroquia Santísima Trinidad Mazatlán](#) which is Holy Trinity Parish. We have our choice of three nearby Catholic churches. The other two are the [Cathedral](#) in Mazatlan (where we got married) and [San Judas Tadeo](#) (St. Jude).

Not only are the Mass and the deposit of faith the same wherever you go in the world if you're Catholic, attending Mass in Mexico reminds me in a special way of the universality of our Catholic faith. My wife, Ivonne, is secretary at Holy Trinity in Comstock Park. And of course, we are parishioners of St. Jude. So to visit Mexico and go to Mass at St. Jude, Holy Trinity or the Cathedral is something special. Take a moment to check out the Facebook pages linked above. You'll find that no matter our differences, our faith unites us all around the world.

Finally, a special shout out for our pastor, Fr. Ayub, who celebrates the 38th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on June 28. We are blessed to have him! Please congratulate him if you get the chance. This is another sign of the universality of our faith - 38 years ago a young man was ordained a priest in Pakistan. Today, in our relatively small part of the world, he is our pastor!

Have a blessed week!

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SUNDAY LITURGY REFLECTION

By Scott Hahn

Readings:

[2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16](#)

[Ps 89:2-3, 16-19](#)

[Rom 6:3-4, 8-11](#)

[Mt 10:37-42](#)

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The liturgy this week continues to instruct us in the elements of discipleship. We're told that even the most humble among us have a share in the mission Christ gives to His Church.

We're not all called to the ministry of the Apostles or to be prophets like Elisha in today's First Reading. But each of us is called to a holy life (see [2 Timothy 1:9](#); [1 Thessalonians 4:3](#)).

At Baptism, our lives were joined forever to the Cross of Christ, as Paul tells us in today's Epistle. Baptized into His death, we're to renounce sin and live for God in Christ Jesus.

We are to follow Him, each of us taking up our personal cross, as Jesus says in today's Gospel. That doesn't mean we will all be asked to suffer a martyr's death. But each of us is called to self-denial, to the offering of our lives in service of God's plan.

Jesus must be elevated to first place in our lives—above even our closest bonds of kinship and love. By Baptism, we've been made part of a new family: the kingdom of God, the Church. We are to proclaim that kingdom with our lives, bringing our fathers, our mothers, and all men and women to live as little ones under the fatherhood of God and the kingship of the Holy One.

We do this by opening our hearts and homes to the service of the Lord, following the Shunnamite woman's example in today's First Reading. As Jesus tells us, we're to receive others—not only prophets but also little children, the poor, and the imprisoned—as we receive Christ Himself (see [Matthew 18:5](#); [25:31-46](#)).

As we sing in today's Psalm, we are to testify to His favors and kindness in our lives.

We're to hold fast to the promise—that if we have died with Christ, we shall also live, that if we lose our lives for His sake, we shall find our reward and walk forever in His countenance.

“37 He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; 38 and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39 He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for my sake will find it.”

MATTHEW 10:37-39

The Gospel at Home

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus outlines the costs and rewards of discipleship.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel is the conclusion of the instructions and consolations that we have heard Jesus offering to his disciples during the past few weeks. In this passage, Jesus summarizes both the costs of discipleship and its rewards. Once again our understanding of the Gospel is strengthened by considering the context in which it was written and the perspective of Matthew's audience.

The conditions of discipleship outlined in Matthew's Gospel may appear harsh. Yet they underline for us a truth—choosing anything with one's whole heart has consequences. Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective. For many in Matthew's community, this choice brought division to their family.

Matthew also outlines the reward of hospitality offered to Jesus' followers. In today's Gospel, Jesus explains the difficulties of discipleship, yet reveals that those who welcome the disciples have also welcomed him.

Today's Gospel also highlights for us the importance of hospitality in the Christian life. To welcome another in Jesus' name is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. We have many opportunities in our daily life to reach out to others, to be a welcoming presence and a sign of God's love.

Family Connection

One can tell a lot about a family by the way they welcome others into their home. Despite parental efforts to elicit the best behavior from their children, family efforts to entertain guests are sometimes difficult. Practicing a spirit of Christian hospitality within the family can be an occasion to reflect upon the importance of this virtue. A family spirit of hospitality is a sign of faith.

When your family gathers, ask each person to consider the following questions about manners: What does it mean to be a good host? What does it mean to be a good guest? Invite each person to share their thoughts and experiences about being a guest or a host. When they have finished, read aloud today's Gospel, Matthew 10:37-42.

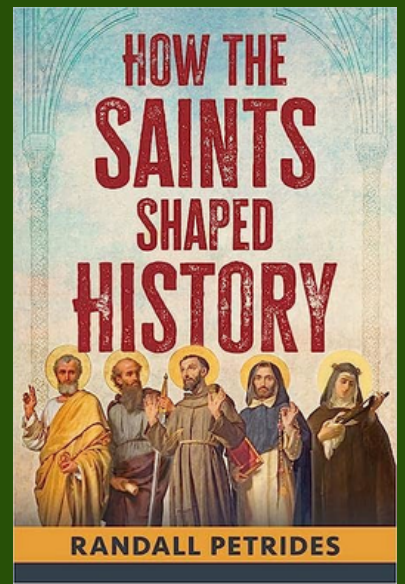
Ask family members to describe what Jesus says about hospitality extended to his disciples. (Those who receive Jesus' disciples also receive Jesus himself; hospitality to Jesus' disciples will be rewarded.) Then encourage family members to talk about what it means to be a good guest or a good host. You might also talk about ways in which your family's hospitality might be improved upon. Conclude in prayer together that your family grows to be one in which Christian hospitality is experienced by all. Pray together the Lord's Prayer or today's Psalm.

“40 “He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives him who sent me. 41 He who receives a prophet because he is a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward, and he who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man shall receive a righteous man’s reward. 42 And whoever gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he shall not lose his reward.”

MATTHEW 10:40-42

Did You Know?

Randy Petrides is the father of a St. Jude Parishioner!



Acclaimed author Randy Petrides recently released his new book *How the Saints Shaped History*. It was a #1 new release on Amazon! In addition to being an accomplished author, Randy is the father of St. Jude Parishioner Anne Tawney. You might recognize Anne as one of the pianists who fills in at Mass from time to time. She also runs our St. Jude Book Club. Appreciation for good literature runs in the family! Please support our parish family by attending Randy's presentation on July 7 at 6:30pm.

About the book:

In every era of the Catholic Church, holy men and women have shaped history through their gifts and talents and, most importantly, through their resolute commitment to Jesus Christ. Some led armies, some founded monasteries, some lived a radical call to charity - and each one had a unique part to play.

How the Saints Shaped History focuses on the essential role of the saints, as vessels of God's grace, in moving the Church (and the world!) through her two-thousand-year history. Written especially for everyday Catholics hungry to learn more about the Faith, this book is both comprehensive and accessible. It reveals how more than 180 saints, from Saint Mary Magdalene to Pope Saint John Paul II, led the Church through many crises and back to its spiritual roots.

As our Church continues to face crises, this book reminds us that we still have reason to hope in our own time. As the providential hand of God worked through the saints to shape history, each of us is called to become a new saint to shape the history of the Church today.

About the author:

Greetings! I am the author of "*How the Saints Shaped History*," published by Our Sunday Visitor Press. It's new, and I'm excited about it. My book tells the story of the history of the Catholic Church, primarily through the ministry and doings of over 180 saints whom I discuss chronologically as I weave the historical narrative. There are many fine histories and fine saint books out there, but here I have blended history and saints together in one narrative. This is what I think makes my book unique. I am retired after 40 years of practice as a lawyer and I have a Masters in Theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville. Back in the day I attained degrees from the U. of Michigan and Notre Dame. But it was my more recent theology studies which kindled my interest in church history and led to the writing of this book, which has allowed me to combine my Catholic faith, my love of writing, and my interest in history. I live in Michigan with Elizabeth, my wife of over 43 years where we raised our five children. So far, we have been blessed with 16 grandchildren.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Opportunities to Grow in Faith

Saturday, July 1:

4:00pm - Mass

Sunday, July 2:

8:30am - Mass

10:30am - Mass

Wednesday, July 5:

8:30am - Senior Men's Group in the Thaddeus Center.

Friday, July 7:

6:30pm - Author Randy Petrides will give a presentation in the Brophy Center on his new book How the Saints Shaped History.

ST. JUDE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

JULY 24-28; 9am – 12noon

Register your children ages 4 through 5th Grade

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VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED

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JOIN US FOR A
**SUMMER
OF SAINTS**

STARTING
July 7!

HOW THE
SAINTS
SHAPED
HISTORY



STARTING July 7 at 6:30pm in the Brophy Center...

Author Randy Petrides will give a presentation on his newly released book How the Saints Shaped History. It's a fascinating chronological look at how more than 180 saints, from Saint Mary Magdalene to Pope Saint John Paul II, led the Church through many crises and back to her spiritual roots. Books will be available for purchase.

AND THEN.... for the following four weeks we'll screen a movie based on the life of one of the Saints that Randy talks about in his book!

July 14, July 21, July 28, August 4 at 6:30pm in the Brophy Center

"Jesus replied,
'The first is
this: 'Hear, O
Israel! The Lord
our God is Lord
alone! You shall
love the Lord
your God with
all your heart,
with all your
soul, with all
your mind, and
with all your
strength.'"

MARK 12:29-30

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Priorities

In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that if we love

GOOD MORNING, anyone more that we love Him we are not worthy of Him. What He

JESUS!



means is that we need to keep God first in our lives. The two great commandments He gave us are 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and mind and strength' and 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

How can we keep God first in our lives?

We can start by talking to Him as soon as we start our day. We can tell Him we love Him and offer our day to Him! We also keep God first by following His laws-making sure we go to Mass at least every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation, and going to Confession when we have a serious sin.

**AFTER MASS
WE CAN VISIT
GRANDMA.**



I'D LIKE TO PLAY

The next most important thing is

BUT I HAVE TO loving others. God wants us to love

LOOK AFTER MY and care for the people He has put into

BABY BROTHER. our lives. First we must care for our

family that He has given us and then our friends and neighbours.



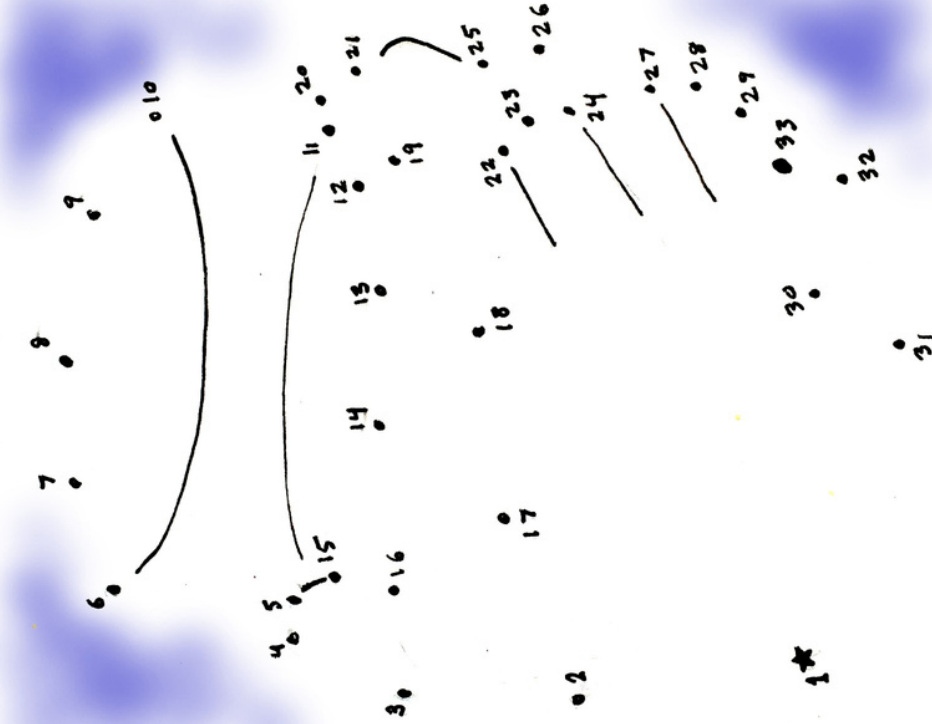
What is the most important thing for you to do today? How can you put God first every day this week?

Answers to Crossword: ACROSS: 4 little, 5 prophet, 6 to, 8 reward, 10 say, 11 cup, 12 cross, 14 me, 16 loves, 17 mother. DOWN: 1 righteous, 2 sent, 3 worthy, 7 lose, 9 receive, 13 sake 15 him

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The Kids' Bulletin

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In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that if you give one of these to a little one because they are His disciple you will be rewarded. What is it? Connect the dots to find out!

SAINT GREGORIO GRASSI

JULY 8

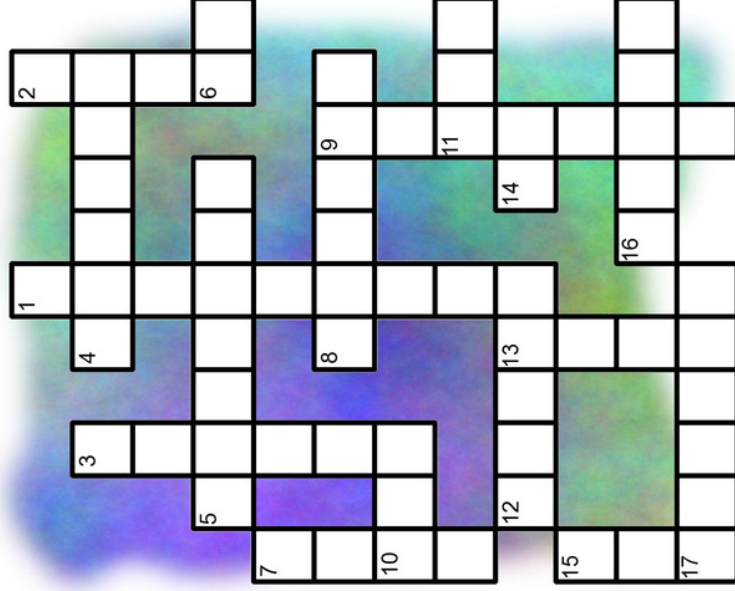


A Gospel Crossword

Fill in the missing words in today's Gospel reading to find the answers to this crossword!

A=Across

D=Down



He who loves father or _____ (17A)
more than me is not worthy of me; and he who _____ (16A)
son or daughter

more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his _____ (12A) and follow me is not _____ (3D) of me. He who finds his life will _____ (7D) it, and he who loses his life for my _____ (13D) will find it. "He who receives you receives _____ (14A), and he who receives me receives _____ (15D) who _____ (2D) me. He who receives a prophet because he is a _____ (5A) shall _____ (9D) a prophet's reward, and he who receives a _____ (1D) man because he is a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's _____ (8A). And whoever gives _____ (6A) one of these _____ (4A) ones even a _____ (11A) of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I _____ (10A) to you, he shall not lose his reward."