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[Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B](#)

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Lectionary: 146B

Read: [Mark 10:35-45](#)

Gospel Summary

In today's Gospel, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were concerned about who would sit at Jesus' right and at Jesus' left in the heavenly kingdom. They, like the other disciples, did not understand Jesus' teaching that things are different in God's kingdom. The greatest ones are the least among us. They are those who humble themselves to be the servants of all.

Reflection for Parents

Take a few minutes today to offer prayers of gratitude for all the people who serve you and your family. Think of those who are easy to take for granted—the letter carrier, the waiter or waitress at the restaurant, your assistant at work, the garbage collector, your spouse, and even your children. Say "Thank you" to these and others who serve you in any way in the week to come. When you are with your family, help them become more aware of all who serve them in quiet and faithful ways too. Teach them to say "Thank you" and encourage them to be grateful for the care and goodness these servants bring into your lives.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

As a family, brainstorm a list of persons whom you could serve. Perhaps an elderly relative needs help with household or yard chores, or a neighbor is recovering from surgery and could use help with running errands. Maybe young parents could use a babysitter so that they can enjoy an evening out, or new neighbors could use a hand getting to know more about your neighborhood and the town in which you live. Choose acts of service to do together as a family. Make an action plan and follow through on your plan.

Discussion Starters

1. Someone who served me this past week is . . . who . . .
2. Someone I served this past week is . . . by . . .
3. Someone whom I think is a great person is . . . because . . .

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