

Year A: Questions of the Week

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1st Sunday of Advent

(November 27, 2016)

Lectionary: 1 Gospel: [Matthew 24:37-44](#)

Adults: What will you do during Advent so that others can see that you have put on the light of Jesus Christ?

Children: What will you do during Advent so that others can see the light of Jesus in you?

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2nd Sunday of Advent

(December 4, 2016)

Lectionary: 4 Gospel: [Matthew 3: 1-12](#)

Adults: What do you need to change so that others can learn from watching you that Christ Jesus walks among us?

Children: What could you do so that others will see in you what it means to follow Jesus?

3rd Sunday of Advent

(December 11, 2016)

Lectionary: 7 Gospel: [Matthew 11:2-11](#)

Adults: What would Jesus see to praise about you right now?

Children: What good thing have you done so far during Advent to be like Jesus?

4th Sunday of Advent

(December 18, 2016)

Lectionary: 12 Gospel: [Matthew 1:18-24](#)

Adults: Whom do you find it difficult to welcome in your life? What can you do to overcome that?

Children: What could you do this week to make someone feel welcome, as Joseph welcomed Mary?

Feast of the Holy Family

(December 30, 2016)

Lectionary: 17 Gospel: [Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23](#)

Adults: What can you do this week to help someone in your family feel more secure and loved?

Children: What good thing will you do this week to show your love for a parent or grandparent?

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Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

(January 1, 2017)

Lectionary: 18 Gospel: [Luke 2:16-21](#)

Adults: How has God blessed and kept your family? What can you do as a family this week to show your gratitude for these blessings?

Children: When have you felt most blessed by God? What can you do to help someone in your family feel the same way?

Solemnity of the Epiphany

(January 8, 2017)

Lectionary: 20 Gospel: [Matthew 2:1-12](#)

Adults: What insights about your own faith have you gained from learning about other faith traditions?

Children: What could you do to be like a star and lead someone to know about Jesus?

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

(January 9, 2017)

Lectionary: 21 Gospel: [Matthew 3:13-17](#)

Adults: What evidence can you offer that you are a faithful servant of the Lord?

Children: When has the Holy Spirit helped you treat someone fairly?

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(January 15, 2017)

Lectionary: 64 Gospel: [John 1:29-34](#)

Adults: When have you been surprised to see goodness that you had overlooked in someone?

Children: Who has surprised you by doing something kind for you when you did not expect it?

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(January 22, 2017)

Lectionary: 67 Gospel: [Matthew 4:12-23](#)

Adults: To whom could you preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ this week with actions rather than with words?

Children: What could you do for someone this week that would tell them something about Jesus?

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(January 29, 2017)

Lectionary: 70 Gospel: [Matthew 5:1-12a](#)

Adults: Do you believe everyone is welcome in the reign of God? Why or why not?

Children: Who is welcome in the reign of God? Who would you like to tell about the reign of God?

February 2017 | [Back To Top](#)**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**

(February 2, 2017)

Lectionary: 524 Gospel: [Luke 2:22-40](#)

Adults: What are you doing in order to continue to grow strong in faith and wisdom?

Children: Who helps you to grow strong in your faith?

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(February 5, 2017)

Lectionary: 73 Gospel: [Matthew 5:13-16](#)

Adults: In what way might you be hiding the light of Christ from others? What could you do to improve this?

Children: How can you let the light of Christ in you shine for others this week?

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(February 12, 2017)

Lectionary: 76 Gospel: [Matthew 5:17-37](#)

Adults: When in your life have you been able to keep the spirit as well as the letter of God's Law?

Children: When have you taken the first step to make up with someone?

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

(February 19, 2017)

Lectionary: 79 Gospel: [Matthew 5:38-48](#)

Adults: What is the point of "turning the other cheek" in an argument, and why is it so hard to do so?

Children: When have you or someone you know insisted on "having the last word" in an argument? What happened afterwards?

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(February 26, 2017)

Lectionary: 82 Gospel: [Matthew 6:24-34](#)

Adults: What things do you worry about most frequently? How do you deal with your worry?

Children: What can help you worry less about something that might happen?

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(March 5, 2017)

Lectionary: 22 Gospel: [Matthew 4:1-11](#)

Adults: What helpful advice could you offer someone faced with a temptation?

Children: What helps you do the right thing when you want to do something wrong?

Second Sunday of Lent

(February 12, 2017)

Lectionary: 25 Gospel: [Matthew 17:1-9](#)

Adults: What difference does your faith in Jesus Christ make in your life?

Children: What does it mean to you to be a holy person?

Third Sunday of Lent

(February 19, 2017)

Lectionary: 28 Gospel: [John 4:5-42](#)

Adults: Where have you found a source of "living water" for your own journey of faith?

Children: When has your belief in Jesus helped make you stronger?

Fourth Sunday of Lent

(March 26, 2017)

Lectionary: 31 Gospel: [John 9:1-41](#)

Adults: What are you doing in your life right now to move toward light rather than darkness?

Children: How can you let the light of your faith in Jesus shine for others to see?

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(April 2, 2017)

Lectionary: 34 Gospel: [John 11:1-45](#)

Adults: How does belief in the final resurrection from the dead affect your family's daily life?

Children: What do you hope for after your life on Earth is ended?

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

(April 9, 2017)

Lectionary: 38 Gospel: [Matthew 26:14-27:66](#)

Adults: How will you try to imitate the obedience and humility of Christ during this Holy Week?

Children: What could you do to show respect for Jesus this week as the Church remembers his Death and Resurrection?

Solemnity of Easter Sunday

(April 16, 2017)

Lectionary: 42 Gospel: [John 20:1-9](#)

Adults: How can you show this week that you truly believe in the Resurrection of Jesus?

Children: To whom could you tell the story of Jesus' rising from the dead?

Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

(April 23, 2017)

Lectionary: 43 Gospel: [John 20:19-31](#)

Adults: What could you do this week to help strengthen the faith of someone who is faltering?

Children: What could you do this week to encourage someone who is sad or discouraged?

Third Sunday of Easter

(April 30, 2017)

Lectionary: 46 Gospel: [Luke 24:13-35](#)

Adults: How do you know Jesus better through the breaking of the bread at Eucharist? When you join Jesus at the table of the Eucharist next Sunday, what would you like to thank him for?

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

(May 7, 2017)

Lectionary: 49 Gospel: [John 10:1-10](#)Adults: How do you shepherd those in your care?
Children: What will you do this week to show you are a Christian?**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

(May 14, 2017)

Lectionary: 53 Gospel: [John 14:1-12](#)

Adults: What are some ways you can imitate Jesus when you are on the playground or on a sports team?

Sixth Sunday of Easter

(May 21, 2017)

Lectionary: 55 Gospel: [John 14:15-21](#)Adults: What difficulties have you overcome because of your belief in the power of the Holy Spirit?
Children: When are some times you need the help of the Holy Spirit?**Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**

(May 25/28, 2017)

Lectionary: 58 Gospel: [Matthew 28:16-20](#)

Adults: With whom have you shared the Good News of Jesus in the past month?

Children: What Good News about Jesus could you share with someone?

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(June 4, 2017)

Lectionary: 63 (During the Day) Gospel: [John 20:19-23](#)

Adults: What important work does Jesus ask of you at this time in your life?

Children: How would Jesus want you to treat your family and friends this week?

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

(June 11, 2017)

Lectionary: 164 Gospel: [John 3:16-18](#)

Adults: How could God's mercy and love for the world be revealed through you this week?

Children: Do you know anyone who is sick or feeling badly and with whom you could visit?

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

(June 18, 2017)

Lectionary: 167 Gospel: [John 6:51-58](#)

Adults: What does it mean for you right now to be bread for others as Jesus was?

Children: In what ways can Jesus' presence in the Eucharist help you do good things for others?

Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time

(June 25, 2017)

Lectionary: 94 Gospel: [Matthew 10:26-33](#)

Adults: When has your faith in Jesus been most seriously tested?

Children: What could you do to encourage someone who is feeling hurt?

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(July 2, 2017)

Lectionary: 97 Gospel: [Matthew 10:37-42](#)

Adults: When have you faltered or looked back during your journey of faith?

Children: What can you do to be a stronger follower of Jesus this week?

Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

(July 9, 2017)

Lectionary: 100 Gospel: [Matthew 11:25-30](#)

Adults: When has Jesus refreshed you when you felt burdened by problems?

Children: What burden do you need Jesus to help you carry?

Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

(July 16, 2017)

Lectionary: 103 Gospel: [Matthew 13:1-23](#)

Adults: How do you provide "good soil" for the faith of others to grow?

Children: What are you doing to help the seeds of your faith grow each day?

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

(July 23, 2017)

Lectionary: 106 Gospel: [Matthew 13:24-43](#)

Adults: What weakness can the power of the Spirit help you overcome?

Children: When will you need the help of the Holy Spirit this week?

Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

(July 30, 2017)

Lectionary: 109 Gospel: [Matthew 13:44-52](#), or do without, in order to achieve your dreams for yourself or your family?

Children: What good thing do you want so much that you would give up something else to get it?

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Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

(August 6, 2017)

Lectionary: 614 Gospel: [Matthew 17:1-9](#)

Adults: In what ways has the Lord revealed himself to you?

Children: What can you say or do to show others the glory of the Lord this week?

Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Not in 2017)

Lectionary: 112 Gospel: [Matthew 14:13-21](#)

Adults: To whom could you bring the assurance of Christ's love this week?

Children: Do you remember a time when you felt better because someone acted with love?

Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

(August 13, 2017)

Lectionary: 115 Gospel: [Matthew 14:22-33](#)

Adults: When have you doubted God's loving care for you?

Children: What helps you keep trying even when you are afraid?

Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

(August 20, 2017)

Lectionary: 118 Gospel: [Matthew 15:21-28](#)

Adults: When has the faith of someone from another race or culture enriched your own faith?

Children: What could you do to help someone of another race or culture feel more welcome in your school or neighborhood?

Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time

(August 27, 2017)

Lectionary: 121 Gospel: [Matthew 16:13-20](#)

Adults: Which Church leader has most influenced your personal faith?

Children: What has your pastor taught you about Jesus?

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Twenty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time

(September 3, 2017)

Lectionary: 124 Gospel: [Matthew 16:21-27](#)

Adults: What has it meant to you to take up your cross and follow Jesus?

Children: When has it been hard to be a follower of Jesus?

Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time

(September 10, 2017)

Lectionary: 127 Gospel: [Matthew 18:15-20](#)

Adults: What have you been able to overcome because others patiently loved you?

Children: How can you help another person do the right thing?

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

(September 14, 2017)

Lectionary: 638 Gospel: [John 3:13-17](#)

Adults: What does the hope and promise of eternal life mean to you?

Children: What are ways God shows us his great love for us?

Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

(September 17, 2017)

Lectionary: 130 Gospel: [Matthew 18:21-35](#)

Adults: When someone hurts you, are you more inclined to be just or to be merciful?

Children: When have you forgiven someone who treated you unfairly?

Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

(September 24, 2017)

Lectionary: 133 Gospel: [Matthew 20:1-16a](#)

Adults: Which has deepened your faith more – being treated justly or being treated with love and care? Who needs you to treat them with care this week?

Children: When have you been very fair? When have you been very generous? Which felt better?

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(October 1, 2017)

Lectionary: 136 Gospel: [Matthew 21:28-32](#)

Adults: When have your actions not measured up to your promises? What was the outcome?

Children: Why is it important to follow through on your promises to others?

Twenty-seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

(October 8, 2017)

Lectionary: 139 Gospel: [Matthew 21:33-43](#)

Adults: What would your reaction be if you found that someone you thought you could trust was taking money from you without your knowledge? How would you handle the situation?

Children: What would you do if you found out that a friend had not been loyal to you?

Twenty-eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

(October 15, 2017)

Lectionary: 142 Gospel: [Matthew 22:1-14](#)

Adults: What will you do this week to show God that you understand the relationship between faith and works?

Children: What three things can you do this week to show that you are a follower of Jesus?

Twenty-ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

(October 22, 2017)

Lectionary: 145 Gospel: [Matthew 22:15-21](#)

Adults: How much responsibility do you feel the government should take for meeting the needs of the less fortunate in our society? How willing are you to contribute?

Children: Who needs help in your neighborhood or community? What could you and your family do to help?

Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

(October 29, 2017)

Lectionary: 148 Gospel: [Matthew 22:34-40](#)

Adults: In a practical sense, what is one thing that would change your life if you loved your neighbor as yourself?

Children: Why is it hard sometimes to love your neighbor? How can you do a better job of following Jesus' Commandment?

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The Solemnity of All Saints

(November 1, 2017)

Lectionary: 667 Gospel: [Matthew 5:1-12a](#)

Adults: How have you been blessed by the saints in your life?

Children: What special thanks do you have for your patron saint?

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

(November 2, 2017)

Lectionary: 668 Gospel: [John 6:37-40](#)

Adults: When does your self-will get in the way of honoring God's will for your life?

Children: What do you say and do to show others that you believe in Jesus, the Son of God?

Thirty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time

(November 5, 2017)

Lectionary: 151 Gospel: [Matthew 23:1-12](#)

Adults: During the next week, what could you do to welcome someone who usually feels excluded?

Children: Is there a child in your class or neighborhood who is left out of games and activities? What can you do?

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

(November 9, 2017)

Lectionary: 671 Gospel: [John 2:13-22](#)

Adults: Would family members, friends, and coworkers describe you as a holy person? Why or why not?

Children: What things can you do to grow in holiness?

Thirty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time

(November 12, 2017)

Lectionary: 154 Gospel: [Matthew 25:1-13](#)

Adults: When have you regretted that you did not look ahead and foresee the consequences of an action?

Children: Is there something coming up this week that you could be better prepared for? What might happen if you do not prepare?

Thirty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time

(November 19, 2017)

Lectionary: 157 Gospel: [Matthew 25:14-30](#)

Adults: What gift haven't you developed as you had hoped? What could you still do?

Children: What gift has God given you? What do you want to do with it?

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

(November 26, 2017)

Lectionary: 160 Gospel: [Matthew 25:31-46](#)

Adults: If you were made in God's image and likeness, what would be your greatest regret? What is one thing you could do to change that?

Children: To which person did you especially try to show Jesus' love and care this past week?

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