

## 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

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(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?

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### **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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#### First Sunday of Lent

(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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#### Fifth Sunday of Lent

(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: [Luk 24:13-35](#)

Adults: How can you come to know Jesus better through the breaking of the bread at Eucharist?

Children: When you join Jesus at the table of the Eucharist next Sunday, what would you like to thank him for?

**May 2017 | [Back To Top](#)****Fourth Sunday of Easter**

(May 7, 2017)

Lectionary: 49

Gospel: [John 10:1-10](#)

Adults: How are you a shepherd to 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: 52

Gospel: [John 14:1-13](#)

Adults: How do you face your fears when you are on the playground or on a sports team?

Children: 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?

**June 2017 | [Back To Top](#)****Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday**

(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?

**July 2017 | [Back To Top](#)****Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

(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](#)

Adults: What would you be willing to "sell", 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?

**September 2017 | [Back To Top](#)****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**

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(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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### Twenty-sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

(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 to be judged today by God, 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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