

CALL TO PRAYER

Begin by calling upon God: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Let us pause for a moment, and listen attentively to this week's passage.



THE WORD OF GOD

Matthew 10:26-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the Twelve: "Fear no one. Nothing is **concealed** that will not be **revealed**, nor secret that will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in **Gehenna**. Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who **acknowledges** me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever **denies** me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father."

The Gospel of the Lord

FAITH SHARING

Questions of the Week

Choose one

1. What signs does God send you to assure you of his love?
2. Jesus tells us that he will remember us to his Father if we proclaim him to others. How easy is it for you to talk about your faith with your friends? How about your family or people you don't know very well?
3. Share about ways you have learned to trust God's hand in your life, ways in which you have replaced fear with trust.



CLOSING PRAYER

Father, guide and protector of your people, grant us an unfailing respect for your name, and keep us always in your love. We ask this, as we ask all things, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

GOSPEL WORD SEARCH

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| HEAVENLY | TWELVE |
| HOUSETOPS | WHISPERED |

GOSPEL GLOSSARY

- Concealed** means hidden.
- Revealed** means shown or made known.
- Gehenna** refers to hell.
- To acknowledge** means to recognize someone or something as genuine or true.
- To deny** means to say that you don't know someone or something.