

KEEPING FAITH FIRST- FAMILY FUN

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Catechizing Corner!

We cannot ignore the one constant in Jesus' preaching. Jesus will not allow the poor to be forgotten. We dare not miss the point! The sign of God's reign is the poor having the good news preached to them. "Works for the sake of the poor and needy identify Jesus as the Messiah." Jesus' message is the same message that God proclaimed at the creation of the world. The ideal kingdom, the paradise God intended at the creation of the world, is a kingdom where biblical justice reigns. God demanded that his children love the Lord their God with their whole heart, mind, and soul, evidenced by the love, care, and concern shown for one another and for the poor and oppressed of the world! Jesus, the realization of God's promised kingdom, reminds the poor that they are the beneficiaries of this promised reign of God!

Today's gospel poses a challenge and an invitation. We are all invited and called to be messengers of the Lord. We are all invited and called to witness to God's mighty deeds in our everyday lives. And it is to the poor that we must turn our attention. Like Jesus we must announce the good news to them. Even today the blind see, the deaf hear, the lame walk, and the sick are healed. Even today God cares for the poor—the hungry poor and the lonely poor, the homeless poor, and the empty poor. Therefore Rejoice! Gaudete! The reign of God is at hand! Look at the great and mighty deeds of the Lord.

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Disciple's Reflection

for the
Question
of the Week

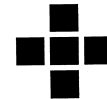
Third Sunday in Advent
12/11/2022

A Call to Prayer

The Word of God
Matthew 11:2-11

Faith Sharing
Questions of the week

Closing Prayer



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Holy Family is a welcoming Catholic Eucharistic community of disciples of Jesus Christ connecting faith with life and reaching out to those in need!

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 11:2-11

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "***Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?***" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, ***lepers*** are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who ***takes no offense at me.***"

As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see?"

Gospel Glossary

The one who is to come is the Messiah.

Lepers had a terrible disease that made their

A reed swayed by the wind?
Then what did you go out to see?
Someone dressed in fine clothing?
Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces.
Then why did you go out? To see a prophet?
Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.
This is the one about whom it is written:
Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way before you.
Amen, I say to you,
among those born of women
there has been none greater than John the Baptist;
yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater
than he."

The Gospel of the Lord.



skin and bones stink and rot away. To be made clean of leprosy meant to be healed of the disease.

To take offense at means to resent or get angry at someone

Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:

Adults: If Jesus were talking to you about your life, what could he say to show you are his follower?

Teens: What do you expect of Jesus, the Messiah? Do we expect him to be like Santa Claus who gives us everything on our list?

Children: What are the things you do every day to show that you are a follower of Jesus?

Families: As a family, make a reverse Christmas list. Instead of making a list of things you want, make a list of things you can give.

Closing Prayer

Lord, You have called us to be your disciples, to live in faith, walking always in your footsteps. By your suffering, death, and resurrection, you have made us children of God. As you have loved us and asked us to love one another, help us to love and embrace everyone in our lives. Fill us with love, compassion, forgiveness, patience, understanding, and tolerance, even when we face the pain of hatred, rejection, and failure. Guide us to be good disciples. May we seek always the praise and glory of God and the good of all people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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